

# GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES

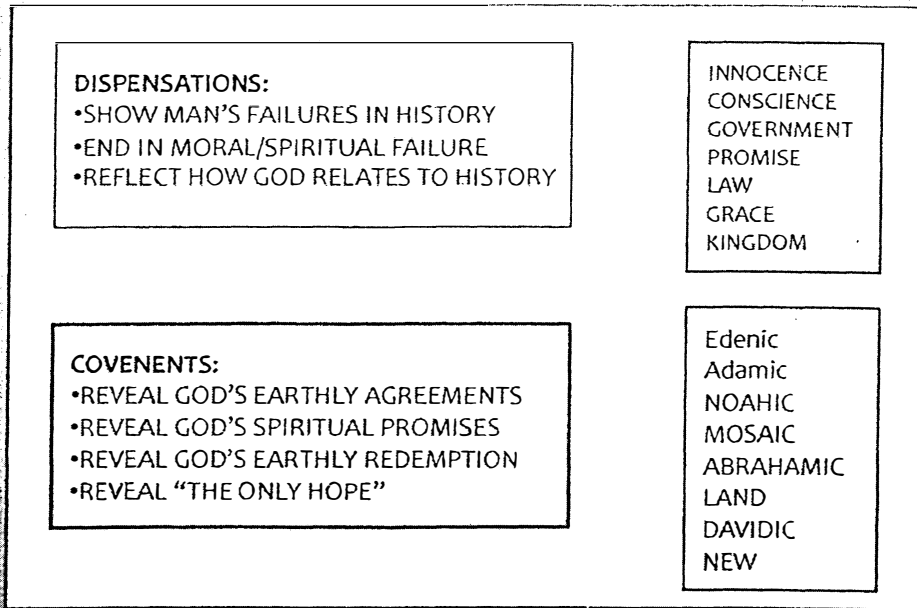
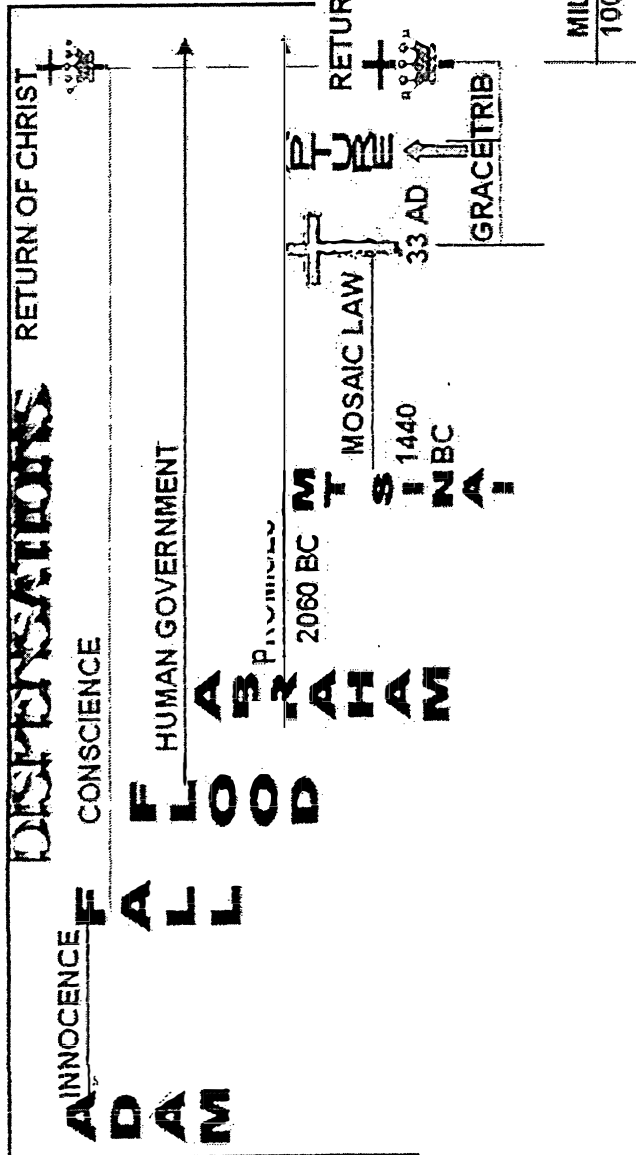


