1Thess #100

The Dispensation of Gentiles

We are going to be in Gensis today so open in Gensis chapter three.

The angel book is done. It is now a matter of finding a publisher I can work with who is affordable. Between now and the end of the month I will be seeking a publisher, so any help is greatly appreciated.

I also will be looking for a venue for a 2023 Bible Conference here in Ocala.

Dispensations are best viewed from the larger perspective of the four ages or four dispensations and then the categories or promises and transitions in between those four dispensations.

The best way to gather this information is to understand the four basic dispensations and each has sub- categories or stages under the umbrella of that time period.

When you understand the core doctrine of dispensations has 4 periods listed and under each one, is a set of sub categories or stages that you can view as an age or time period as well, but keeping it under the umbrella of one of the four main dispensations it is much easier to digest.

/The 4 core dispensations:

The Dispensation of the Gentiles:

The Dispensation of the Jews: Israel

The Dispensation of the Church:

The Dispensation of the Millennium: Christ on earth.

Each one of the 4 is Christ dependent and God’s word is the fabric and standard which has to be upheld and properly promoted. \

The Apostle Paul emphasized this in reference to what God called other dispensations to do.

/Rom 3:2 Great in every respect. First, that **they were entrusted with the actual words of God**.

Every dispensation has stages where the WORD was given to a generation or group of Bels and it was their commission to protect, teach and evangelize with it accurately .\

/The Dispensation of Gentiles;

Is covered in 3 unique stages-

Age of Innocence (Gen 1-Gen 3:6)

Age of Conscience (Gen 3:7 – Gen 7)

Age of human government (Gen 9:1 – Gen 11) \

Let us look at the transition period between the Age of Innocence and the Age of Conscience;

/Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and **that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise**, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave *some* to her husband with her, and he ate.

The woman was tricked into buying the lie from Satan that they can become like God – the man knew and was the authority (willful), yet both rebelled against God. \

The fact that she desired this type of fruit was a sign that deep within, she was already seeking independence from God. This fruit was the gateway to something independent from God.

Her conversation with the serpent should have never happened, yet her curiosity got the best of her.

/[Gen 3:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/7/s_3007) Then **the eyes** (*ʿayin*) **of both of them were opened**, and **they knew** (*yāḏa*ʿ)**that they were naked;** and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

They became enlightened deep within and a conscience of the OSN was now active. This became a spiritual death, they were seeking to be like God, yet no one can be like GOD! \

AYE-ON, has more than just a physical eye as a definition. It points to spiritual eyes of the soul, enlightenment.

The eye in ancient Biblical scripture, often points to the depth or fountain of life and energy in the soul structure.

YAH-DA, speaks to a deeper intimacy, it is not just surface knowledge. This meant they now knew a great deal about good and evil.

*“They knew they were naked”* indicates they now have a conscience; they can distinguish between good and evil, and their conscience is a witness to them at this point that they are sinful and in a fallen condition.

Their conscience is now going to be their judge and jury - really becoming a tormentor for them.

Notice, however, that their conscience does not bring them to God.

In fact, they are now separated because of spiritual death.

Only the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ awakens them to their need of God.

/Gen 3:8 Now **they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden** in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “**Where are you?”**\

Our Triune God knows exactly where we are and what we think… every second of every day – this is written for our benefit.

Even in our sins and failures HE seeks us.

They were born in perfection – the age of innocence, perfect bodies, perfect environment and perfect Bels - having fellowship with the LORD.

Now they are spiritually separated AND THE AGE OF CONSCIENCE begins.

/Gen 3:10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

The first thing that happens at the age of conscience is fear and doubt.\

That which God created in perfection, now becomes distorted.

[Gen 3:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/11/s_3011) And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

/[Gen 3:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/12/s_3012) The man said, “**The woman whom You gave***to be* with me, she gave me some of *the fruit of* the tree, and I ate.”

