James #86

The seasons of God’s plan

Open up in 1Thessalonians 5 RF.

Michele has gone through her procedure and she is doing well. She does have a follow up with a Cardiologist so please keep her in prayer.

/The term dispensation - refers to God’s administration of Believers for both blessing and judgment as well as God’s pre-design of how the human race maintains the strength inside the angelic conflict. In each dispensation God appoints a stewardship or an administration. He appointed Israel in the last dispensation, the Church in this dispensation, and Christ in the Millennium.\

In those administrations and dispensations, we have ordained or chosen men of GOD in positions to teach and bring out the truth of scripture.

In the Millennium TLJC will be the one world teacher, leader and king.

In fact, the true nation of Israel will be restored and will assists in the process of teaching the word.

They will do so by implementing the original holy days and rituals all pointing backward to the First Advent and the current 2nd Advent.

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In other words, no distortions or added nonsense – it will all point to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

What you must understand is how other terms like - ages, times or seasons can be used as a way to point out the doctrine of dispensations as well. Often they are used in conjunction as a compliment or to highlight the teachings.

Now as many of you know who have studied with me over the years, the congregation at Thessalonica had allowed false narratives and skewed doctrines into their midst, especially concerning the end time events.

Just as today we have people thinking the Tribulation period is unfolding all around them. Many of these Christians at Thessalonica were thinking they were getting ready to face the 7 years of Tribulation. So, these two letters have a strong focus on getting them back on track for the chronological order of end time events.

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/Skewed eschatology is very dangerous for several reasons. The main one is, it sets people up to claim Christians as kooks and liars. It pushes people away from truth instead of drawing them closer toward Christ. It also can crush faith and hope of true Bels because it leaves them feeling confused and looking foolish.\

It also sets up Christians to operate outside of good doctrinal principles which happened at Thessalonica.

1Thes 5:1 Now as to the periods and times, brothers *and sisters,* you have no need *of anything* to be written to you.

/The Greek word for *“times”* is *CHRONOS*, and for “*seasons or epochs*,” is *KAIROS*. Both words refer to periods of time, but with minor, yet important differences: the word *CHRONOS* indicates a succession of events, one following in order to the other. This is where we get our English word *“chronology*” from - a chronological order.\

CHRON-US, is very specific, or a number or time - one following in order to another. STEP ONE…STEP TWO…etc.

KI-EYE-ROS, is broken into segments and was often used for seasons. Seasons that we know are coming, yet they have certain trends you have to see before they come full circle.

In other words, snow does not miraculously fall from the sky if the season is still warm – it doesn’t matter if it is December or January, there is a trend of cold air for a period of time before snow can accumulate.

 REPEAT

/KAIROS, (seasons/epochs) refers to events or trends by their components operating in a certain mannerism. It can be precisely counted on to happen, yet it may vary in length, strength or exact time specifications. Segments of time or seasons divided into specific periods, epochs or eras, that have definitive trends.\

Under the umbrella of a dispensation, we can note times, epochs or seasons which may be related to trends or orderly chronological events, usually both appear under any given dispensation.

[/1Th 5:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/2/s_1116002) For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** is coming just like a thief in the night.

The Day of the Lord is referencing the 2nd Advent of Christ.\

These are Bels who have heard the teaching of the end of the CA by the sudden snatching up of the Rapture.

These are Bels that had heard the teaching of a resurrection life.

These are Bels who had heard about the coming 7 years of Tribulation, they knew the 2nd Advent of Christ happens after the Tribulation.

Yet several of these Bels had fallen for a counterfeit set of doctrines in relation to Eschatology. REPEAT

[/1Th 5:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/3/s_1116003) While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then **sudden destruction will come upon them** like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

This is describing the mid-way point of the Tribulation. There are some similarities concerning the end of the CA as a point of birth pains as well.\

The basic concept the Apostle Paul is reminding these Bels about is the end of the Church age.

The Apostle Paul is re-orienting them to accurate chronological order.

Verse 1 thru 5 is capping off the end period of the CA, just before the Rapture then leading into 7 years of Tribulation. Within these verses is a reflection of what will happen at the end of the Tribulation as well.

/There is a quick and surprising form of cleansing of the earth at both the Rapture (end of the CA) and the end of the 7 years of Tribulation. Scripture as I have often told you repeatedly, especially prophetic scripture is multi-layered. The Rapture is quick and non-violent, while the end of Tribulation will be unmistakably violent in the atmosphere as well as on earth.\

The end of the CA will be a time of birth pains as well, yet the midway point of the Tribulation will be unmistakable.

There is difference between pangs and pains in child birth.

Birth pangs can go on for hours and on/off for a few days sometimes.

/Birth pangs (end of CA) is a signal and a definite discomfort. Yet it is when the real contractions happen that true BIRTH PAINS begin (Tribulation). The Day of the LORD is telling us the 2nd Advent will arrive as the birthing process (3 ½ mark) truly becomes a full-blown labor.\

[1Th 5:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/4/s_1116004) But you, brothers *and sisters,* are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief;

Christians are children of light not darkness – we all are the current body and future Bride of Christ.