Chart by Cathy Bateson

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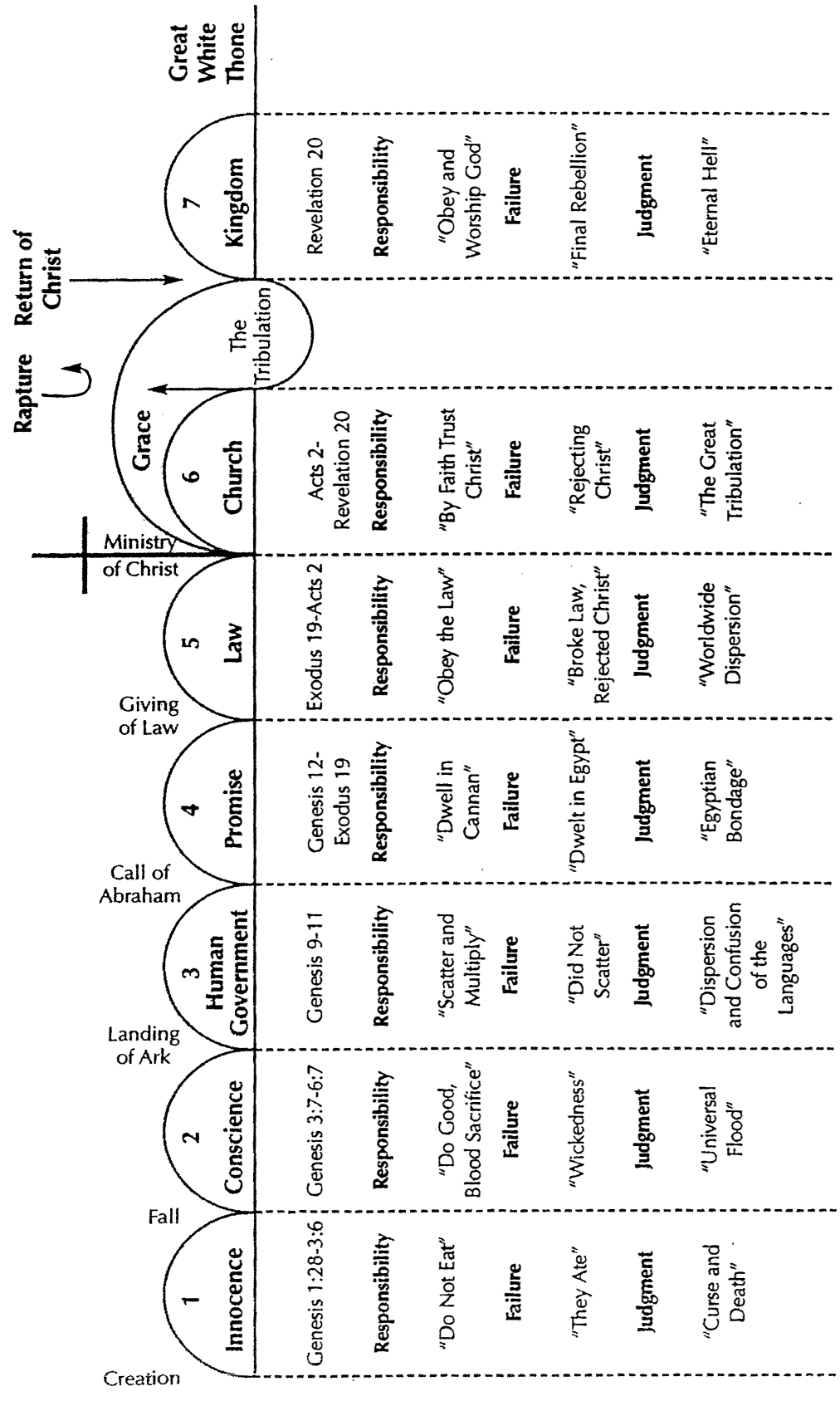
### THE DISPENSATIONS

