

DISPENSATIONAL TRUTHS

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INTRODUCTION:

1. A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BIBLE (Scofield) (Panorama an unrolling picture view)

THE WHY OF CREATION;

The right answer to this question will be stimulation of faith, confidence and trust in our blessed and Holy God and in His Book that He has given to us, "The Bible." Theology, science and philosophy all combined in their endeavor to impart knowledge have failed to make one effort in explaining the "why of creation." These great scholars change their theories about every quarter of a century. Their views are constantly being revised, showing they are not based on facts.

A FACT NEEDS NO REVISION. Who ever thought of revising the multiplication table. The first three chapters of the Book of Genesis have been the battle - ground for those men of supposed superior knowledge, but no combined theories that have been produced have been able to dislocate, or in any manner prove the untruthfulness of the Genesis records. Our great schools and colleges have depended on one kind of information for their knowledge "Sense knowledge", which can all be learned by the five senses: seeing, hearing, taste, touch and smell. All the understanding that this world has to gain is through these senses. They operate through the mind and soul of man, within the soul is the seat of self-consciousness the personality, the will and be intellect.

Mankind of all races and in all ages have sought after God, but only with sense knowledge, and they have compared Him to be like some visible

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creature or likened unto the world of non's hands. The world in past ages has produced man of superior minds and intellects with great and noble souls: but not one of them has ever been known to find be true and living God through sense knowledge.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND OF THE THINGS OF GOD MUST BE KNOWN BY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT COMES BY REVELATION THROUGH GOD'S

God is a Spirit and can only be known by the Spiritual knowledge. I Cor. 2:11-12 fully explains the Spiritual knowledge "For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him" Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them because they are spiritually the natural man is one who has never been born again. He is spiritually dead and all be knowledge and wisdom he possesses is human knowledge and human wisdom, which he gains through his five senses. Surely the man of earthly knowledge knows much of the universe, of the sun, moon, stars. And the wonders of this world - sought out by man's wisdom. Man can know much of Creation, but nothing of the Creator.

This world was brought into existence by the Eternal Master-hand; it was CAREFULLY PLANNED. Creation came by a Divine Hand of fixed laws - nothing by chance. Those fixed laws are shown from the lowest germ cell to the highest form of creation. There is a divine objective in every act of creation. The blessed Creator had the blueprint fixed in His mind from the foundation to completion before any part existed. THE WHY OF CREATION was all-complete before the world's foundation was laid. The Eternal God had conceived in His heart A FAMILY -- He had myriads of holy angels, Seraphims and Cherubims -- all of them, His servants ready at all times to do His bidding. He possessed a holy, divine yearning for a family to he created FOR HIS ETERNAL COMPANIONSHIP. This family to be created in His image and likeness. Gen. 1:26-28. We are beginning to

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see "the why of Creation" was that divine hunger and love for a family; and in preparing for this companionable family of crested man. His divine loving Father heart naturally thought of a home for them. The home is a divine institution. A family, with the thought of a home for them, is the supreme reason for the creation of this universe, He put all in the hands of His created family as we have just read, This Holy Bible reveals the fact that man is the crown of God's creation. Man was created a Spirit being. God gave him "the breath" (Spirit) of life; and man became a living soul Gen. 2:7. He created him a body and put within the body a spirit and soul. Man made to fellowship with God's spiritual being.

GOD PLANNED - for His created man to enjoy every created thing upon the earth, all was for him and his pleasure to enjoy. When man was created he was a perfect man with a perfect human body made from the dust of the earth. Placed within the body was a perfect spirit, capable of knowing God, his Father, with a sweetness of fellowship and clothed with his Father's own garments, which were garments of light. Ps. 104:2. His perfect, sinless soul could enjoy every tangible created thing about Him. The beautiful animals of all kinds roaming the forest with all kinds of birds, the fowls of the air and the fish of the sea; in fact all tangible things were for the enjoyment of Adam in his soul relation to them. If God had created him a spirit being only, then he would not have needed fruit, berries, vegetables and all the rest for food. The spirit needs no earthly food, but only fellowship with kindred spirits. Instead of God creating all the human family as He did Adam and Eve and populating the whole earth at one time, He gave man through his soul and body to reproduce himself and let him know the love of children and home.

