Oikonomian

OIKONOMIA =
OIKOS (house, household)
+ NOMOS (rule, principle)

Eph 3:1-12

Dispensations:

The discernible pattern(s) of God's purposeful administration of creation to His Praise and Glory, especially mankind, in discrete time spans bounded by spiritual opportunity and failure; being rooted in a literal/normal approach to God's Word.

Competing ideas ...

Covenant Theology

Ultradispensationalism

lesser degrees of literalism, spiritualizing words

Before man, God existed

Before the stars and earth, God existed

Before energy and matter, God existed

Before time, God existed

Creation of Universe and Man Gen 1:1-27

Men (Abel) Will Be Saved By Faith Thru Grace Alone Gen 3:15

Fall of Man Gen 3:6

INNOCENCE

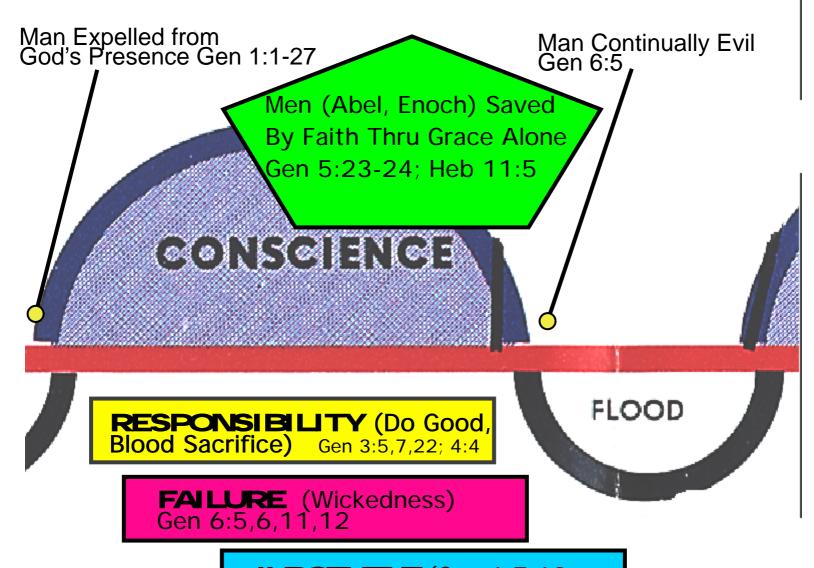
RESPONSI BILITY

(Do Not Eat) Gen 1:26-28; 2:15-17

CURSE & DEATH

FALURE (They Ate) Gen 1:1-27

> JUDGEVENT (Curse/Death) Gen 3:7-19



JUDGEVENT (Gen 6:7,13; 7:11-24 (Universal Flood)

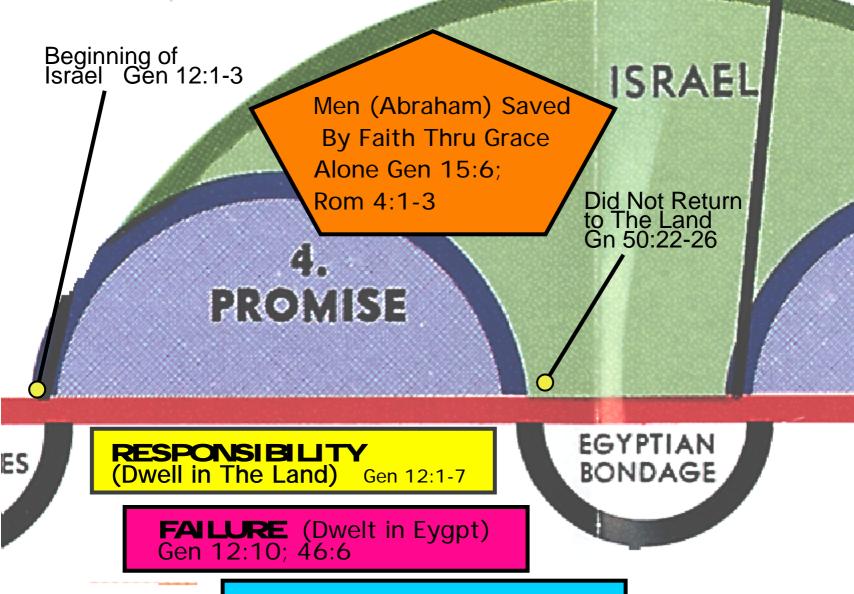


RESPONSIBILITY (Scatter & Multipy) Gen 8:15-9:7

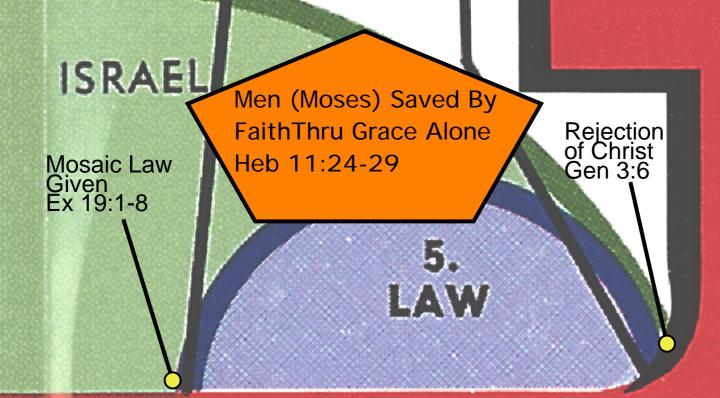
FALURE (Didn't Scatter) Gen 11:1-4 Tower Babel