Name	Scripture	Responsibilities	Judgment(s)
Innocency	Genesis 1:3-3:6	Keep Garden Do not eat one fruit Fill, subdue earth Fellowship with God	Curses, and physical and spiritual death
Conscience	Genesis 3:7-8:14	Do good	Flood
Civil Government	Genesis 8:15-11:9	Fill earth Capital punishment	Forced scattering by confusion of languages
Patriarchal Rule	Genesis 11:10-Exodus 18:27	Stay in Promised Land Believe and obey God	Egyptian bondage and wilderness wanderings
Mosaic Law	Exodus 19:1-John 14:30	Keep the law Walk with God	Captivities
Grace	Acts 2:1-Revelation 19:21	Believe on Christ Walk with Christ	Death Loss of rewards
Millennium	Revelation 20:1-15	Believe and obey Christ and His government	Death Great White Throne Judgment



**(The Dispensations)**

"A dispensation is a distinguishable economy in God's master plan whereby God tests mankind."

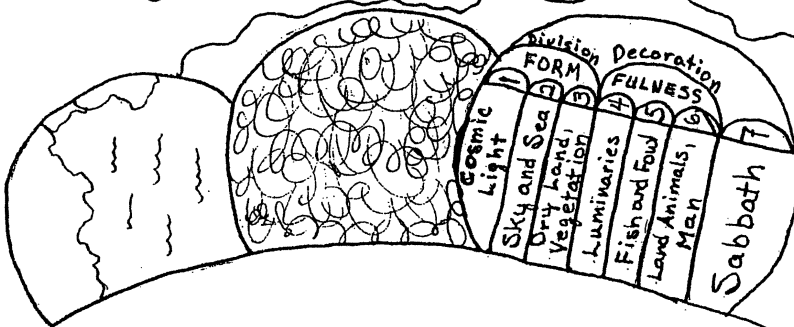


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# GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES OR THE DISTINGUISHABLE ECONOMIES IN THE OUTWORKING OF GOD'S PURPOSE

1. THE ETERNAL GOD Deut. 33:27
2. THE ETERNAL SON John 1:1-2
3. THE ETERNAL SPIRIT Heb. 13:14
4. THE ETERNAL PURPOSE Eph. 4:11

## ETERNITY



- THE ORIGINAL EARTH John 1:3 Col. 1:16-17 Heb. 11:3 DATELESS
- THE CHAOTIC EARTH Is. 14:9-14 Is. 45:18 Eze. 28:12-15
- THE RESTORED EARTH Gen. 1:1-2:25
- THE PRESENT EARTH

- Judgment.....
- Scripture.....
- Persons.....
- Responsibility....
- Failure.....
- Grace.....

**INNOCENCE**  
CREATION TO THE FALL

DURATION UNKNOWN

C. 10,000 B.C.

EXPILSION FROM THE GARDEN

**GEN. 1:26-3:6**

Adam and Eve

Populate and subdue the earth  
Dress and keep the Garden  
Desist from eating of the Tree  
of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

They doubted God's word,  
goodness, judgment, and motive,  
and ate of the forbidden tree.

Promised Redeemer, Coats  
of skin, Long life, Supply of  
needs, Separation from Tree of Life.