THE TRAGEDY OF MAN'S SIN -- It seems clear that Adam's sin was high treason. God had conferred on to him the authority to rule the universe. Ps. 8:3-9. God could not have given His man a more sacred heritage. Adam turned this dominion and authority into the hands of God's greatest enemy, Satan. He did it deliberately with his eyes wide open. Adam did not have

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any conversation with Satan; it was all transacted through Eve, his wife. Gen. 3:6-13, I Tim. 2:13-14. Adam was not deceived. This sin of Adam and his wife could not be forgiven. There can be no pardon for high treason. He penalty was death, a spiritual death. The companionship was broken. The loving fellowship with the Father and son was gone - his covering of light was gone - He now sees himself naked, driven out from the presence of his Father to be the slave of a cursed earth, ruled by God's enemy, Satan, the Devil. Adam has now changed his beautiful home to be an exile. He traded his garden of plenty for a beggared race. He has started on his course with his wife to make the earth a swinging graveyard for himself and all his posterity, Even the beast of the forest and the fowl of the air began to fight, kill and devour each other. The dead of all kind of living - things could be seen in every place - thorns, briars, cockleburs, Spanish needles, poison ivy and all obnoxious woods and briars began to grow in abundance. God was left in divine bereavement and could truthfully say, "This, my son, is dead" Man's spirit is dead, and his whole nature changed new a hater of God. Whole nature now is rebellious toward God and His authority. He is driven from the garden with no approach to God except with a bleeding sacrifice.

God recognizes that Satan is the ruler of this world during man's day -- however, God in His infinite wisdom has set a time limit and Satan recognizes that fact. Satan knows that he has but a short time, also the Demons know it. They said to Jesus, "Hast thou come to torment us before tie time?" Jesus recognized Satan as time ruler, Jn. 14: 30, also Lk. 4:2-8, II Cor. 4:3-4.

A DISPENSATION IS -- A PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH MAN IS TESTED IN RESPECT OF OBEDIENCE TO SOME SPECIFIC REVELATION OF THE WILL OF GOD. Seven such dispensations are distinguished in Scripture. Five are past, now living in the sixth, and there is one more to come.

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Therefore, Dispensation means a period, which has a definite beginning and ending. Heb. 1:1-5 (especially the first verse)., God has spoken in sundry times and in diverse manners, as well. Sometimes He spoke to the fathers, again to the prophets, thence spoke to us. and finally by His Son. To rightly divide the Word is to know the times in which they were spoken, end again the time to which they refer.

Any Text Should Tell: 1. Time which written
2. People to whom written
3. Lesson derived from it

I. THE FIRST DISPENSATION . (or 1st test)

I. The Adamic State of Innocency (from creation to expulsion)

A, COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD

1) Revelation - Gen. 1:26,27

a Man's divine origin (described in Gen. 2:7)

b. God's program for man

(1) Man's dominion to rule - Gen. 1:28

(2) Man's occupation - 2:15

(3) Man's freedom - 2:16

2) Only one restriction - 2:17

Tree of knowledge of good and evil - shall not eat

a. Man in favorable environment

b. Warning against this one command

B CONTINUANCE

1) Briefest in duration - Gen, 2:17-25

2) Period of progress, probation - first Adam then Eve

3) Period of growth in knowledge in animal naming

4) Period of loneliness incompleteness of Adam before Eve was created -
2: 18-20

5) Obedience demanded

6) The serpent introduced - 3:1

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C. THE CONSUMMATION (or end of the first age) - Gen. 3

1) Tempter and his methods

- a. Doubt -- 3:1
- b. Denial of God's Word - 3:4
- c. Deception gains

2) Mistakes of Eve in dealing with God's Word

- a. The omission of word "May Freely" -- 3:2
- b. Eve adds that word "touch" -- 3:3
- c. The alteration "lest ye die" -- 3:3

Note: II. Peter 3:16, False teachers use same methods as Eve did:

