

Dispensationalism: The Dispensations

Based upon the book: "Dispensationalism" by Charles C. Ryrie

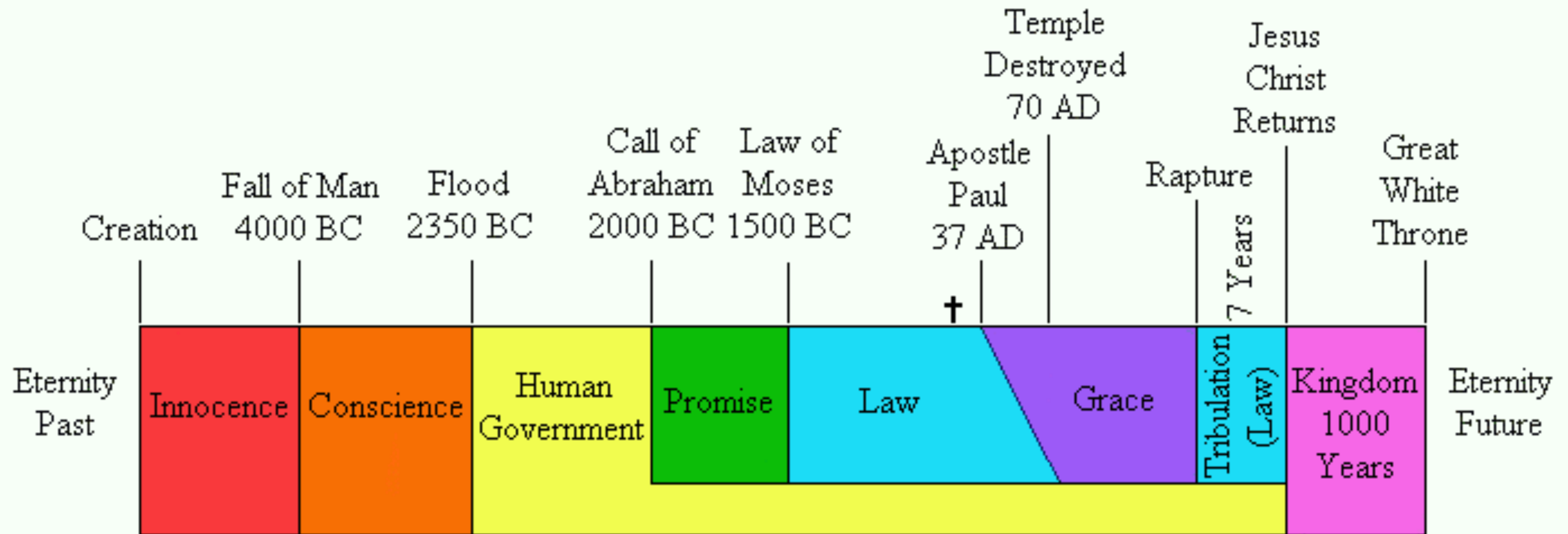
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- The Number of Dispensations (Last Week)
- Some Questions (Last Week)
- **The Names and Characteristics of the Dispensations**

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Names and Characteristics of the Dispensations

Dispensations of the Bible



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1. Innocence

- Revelation: Genesis 1:28-3:6
- Focus: Adam
- Responsibility/test: Name the animals, dress and keep the garden, fellowship with God, don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- Failure: They ate from the tree
- Judgment: Removed from the garden; death (physical & spiritual)

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2. Conscience

- Revelation: Genesis 4:1-8:14
- Focus: All of mankind from Adam to Noah's family
- Changes: Man's conscience, death
- Responsibility/test: Maintain moral uprightness based upon the knowledge of good and evil (conscience); do good
- Failure: absolute corruption and violence from the inside of man manifested on the outside all over the world.
- Judgment: The flood

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3. Human (civil) Government

- Revelation: Genesis 8:15-11:9
- Focus: All of mankind from Noah to Abraham
- Changes: Relationship with animals (food), death penalty
- Responsibility/test: Man to replenish the earth, take dominion and govern one another (protect life) while staying connected with God.
- Failure: Noah's vineyard, the tower of babel
- Judgment: God refocused on Abraham

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4. **Promise (Patriarch)**

- Revelation: Genesis 11:10 - Exodus 18:27
- Focus: Abraham and his descendants
- Changes: Focus on one family instead of all men
- Responsibility/test: Believe and obey God, stay in the promised land
- Failure: Israel and his children moving to Egypt
- Judgment: Bondage to Egypt

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5. Law (Mosaic Law)