**EDENIC COVENANT**  
GEN. 1:28-30; 2:15-17



PATH OF ATAN

CONSCIENCE  
ADAM TO THE FLOOD



Duration 5000 years

FLOOD

GEN. 3:7-8:19

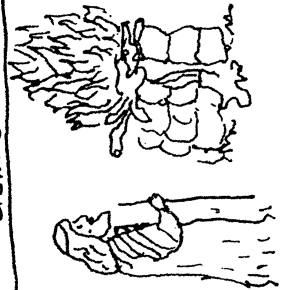
Adam, Eve, Seth, Noah, and Enosh

Life under a curse.  
Conscience as a rule of life.  
Blood Sacrifices

Failure to live up to conscience.  
Universal wickedness

Salvation of some  
Preservation of Noah  
Long suffering before judgment

ADAMIC COVENANT  
GEN. 3:14-19



HUMAN GOVERNMENT  
NOAH TO ABRAHAM



Duration 3000 years

COMPASSION OF GOD

GEN. 8:20-11:9

Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth

Renewed command to multiply and have dominion.  
Essence of government established involving organization and legislation.

Noah's drunkenness, Ham's irreverence  
Failure of human government to curb sin.

The seed of the woman  
Preservation of a godly remnant

NOAHIC COVENANT  
GEN. 8:20-9:17



PROMISE  
ABRAHAM TO MOSES



Duration 500 years

BONDAGE IN EGYPT

GEN. 11:10-EX.19:9

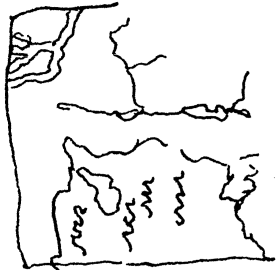
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph

Faith in the material, spiritual, and social promises of God

Abraham's delay, doubt, and descent into Egypt. Isaac's doubt. Jacob's deceit. Israel's murmurings.

A deliverer was promised. Victory over enemies was given. Unconditional promises renewed.

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT  
GEN. 12:1-3



LAW  
MOSES TO PENTECOST



Duration 1,471 years

EX. 19:9 - JOHN 21:25

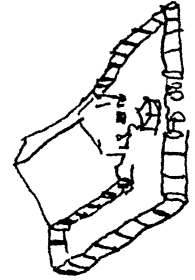
Moses, Joshua, Judges, Kings, and Prophets

Israel is to obey a detailed system of works comprised of 613 commandments.

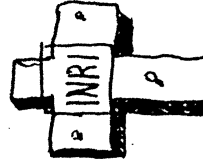
The entire Old Testament is a record of failure, culminating in the crucifixion.

Sacrifices provided a way of restoration. God raised up deliverers. The nation is preserved. Millennium promised.

MOSAIC COVENANT  
EX. 19:5-31:18



A.D. 32



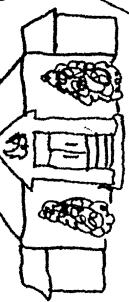
CROSS



JERUSALEM DESTROYED

A.D. 70

GRACE  
PENTECOST TO SECOND COMING



DURATION 1,900+ YEARS

KINGDOM  
SECOND COMING TO GREAT WHITE THRONE  
KING OF KINGS



DURATION 1000 YEARS

TRIBULATION



Acts 1:1 - Rev. 3:22

Apostles, Church Fathers, and Christians

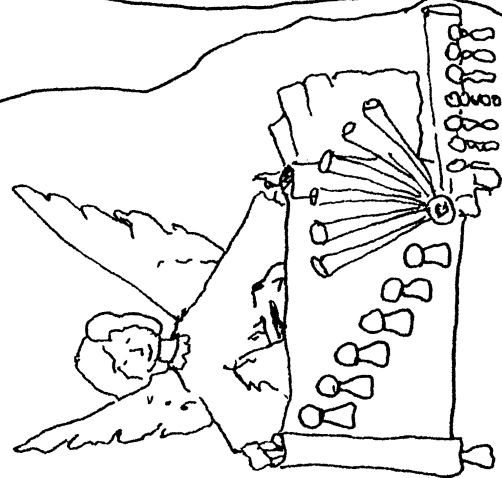
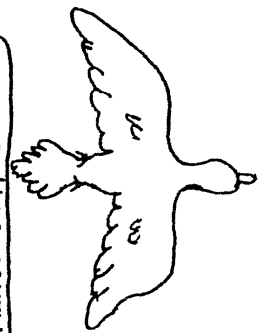
Church's responsibility includes Salvation by faith, Sanctification through the Spirit, and World Evangelism

Grace has not produced a world-wide acceptance of Christ or a triumphant church and ends with great apostasy.