- 1. Omission 2. Addition 3. Alteration

3) Sudden appearance of God on the scene 3:8-13

4) Divine Judgment

- a. Upon the Serpent - 3:14 - four curses
- b. Upon the Woman - 3:16
- c. Upon the Man - 3:17-19
- d. Upon the Ground - 3:17

Expulsion of both from Garden - 3:23~-24

5) Divine mercies -- threefold

- a. Coverings for the body; man's - fig leaves.
God's - skins of animals - 3:21

- b. Provision for sin in offering of innocent lamb

- c. Promise of ultimate victory over Satan through seed of woman - 3:15

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CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES INNOCENCE

CONDITION

Innocent

FAILURE

DEMAND

Obedience
Gen.2: 17

Disobedience Gen.
3:16

WAY OF SALVATION

Death of Christ represented

by slaying of Lamb - Gen. 3:21

Seed of Woman - Gen. 3:1

JUDGMENT

Spiritual death
Gen.2: 17

Driven from Garden
3:23

NOTE: Eph. 3:3 and 2:7

II. THE SECOND DISPENSATION (or 2nd test)

The Adamic Age -- Conscience - Period (1600 years)
without written law.

A. COMMENCEMENT -- Gen. 3:23

1. Divine revelation - Gen. 3:1-
 - a. Enmity between woman and serpent
 - b. Ultimate victory in Christ promised
 - c. God's program for man - Gen. 3:16-19
2. Favorable conditions for beginning of new age Gen.4
 - a. Beginning of family life
 - b. Beginning of industry, work of Cain and Abel
3. Entrance of Sin through Cain and Abel - Gen. 4:3-15

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- a. In respect to worship - God required blood sacrifice
- b. Results - God accepted Abel's, rejected Cain and his sacrifice.

B. CONTINUANCE OF CONSCIENCE - Gen. 4:16-32

1. Duration -- from fall of man to flood, 1600 years
2. Development of sin in Cain line - 4:16-24.

Disobedience, murder and polygamy

3. Development of righteous line in Seth, 4:25 to end.

ENOCH AND NOAH ONLY RIGHTEOUS MEN

4. Exceptional dealings on God's part, Enoch 5:21-24; 6:8-9; call of Noah, then Ark.
5. Enoch vies a - prophet - Jude 14. and 15
6. The two Altars erected Two religions-
 - a. Abel's altar the true religion - Gen. 4:4; Heb. 11:4; 12:24; 13:9-12 and I Pet, 1:18-20.
 - b. Cain line cursed - false religion - bloodless altar - Gen. 4:11-12. NOTE: This wicked line is destroyed in flood

C, CONSUMMATION OF CONSCIENCE Gen. 6:1-8:19

1. Hopeless condition of man both morally and socially in end of age - Gen. 6
 - a. Hopeless in heart - 6:5
 - b. Lawlessness, violence filling earth - 6:1-13
2. The doom of ungodly predicted - 6:7-13 and accomplished in 7 and 8.
 - a. Noah preached righteousness while he built Ark.
3. Preservation of Godly line promised
 - a. In the building of the Ark
4. Mercy in the midst of Judgment
 - a. Offer of mercy extended to all - II Pet. 2:5
 - b. Longsuffering of God manifested - I Pet. 3:20
 - c. Salvation only for those who come into Ark Luke 17:26-27

SUMMARY: AGE OF CONSCIENCE

DEMAND: TO DO RIGHT AND AVOID EVIL

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FAILURE: MAN KNOWS RIGHT FROM WRONG Gen. 6:5

JUDGMENT: FLOOD Gen. 6:7

WAY OF SALVATION: DEATH OF CHRIST REPRESENTED BY
SLAYING OF LAMB.

Noah believed God ... went into Ark, . . , Saved from judgment Gen. 7:16;
8:20

III. THE THIRD DISPENSATION HUMAN GOVERNMENT (3rd test)

(From Noah to Babel -- 427 years)

A. COMMENCEMENT Gen, 8:20-9:17

1. New start - a single family -

NOTE: The earth renovated, sinners destroyed. another test for man under
new conditions.

