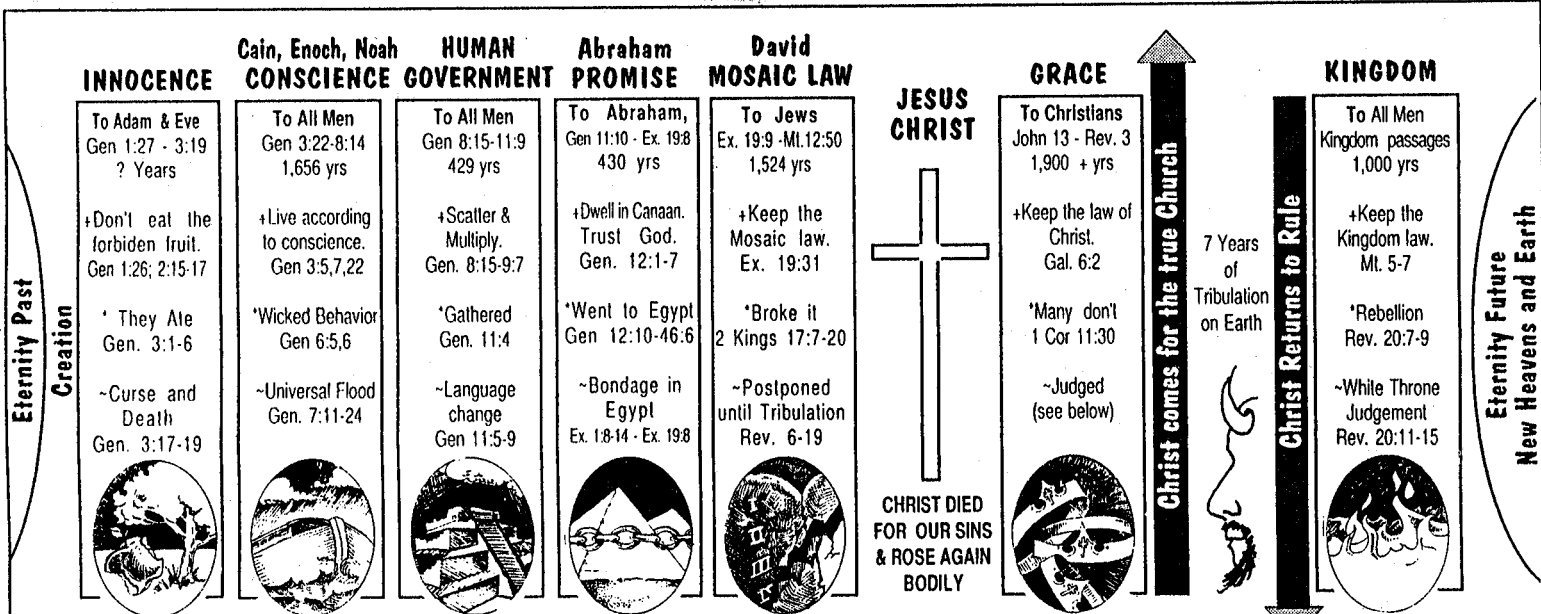


Seven Sets Of Rules (Dispensations) To Test Mankind

Do you know where we are in time?



+ Christian Responsibilities (The Test)

1. Grow in the sphere of grace... 2 Peter 3:18
2. Walk by faith, in God's promises ... Heb.. 4:2; 11:6
3. Be filled with the Spirit. Be Christ-like... Eph.. 5:18 ; Gal. 5:22
4. Maintain Christian unity... Eph. 1:22, 23 ; 4:3
5. Use spiritual gift with love... 1 Peter 4:10 ; 1 Cor. 13
6. Love other believers as Christ does... John 13:34,35
7. Witness to and evangelize the lost ... Acts 1:8
8. Do all for God's glory.... 1 Cor. 10:31

* Failure - Sadly, many believers

1. Fail to grow up ... Heb. 5:12-14
2. Ignore or disbelieve God's promises... Heb. 4:1-12
3. Are dominated by their sin nature or Satan... Rom. 7:20; Matt. 16:23
4. Cause unscriptural divisions... 1 Cor. 10:13; 3:1-9
5. Don't use it or abuse it... 1 Cor. 12:14
6. Fight, quarrel, and love the world and its things. James. 4:1; 1 John 2:9,15
7. Are timid, confused and ignorant... 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Cor. 15:3-4
8. Serve and exalt themselves. ... Rom.. 1:25; 2 Tim. 3:2-5

~ Judgement - 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10

Even though God accepts all true Christians in the beloved (Eph. 1:6), and graciously teaches, disciplines, empowers, rewards, guides and enables all believers to grow spiritually (2 Peter 1:2-4), many (perhaps most) Christians refuse to depend on God the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14; Gal. 5:16) and carry out the responsibilities placed on them. In spite of this, God graciously takes all true Christians from the earth, judges each one's works and rewards what He can (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 3:10-15). Then He makes the Church His bride (Eph. 5:22) and takes her to His home in heaven (John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:9-27).

Doesn't such marvelous grace deserve a response of love and obedience from us (John 14:15; 15:10)? Living each day with Christ's imminent return in mind will encourage us to be pure (1 John 3:3), bring us true happiness (Titus 2:13), and comfort us in sorrow (1 Thess. 4:18). Ask yourself, "Am I pleasing God?" (2 Cor. 5:9)

Key: + Responsibility, * Failure, ~ Judgement

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