JUDGEVENT (Confusion of Languages) Gen 11:5-9

LANGUAGES



JUDGEVENT (Egyptian Bondage) Ex 1:8-14



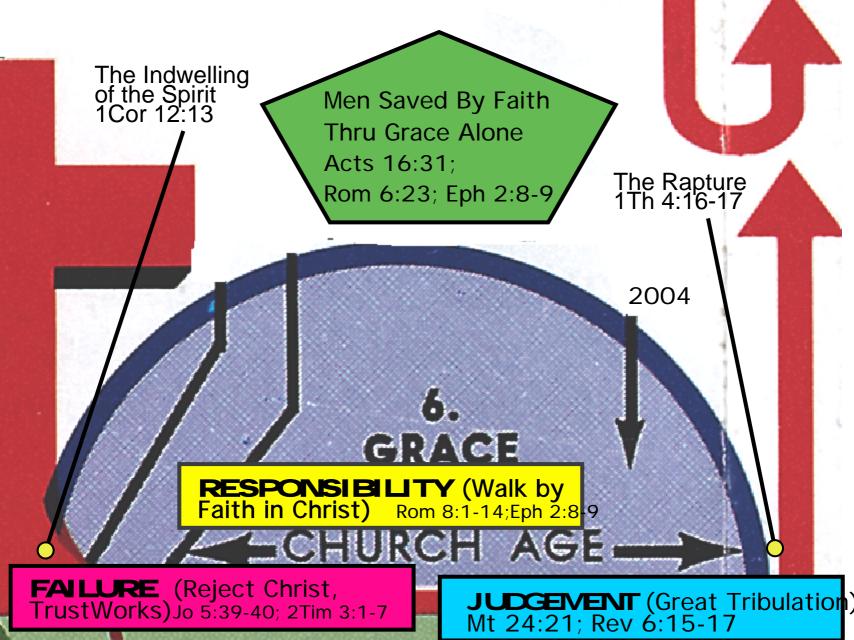
EGYPTIAN BONDAGE

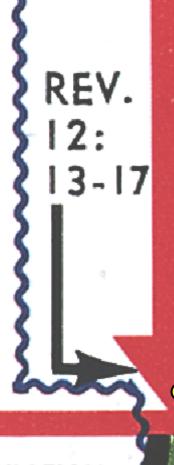
RESPONSIBILITY

(Keep ALL the Law) Ex 19:3-8

FALURE (Break Law, Reject the Christ) 2Ki 17:7-20; Mt 27:1-25

JUDGEVENT (World Wide Dispersion) Dt 28:63-66; Lu 21:20-24





Earthly Return of JC Rev 19:11-16 Men Saved By Faith Thru Grace Alone Ezk 36:26; 37:23

Last Rebel Rev 20:7-9

KINGDOM RESTORATION OF 1000yrs ISRAEL

EZEK. 36:25-38

TRIBULATION 7 YRS.

RESPONSIBILITY (Obey & Worship) Isa 11:3-5; Zech 14:9,16

FALURE (They Rebel) Rev 20:7-9

JUDGEVENT (Eternal Hell)



New Heaven New Earth Rev 21:1

WHITE THRONE

RESPONSIBILITY (Praise, Worship, and Learn)

FAILURE (Never Ever)

JUDGEVENT (Never Ever)

Dispensations were not yet fully defined in ancient times

Justin Martyr (110-165)

Irenaeus (130-200)

Clement of Alexandria (150-220)

Augustine (110-165)

*no substantial contributions from 300 - Reformation

Pierre Poiret 1646-1719	John Edwards 1639-1716	Issac Watts 1647-1748	John Darby 1800-1882	James Brookes 1830-1897	James Gray 1851-1935	CI Scofield 1843-1921
Creation to Flood	Innocency Antediluvian	Innocency Adamical	Paradisaical to the Flood	Eden Antediluvian	Edenic Antediluvian	Innocency Conscience
Flood to Moses	Noahical Abrahamick	Noahical Abrahamick	Noah Abraham	Patriarchal	Patriarchal	Human Gov't Promise
Moses to Prophets Prophets to Christ	Mosaical	Mosaical	Israel Iaw priesthood kings	Mosaic	Mosaic	Law
Manhood and Old Age	Christian	Christian	Gentiles Spirit	Messianic Holy Ghost	Church	Grace
Renovation of All			Millennium	Millennial	Millennial	Kingdom
Current Dispensationalism LEWIS SPERRY CHAFER 1871-1952 Founder of DTS successor John Walvard, Charles Ryrie					Fulness of Times Eternal	

Three Wain Characteristics

1. Israel and the Church have different identities, promises, goals, members, etc. They are distinct!

2. Literal (normal) approach to the Scripture.

(This means grammar, context, logic, and history, not spiritualizing the meaning of words and passages.)

3. Purpose (plan) of God is His Praise and His Glory. (not me, my salvation, my future, my needs)

The Value of Dispensationalism

It answers the need for Biblical distinctions.

It gives overall structure and understanding of God's Plan

It answers the need for an understanding of history.

It provides a consistent, normal way of understanding God's Words

It describes a literal prophetic future, same as a literal first advent.

It provides a clear understanding of the meaning of the Gospels, OT and NT