2. Divine revelations

a. Worship of Jehovah re-established - 8:20-22

b. Man's supremacy re-established - like before the fall of man. Gen. 1:29-
9:1

c. Human government placed in Noah's hands - 9:5-6

d. Punishment for murder - death

B. CONTINUANCE 9:18-9 to 10:1-32

1. Seven great covenants God to Noah covenant, the elements are --

a. The relation of man to the earth the Adamic covenant is
confirmed 8:21

b. The order of nature is confirmed Gen. 8:22

c. Human government is established Gen. 9:1-6

d. Earth is secured against another universal judgment by water Gen.
8:21-9:11

e A prophetic declaration is made that from Ham will descend as inferior
and servile posterity Gen, 9:24-25.

f. A prophetic declaration is made that Shem will have a peculiar relation
to Jehovah

Gen. 9:26-27 (All divine revelation is through Semitic men, and Christ,

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after the flesh,

descends from Shem.

2. Development of good and evil Gen. 9:20-22

C. CONSUMMATION Gen. 11:1-9

1. Open rebellion

a. Defiance and glorification of self - (count the "let us build us" in 9:3-4.

Root of sin -- independence of God)

2. Disobedience - Gen. 11:4:1 against God's holy will

3. Divine judgment 11:5-9

a. Confusion of tongues - Tower of Babel

b. Scattered

4. God's mercy revealed; man given another opportunity in Shem

SUMMARY: AGE OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

DEMAND: MAN GOVERNS FOR GOD Gen. 9:1-6

CONDITION: MAN HAS POWER TO GOVERN

FAILURE: MAN USES POWER AGAINST GOD 11:1-4

JUDGMENT: CHANGING OF LANGUAGES 11:5-9

WAY OF SALVATION: DEATH OF CHRIST PRESENTED BY SLAYING OF LAMB

IV. THE FOURTH DISPENSATION (or 4th test)

(THE AGE OF PROMISE)

PERIOD: Abrahamic to the days of Moses - around 430 years. In the first three - God has tested man as an individual, as a family, as a nation. He then set all other peoples aside and chose one man ABRAHAM

WHY THE CALL OF ABRAHAM?

1. To be witness to one true God in the midst of idolatry.

2. To receive and preserve the Divine Revelation of God.

3. To illustrate to the world the blessedness of serving the true God

4. To produce the Saviour - Matt. 1:1

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A, COMMENCEMENT Gen. 11:27-12:9

1. A new family chosen Gen, 11:10-27 (lineage of the chosen family)
2. Abrahamic covenant - wholly gracious and unconditional. Gen. 15:18. For Abraham and his descendants it is evident that the Abrahamic covenant made a great change. They became distinctively the heirs of Promise. The descendants of Abraham had but to abide in their land to inherit every blessing. In Egypt they lost their blessings, but not their covenant. The dispensation of promise ended when Israel rashly accepted the Law (Ex. 19:8). Grace had prepared a deliverer (Moses), provided a sacrifice for the guilty, and by divine power brought them out of bondage (Ex.19:4), but at Sinai they exchanged grace for law. The dispensation of Promise extends from Gen.12:1 to Ex. 19:8 and was exclusively Israelites. THE DISPENSATION MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE COVENANT.

(The former is a mode of testing; the latter is everlasting, because unconditional).

3. The appearance of sin still in Abraham line -- sin of deception "She is my sister" Gen, 12:10-20. A half lie is still a lie right on. -

B. CONTINUANCE Gen. 12:11-Ex, 11

1. Development of the chosen family. A childless couple, miracle in first birth.
 - a. Lineage of 430 years. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his 12 sons after 215 years.
 - Some 2 or 3 million souls came out of Egypt.
 - b. Moral and Spiritual development, sin and deception over and over again in this chosen line. Also supreme type of faith manifested in Abraham offering up Isaac.
2. Moral continuance of race in the world:
 - a. Sodom's wickedness and destruction 13:13-19. Lot chose plains of Sodom, which brought his downfall; Lot's sons, Moab and Amman, carry his wicked line.