That true day of full-blown labor and birth will not overtake us.

WE WILL NOT BE HERE!

[1Th 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/5/s_1116005) for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

[1Th 5:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/6/s_1116006) so then, let’s not sleep as others do, but let’s be alert and sober.

/1Thes 2:7 **For those who sleep**, sleep at night, and **those who are drunk**, get drunk at night.

Many are following false doctrines, especially on eschatology and they are like drunken fools and they have fallen asleep.\

Satan and his army have been very busy over the years.

I personally believe the closer we get to the Rapture…the more actively his demonic army will attack good, solid theology, certainly dispensational teaching.

/[1Th 5:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/8/s_1116008) But **since we are of *the* day, let’s be sober,** having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

We are children of the day – we are the light! The Tribulation will usher in a darkness because Satan and his army will be truly unleashed, no more restraints.\

When you study accurately, you understand the historical context and the subtleties in the original language and it all makes sense.

/[1Th 5:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/9/s_1116009) For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Apostle Paul is waking them up about the time they live in. Which is the Church Age and NOT the Tribulation, which is a season of darkness owed to Israel and a judgment period on earth.\

The Tribulation will usher in the 2nd Advent which will shift the earth back to a time of peace and perfection.

[1Th 5:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/10/s_1116010) who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

The CA will face the Rapture, they can be physical dead, or alive. Either way we will be face to face with TLJC in resurrected glory.

/In every era of the human race, God puts someone in charge of making the truth of the Word (BD) clear - stewards or leaders & administrators to fulfill this calling. We have names or titles of the four Dispensations, Gentiles, Israel (Jews), Church and Christ – these are the properties / households GOD set up in eternity past. These dispensations are to be upheld and dependent upon the mind of Christ, which is their foundations and very fabric of their existence. \

These dispensations have trends, time periods, seasons and regulations that have to be fulfilled for a dispensation to begin and end in proper fashion.

God’s perfect timing.

Jump back into the OT, Genesis one.

We will close today in Genesis chapter one RF. We will have time to simply read through it and then pick up there again next message.

I have said this before and it is time to repeat this once again.

Sometimes there are major divisions between theologians and Bible scholars depending upon the doctrine.

Every pastor must come to a resting point of stability about what they believe and only change that stance - when they are truly moved by truth and God the HS.

There are several different approaches to studying and then teaching dispensations.

I have studied both the aspect of five and seven dispensations as well as four dispensations… which is what I have come to believe in recent years is the proper approach.

The fact is, all the same principles and scriptures and teachings are covered in these other approaches.

It simply comes down to what you believe the WORD and God the HS is leading you to rest upon.

I will never engage in public negativity against another qualified man of God and what they teach.

To our MASTER we all stand or fall - and it is not my job to correct other teachers.

I occasionally, make public statements about what I believe is false doctrine and fluffy teaching, but that is as far as I would ever go.

The majority of men teaching dispensations, understand and follow all the same set of scriptures, principles and doctrinal studies.

Therefore, I need not strain over them teaching 5 or 7 dispensations, or the way I have come to believe it and teach it. That there are 4 dispensations, with the importance of stages and seasons under each one. REPEAT

/Gen 1:14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to **separate the day from the night**, and **they shall serve as signs and for seasons, and for days and years**;\

Within the fourth day of creation, we see that number four as a staple of organized time periods.

/Each day has a sunrise (morning), a high noon period 12-4pm (afternoon), a sun-setting or dusk period (4pm -7pm), then a night time (8pm until 12am). God created 4 seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. He created four basic survival elements as seen in Earth, Air, Fire and Water. We grow in four stages as an infant, child, teen and then adult.\

There are also 4 gospels of Christ.

He is seen in those four gospels as the KING, the suffering servant, the Savior and the Divine Son.

/Matthew - points to the Messiah who the nation of Israel heard about and had waited for, the King has arrived. Mark – emphasizes the suffering servant of God and is designed to awaken the lost sheep of Israel and welcome in Gentiles. Luke – speaks to the whole world proclaiming that the one true Savior has arrived, the SON of man is seen in this gospel. John – is the focus on deity, that Jesus Christ is GOD, the SON of God walks among us.\

Each one like a season brings forth a greater picture of the whole.

/There are said to be four winds because God set into place four corners of this earth – North, South, East and West. The number four often is seen as stability and a grand design or completion of structure. The construction of dwelling places, were designed for four walls to be a staple of stability. Four pillars were often seen as a form of solid construction. The number 4 appears over 320x in scripture.\

We will touch deeper into next message.

[Gen 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/15/s_1015) and they shall serve as lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

[Gen 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/16/s_1016) God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also.

[Gen 1:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/17/s_1017) God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

[Gen 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/18/s_1018) and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

[Gen 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/19/s_1019) And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.