- Revelation: Exodus 19:1 - Matthew 3:1 (Luke 16:16 "until John")
- Focus: Israel
- Changes: Change of focus, written rules given (law)
- Responsibility/test: Keep the law and walk with God
- Failure: Israel consistently disobeys the law and forsakes God for idols
- Judgment: Captivities/bondages:
(judges period, kings, Assyria, Babylon, Meds/Persians, Greeks, Romans)

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6. Grace

- Revelation: Matthew 3:1 - Revelation 19:21
- Focus: Church (primarily gentiles)
- Changes: Law fulfilled, valedictorian, direct access to God, grace, indwelling of the Holy Ghost
- Responsibility/test: Believe on Christ, walk with Him and accomplish the great commission
- Failure: the world fails to turn to God in Christ and Christians fail to accomplish the great commission
- Judgment: death, loss of reward, the tribulation

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7. Millennium

- Revelation: Revelation 20:1-20:15
- Focus: The Kingdom
- Changes: The curse is cancelled, Christ reigns on earth
- Responsibility/test: Believe on Christ, submit to His government
- Failure: many follow satan at the end of the 1,000 years
- Judgment: death, final judgment (great white throne)

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Carryovers

1. Promises
2. Things that start in one dispensation and continue into the rest
3. Things instituted in one dispensation increasing in the next (death penalty, laws into grace, etc.)
4. Commands re-incorporated
5. Some things cancelled (food, circumcision, sabbath, etc.)

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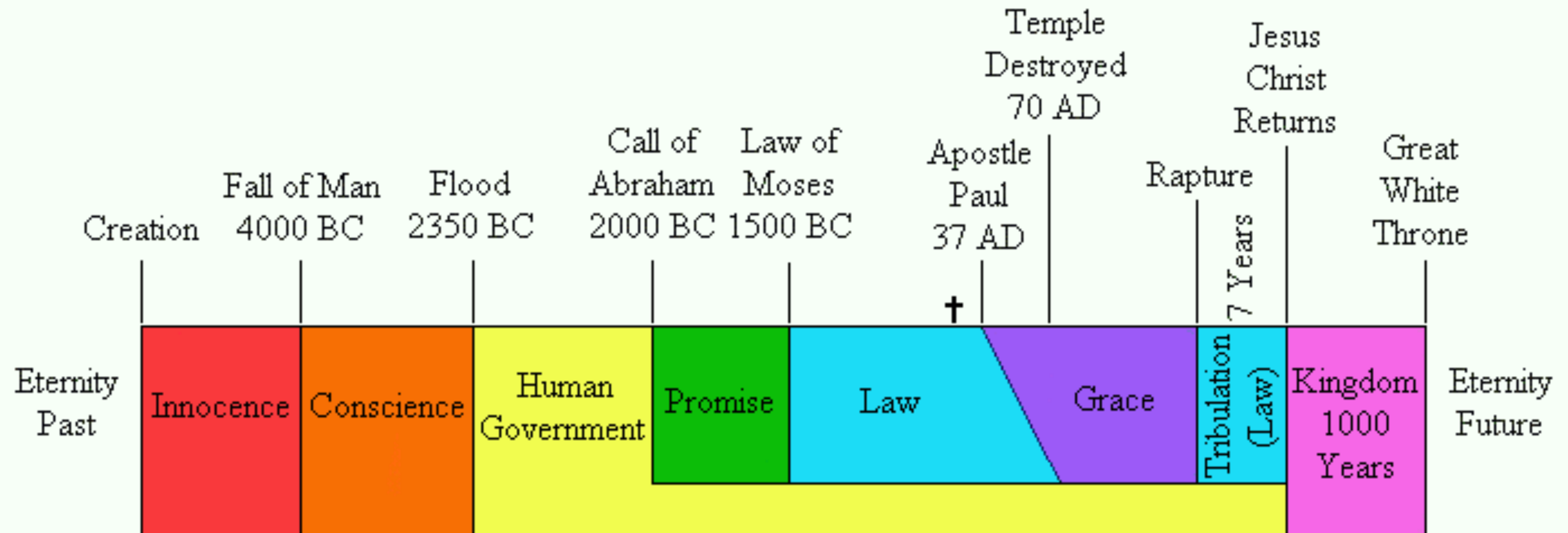
Additional carryover discussion

- Overlapping periods (discuss them)

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Review

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Homework:

- Finish the 3rd chapter:
 - 3 Questions, 3 observations, 3 Applications
- Review chart handouts
- Memorize the listed dispensations and be able to fill out a basic chart