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- b. Isaac born, Gen. 21, weaned 21:12, sacrificed 22, bride in 24, in 25:5 made heir of all that Abraham had: and the only seed of the promise.
- c. Birth of Jacob and Esau. Gen. 25 Jacob gets the birthright, 25, and the blessing, 27.
- d. Joseph fled to Haran, marries, 12 sons born, returned after 20 years to Canaan.
- e. Joseph sold into Egypt (7 years of famine) Gen. 30-48.
- f. Idolatrous conditions in Egypt. Exceptional dealings soon in the preservation of God's people. Testimony of Joseph. Gen, 50:20-26

C. CONSUMMATION (of age of Promise) Ex. 1:12

- 1. Period of bondage in Egypt about 80 years
- 2. Increased conflict between the good and evil. Burdens and sufferings in child bearing and death of all baby boys.
- 3. Preparation for a deliverer -- Moses. Ex.2 and 3. Parents, Levites.
- 4. Judgments upon Egypt put to shame, discredited.
- 5. About 215 years anyway since the entire family landed in Egypt. Several generations have come and gone. Marriages with Egyptians went on continually. Some even say 51% of Egyptians have Hebrew blood in them.
 - a. A leader was chosen. Ex. 2
 - b. Moses was trained first in Egypt 40 years, next 40 years in Arabia, bondage continued.
 - c. Gods must be tested; "I AM THAT I AM" faces the ten gods of Egypt, from river Nile to death of first born, Ex. 12. RESULTS: ISRAEL ASKED TO LEAVE - Ex, 12:31. Bondage over,

SUMMARY: AGE OF PROMISE
DEMAND: TO STAY IN THE LAND
CONDITIONS: MAN RECEIVES GREAT PROMISE
FAILURE: LEFT LAND OF PROMISE
JUDGMENT: SLAVERY IN EGYPT (Ex. 1:13-iL1.)
WAY OF SALVATION: DEATH OF CHRIST REPRESENTED BY
SLAYING OF LAMB. PASSOVER LAMB Ex. 12:12-13 (Jn 3:18)

V. THE FIFTH DISPENSATION THE AGE OF LAW (the 5th test)

Period of time: Mt. Sinai to Mt. Sinai to Mt. Calvary.- Moses to Christ.
Ex. 19:8 to Mt. 27:35.

A COMMENCEMENT Ex. 12

GOD SENT A DELIVERER -- MOSES: OUT OF BONDAGE

BACK TO THE LAND OF PROMISE

1. The institution of the Passover (memorial service)
2. Divine guidance; Israel lead out with a HIGH HAND: RED SEA OPENED
3. 150 Miles to Mt. Sinai. Fire by night, cloud by day, Ex, 13-19
4. Two great gifts at At. Sinai:
 - a. Decalogue, all civil, political, religious laws prewritten. Ex. 20-21...
 - b. The Tabernacle, God's first meeting place on earth. Ex. 25:40. The Ark of the Covenant, mentioned 165 times.
- 5, Aaron and his sons set aside for the High Priest and Priests of Israel must have a mediator -- REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE A HOLY GOD Ex. 38.
6. Doctrine of substitution in sacrifices legally established, Lev. 1-7
7. Legal days of worship -- Sabbath and seven feasts and Cast periods. Lev.23.

So days from Calvary to Pentecost,

B. CONTINUANCE JOSHUA. . MALACHI

- 1, Moses is dead: Joshua leads into Canaan. God-given victories - Jericho, etc. Joshua 1-12.
2. Land divided, tribes start anew. Joshua 13.
3. Period marked by rebellion, ruin, repentance and restoration1. Judges 19
4. Apostasy - REVIVALS AND RESTORATION marks the period of the kings. Israel lands in Assyrian captivity. 721 B.C. and Judah with 19 Davidic Kings lands in Babylonian captivity 586 B.C. I & II Samuel, Kings, I and II Chr.
5. 50,000 return from Babylon after 70 years. Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