The appearance of Christ. The Shaming before God. The rule of life. Deliverance from judgment.

NEW COVENANT

Mat. 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:25



Rev. 20:1-15; 21: 9-22: 5

Tribulation saints who endured and people born in the millennium

To obey the King

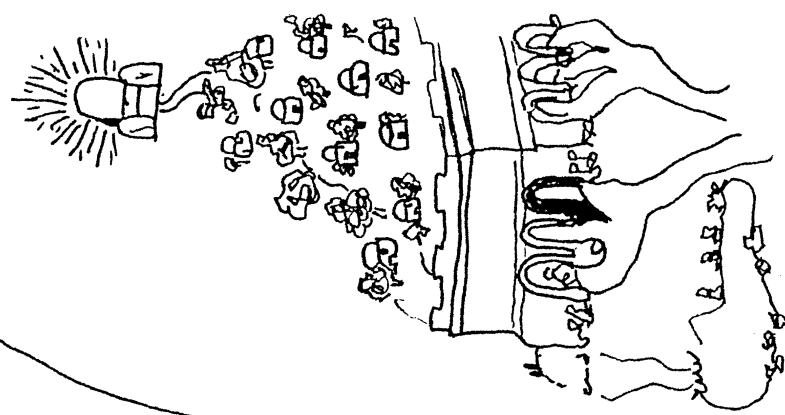
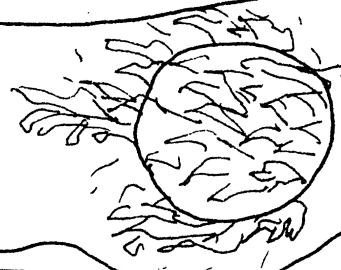
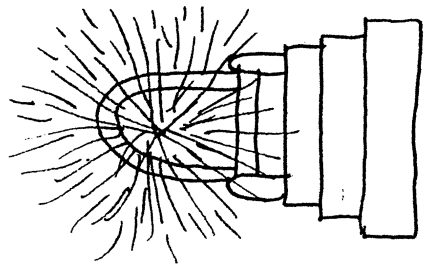
Outward sin  
A climactic rebellion

Fulfillment of the Abrahamic, Palestinian, and Davidic Covenants - Establishment of the New Covenant.  
Fruit of nature.

NEW COVENANT

Jer. 31:31-40

GREAT WHITE THRONE



# DISPENSATIONAL CHART

DISPENSATION	DURATION	RESPONSIBILITY	FAILURE	JUDGMENT
1. Innocence (Genesis 1 - 3)	About 33 Years	Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.	Man ate from the forbidden tree.	Banished from Eden, Entropy and death instituted.
2. Conscience (Gen. 3:6 - 7:33)	1,623 Years	Do good; blood animal sacrifice.	Man did wickedness, and violence.	Worldwide Flood.
3. Civil Government (Gen. 8:20-11:9)	429 Years	Disperse and multiply.	Man settled in the plain of Shinar to build a tower.	Dispersed by confounding Man's one language.
4. Promise (Gen. 11:9 - Ex. 19)	430 Years	Dwell in Canaan (This Dispensation zeros in on the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob).	Moved to Egypt.	Egyptian bondage.
5. Law (Ex. 20 - Lk. 16:16)	1,524 Years	Keep and do the Law of Moses.	Israel broke the Law.	Christ crucified; Worldwide dispersion of Israel.
6. Grace (Jn. 3:29-31; Rev. 4:1)	About 2,000 Years	Preach salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; keep the Bible and doctrine pure. (Church responsible)	False doctrine and apostasy abounds.	Seven years of God's wrath.
7. Kingdom (Revelation 20).	1,000 Years	Trust and obey King Jesus.	Satan leads the last rebellion against God.	Satan and all the lost of all Ages cast into the Lake of Fire for ever.