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6. God had His prophets before exile, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Haggai.
 7. Israel and Judah. As nations are denoted "UNDER THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES." King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon first King to bring disobedient Israel under control.
 8. Threefold note in O.T, writings:
 - a. Concerning Israel's chastisement and her final ultimate blessing.
 - b. Gentile nations to be judged and finally blessed at Christ's second coming.
 - c. The Messiah - 300 Scriptures to His first coming; 1200 about His second coming, birth, suffering, death, resurrection, and reigning all prewritten or prophesied.
- C. CONSUMMATION AGE OF LAW
1. Moral conditions of the world
 - a. Times of the Gentiles Israel under them - Gentiles corrupt morally - Rom. 1:24-32,
 - b. Jewish leadership - Pharisees, Sadducees, Priesthood, Self-righteous hypocrisy. JUST A SMALL GROUP LOOKING FOR MESSIAH.
 2. Greatest O .T. prophets call Israel to repentant. Mt. 3:2 John the Baptist Luke 3:9
 3. O. T. prophecies point to this hour - Dan. 9:26, Isaiah 53.
 4. God's remedy provided, but rejected by His own. John 1:11. JESUS CRUCIFIED Mt. 27. This was God's offering for sinful man. II Cor, 5:21; Ron. 4:20-25; Gal, 3:13.
RESURRECTION: In three days after Calvary.
ASCENSION: In 40 days after Calvary, Acts 1
 5. Judgments to follow:
 - a. Jerusalem destroyed in 70 A.D.
 - b. Jewish nation destroyed
 - c. Land cursed, becomes a wilderness now for over 19-- years.
 6. God's mercy extended "Arms stretched out still" for the door of salvation is open for the world, all "whosoever will."

SUMMARY: AGE OF LAW

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DEMAND: TO KEEP THE LAW. Ex. 19:5
CONDITION: MAN PROMISES TO KEEP THE LAW. Ex. 19:8
FAILURE: BROKE LAW

God sent Prophets to warn them, but they continued to fail in test, at last Jesus came; but they rejected Him, crucified Him. God judged the whole nation of Israel by letting their land be conquered. Jerusalem burned, people scattered,

JUDGMENT: CAST OUT OF THE LAND Prophecy, Deut. 28:64-68
WAY OF SALVATION: SAME LAW GIVEN 'TO BRING MEN TO CHRIST' Gal. 3: 2

VI. THE SIXTH DISPENSATION - THE AGE OF GRACE (the 6th test)
CHURCH AGE. . . DISPENSATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT-- PENTECOST
TO CHRIST'S RETURN.

A, COMMENCEMENT Acts 2, also Gospels.

1. Formation of a new body -- the church, Mt. 16:18. Jesus called His 12 disciples and trained them, then commissioned them "TO PREACH CHRIST."
2. The New Revelation -- revealed in entire N. T.; it was REVELATION THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, spoken by prophets, than by Christ Himself later Apostles.
3. Birthday of Church, historically begins at Acts 2:1-4.
4. Resurrection of Christ is the sealing of the benefits of the Cross (I Cor. 15:14). "If Christ be not risen"
5. Ascension of Christ, installation at His seat of power Acts 1:9, Heb. 1:3.
6. His two ordinances left behind for His church - baptism and Lord's supper.
- 7, His Great Commission to His Church. Mt. 28:18-20.

B. CONTINUANCE Acts 2: to Rev, 4:1

1. Church Jewish for 7 years... Acts 2: Gentile door opened in Acts 10:

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Cornelius,

2. First church council, Acts 15: permitting Jew and Gentile alike in the church.
- 3, Christ later added Paul as Apostle to Gentiles ...Acts 9: 13:2
4. Jesus taught His disciples about the condition existing during Church Age. Mt.13: Seven parables: seed time -- sowing -- growth -- harvest -- wheat and tares -- mustard seed -- leaven -- mixed conditions.
5. World conditions -- Mt. 24.:4-8. Many Anti-Christ wars, nation troubles, famines, pestilences, earthquakes all during this Church Age --but after church is raptured, they multiply.
6. Jesus promised His body - members plenty of persecutions. "They persecuted Me, they will persecute you also" - Acts 9:14-15.

C, CONSUMMATION Rev. 4

1. The Epistles reveal the events in the Church Age:
 - a. Perilous times will come, II Tim. 3:1-4
 - b. Scoffers in last days. II Pet. 3:3
 - c. Growing Apostasy. II Thess. 2:3; I Pet. 4.: 1-4; Rev, 3:16-18.
2. Resurrection from among the dead.
John 14:3, Acts 1:11
3. Translation of living saints -- the Rapture, I Thess. 4:16-18.
4. The Great Tribulation following -- Rev. 4-19. Earth scene of Jacob's trouble. Dan, 12:1.
 - a. Judgment on living nations
 - b. Battle of Armageddon
 - c. Judgment on Anti-Christ -- Satan - I Thess. 2: -- Rev. 19:21; 20:1-3.
5. Saved Jewish remnant. Rev. 7:

GOD'S PLAIT OF THE AGES, 6th Test - AGE OF GRACE

CONDITION: "ALL HAVE SINNED" Rom. 3:23

DEMAND: TO TRUST CHRIST AS SAVIOUR. John 5:24

LAW: demands righteousness from man (works)

GRACE : God gives righteousness to man (faith)

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LAW blesses the good
GRACE saves the bad

HOW MANY ARE PASSING THIS TEST???

FAILURE: UNBELIEF 15 Cor 4.:24. II Tim. 3:1-4.

WAY OF SALVATION: DEATH OF CHRISTI WHO ON THE CROSS
FULFILLED ALL OLD TESTAMENT TYPES. Jn

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JUDGMENT: LOST FOREVER. John 5:22

THE AGE OF GRACE ENDS WHEN JESUS COMES FOR HIS OWN -
TODAY, GOD IS FORMING THE CHURCH...HIS BODY. ---"CHURCH"
BEGAN AT PENTECOST AND ENDS AT RAPTURE.

GOD WORKS BY PLAN. -- Has given us a view of the future "Prophecy" --.
which is the mold of history -- shaped history, God's blueprint. In
dispensations, we have been studying the Telescopic method of Prophecy-
wide view or long-range vision.

1. Three-fold division of Prophecy. I Cor. 10:32

a. Jew - rightly first "salvation is of the Jew" - Rom. 1:16 and Acts 13:46

b. Gentile -- rule began under Babylonian Captivity (Israel rejected God
and God gave
rule to Gentiles. Dan. 2:7-11, Rev. 21:22).

c. Church -- Pentecost until Rapture.

2. Outline view of events of prophecy Rapture, Tribulation, Revelation of
Jesus Christ, Millennium, Judgment and Eternity.

3. Central Theme of Prophecy - Second coming of Jesus Christ. cf. (Rev.
19:10, Eph. 1:9-10).

a. In 260 chapters of New Testament, the Second Coming is mentioned
318 times.

b. Note I and II Thess., one out of every 25 verses.

c. Every New Testament writer mentions this great event.

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- d. Isaiah's book is filled with Second Coming.
- e. Paul mentions Baptism 13 times and Second Coming 50 times. THERE ARE TWO PHASES OF SECOND COMING.
 - (1) Rapture - coming for His own
 - (2) Revelation - coming with His own

FOR OVER 6000 YEARS, GOD'S PLAN HAS BEEN MARCHING ON -- AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION TELLS HOW THIS PLAN WILL END.
Key to book - Believe it!

THE OUTLINE OF GOD'S TIME - TABLE FOR JEWS Dan, 9:24-27

Church is not in the Old Testament. After Rapture then God's time-table starts ticking off. . .last week (7 years) Philadelphia, true church raptured - out of tribulation. Rev. 3:8-9. CHURCH WILL VIEW FUTURE THINGS FROM THRONE ROOM IN HEAVEN. Rev. 4:1. John SAW! Anti-Christ brings in false peace for 3 1/2 years of Tribulation Period., He comes in His own name and Jews accept Him. Isaiah 28:15-18. In the midst of Tribulation Period, He breaks covenant, turns against the Jews (Abomination of Desolation). Daniel 9:27 and Mt. 24:15. Time of Jacob's trouble, and these last 3 1/2 years, Hell will have a short holiday on earth. Plagues of Egypt repeated only intensified. Man will have an object lesson that he will never forget -- will really see what is in him. Rev. 16:8-11. Horrible period, - of judgment. Rev. 6:12-17 greatest prayer meeting, but not a Christian present; and not one prayer answered -- now no mercy -- only judgment -- too late -- not Wrath of Lamb. (A Christian never will know His wrath) (Only His LOVE) Our fire fell on Jesus our substitute, They have rejected Him, now fire falls on them (earth) Rev. 8: Calm in Heaven. God is love, and how it grieves Him to have to bring judgment, Lull before the storm, The last war of this age is the Battle of Armageddon - Rev. 19:17.

VII. THE KINGDOM AGE - JESUS CHRIST REIGNING AS KING (Psalms 24:1-10)

DISPENSATIONAL TRUTHS

A, COMMENCEMENT: Rev, 19: Many O. T.. Scriptures pointed ahead to this scene.

1. "The marriage supper of the Lamb" Rev. 19:4-9, will happen during the Great Tribulation Period,
2. The personal return of Christ in Glory - Rev.11:21 "With His Saints"
 - a. The establishment of His Millennial Kingdom
 - (1) Stops in this:
 - (a) The overthrow and doom of Anti-Christ and His followers Rev. 19:17-18. This called "Battle of Armageddon"
 - (b) Satan is cast into the bottomless pit. Rev. 20:1-3 (Anytime the devil is hound. there will be a golden age.)
 - (c) The reign of Christ and His saints are introduced. (Is. 12: 1-6; Rev. 20:6)

B. CONTINUANCE Rev. 20:1-6

1. Jesus Christ is to reign 1000 years - over the entire world. Luke 1:30-33. AN AGE OF GLORY. First for the restoration of Jews - God's eternal chosen people a covenant of blood. Gen, 12:1-7 and 15:8-17 for nation land. The preeminence of Jerusalem - Christ to sit on David's throne. Luke 1:32; II Sam, 7:11-36; 11 Sam, 23:5; II Chr, 13:5; Ps. 89:19-37. Temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem. Acts 15:16-18. Jesus to reign with rod of Iron - Zech. 14:16-21,

C. CONSUMMATION Rev. 20:7-15

1. Kingdom Age comes to a close by Satan being loosed for a little season. Rev. 20:7
2. Satan's ministry continue after his old pattern. Work of deception. Rev. 20:8.
Revolt against Christ - Rev. 20:9
3. Judgment against the living nations and Satan. Rev, 20:9-11

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT.

1. The books are opened Rev. 20:11-15
2. The second death - sinners cast into the lake of fire Rev. 20:15

DISPENSATIONAL TRUTHS

Abraham - Father of Faith - looked for a city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God, Heb. 11:10. God honors FAITH. See Rev. 21:1-2. Jesus is the only entrance - DOOR, WAY, TRUTH, to that city. John 14:6,

7th TEST - KINGDOM 1000 YEARS

CONDITION: Man is free from being tempted by Satan. Revs 20:1-3

DEMAND: Faithfulness to God (prophecy fulfilled Isa, 9:6-7). He will rule with a rod of iron - at the end of 1000 years, God will give final test. Rev. 20:7-9)

FAILURE: Obeys his own old nature of sin, Rev. 20:9

JUDGMENT: Eternally lost. Rev, 20:10-15

WAY OF SALVATION: Rev. 1:5 and Gen. 3:21

WITHOUT GOD MAN CAN DO NOTHING !

Jesus Christ completed His work and becomes subject to God. I Cor. 15:26, 28. Sin is forever blotted out of earth, minds and memory and the earth is purified and purged. Heb. 1:10, 11, 12.

The seven new things to follow:

New Heaven - Rev, 21:1

New Earth - Rev, 21:1

New People - Rev. 21:3-7

New City "The Holy Jerusalem" home of Lamb's wife -- Rev. 21:9-21

New Temple - Rev. 21:22

New Light - Rev, 21:23-27

New Paradise - Rev, 22:1-6 (10)

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