The second thing we note at the age of conscience, is avoidance of responsibility of knowing the word and then blaming God. \

The blame game is now underway for the first time in human history.

/[Gen 3:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/13/s_3013) Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this *that* you have done?” And the woman said, **“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

The third thing we see in the age of conscience is, rejection of divine authority and God’s word. Therefore, allowing false doctrine and lies to lead us astray. \

[Gen 3:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/14/s_3014) Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go,
And dust you shall eat All the days of your life;

/[Gen 3:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/15/s_3015) And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of **your offspring and her Descendant**; He
shall **bruise you on the head,**
And **you shall bruise Him on the heel.”**

This is the plan of GOD designed from eternity past – the Cross of Christ crushes the venomous head of the serpent.\

TLJC in the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union becomes the singular DESCENDANT from the womb of the woman, to fulfill the grace plan of God for all of mankind.

Now we see the transition into judgment which opens up God’s grace plan when we acknowledge the justice system of God.

Gen 3:16 To the woman He said,
“I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall deliver children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”

/[Gen 3:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/17/s_3017) Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;
**Cursed is the ground because of you**;
With hard labor you shall eat *from* it
All the days of your life. 18 “Both **thorns and thistles it shall grow for you**; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field;\

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face
You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”

God had allowed them to have heaven on earth, yet rebellion interfered as it did in heaven with the fall of the angels.

[Gen 3:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/20/s_3020) Now the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living.

/[Gen 3:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/21/s_3021) And **the LORD God made garments of skin** for Adam and his wife, and **clothed them**.

The forgiveness of sin is the legislation of God and it is only through Jesus Christ do we receive, grace, mercy, forgiveness and blessing. \

The same Jesus Christ who walked in the garden in the cool of the day teaching BD – is the same TLJC who clothed the fallen man and woman.

It will be that same Jesus Christ in HIS first advent within the doctrine of the Hypostatic Union that will fulfill the whole plan of God upon the CROSS!

[Gen 3:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/22/s_3022) Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take *fruit* also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—

/[Gen 3:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/23/s_3023) **therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden**, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

The failure of mankind to follow God’s plan and walk in HIS grace is always our downfall and it is what separates us from blessings. \

[Gen 3:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/3/24/s_3024) So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

The judgment is complete. Yet mankind is still offered life, freedom and eternal security.

There will come a final judgement known as the Great White Throne judgment that will be the end of the line.

/The age of innocence in the Garden showed us a shadow of what heaven will be like. Neither good nor evil was an issue as man was in a state of innocence, perfection abounded, God supplied everything. The fall in the Garden was a result of free will which from this point forward, will put on display mankind’s inability, left to themselves to bring forth perfection, happiness and peace.\

During the Age of Conscience, we see the first murder in human history. We see religion arise, we see more rebellion and rejection of God’s grace and justice.

/Gen 4:3 So it came about in the course of time **that Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the ground.**

Cain rejected the teaching of sin offering and brought forth something from his own works. Religion was born! \

Cain refused to follow God’s grace plan and God’s divine justice system. Cain never turned to TLJC as Lord and Savior.

/Gen 4:7 “If you do well, will *your face* not be cheerful? And if you do not do well, **sin is lurking at the door**; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.” 8 Cain talked to his brother Abel; and it happened that when they were in the field **Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him**.\

/Gen 4:17 Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and ***Cain* built a city**, and named the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

Cain and his descendants would begin to establish human government. Rules and standards removed God’s plan.\

This would be a transition period from the age of Conscience into the age of human government.

God would interrupt the process with the judgment upon the earth - we know as the flood.

/ The dispensation of the Gentiles: Genesis 1-11.

*The age of human government* -

(Gen 6 -11) The failure of mankind once again is seen in obstinance toward God’s justice and grace plan. Cain’s children build up evil across the land, they worshipped fallen angels. God introduces judgement and a promise to Noah. Noah’s descendants build upon human power/government in attempts to be like God – Tower of Babel. God again comes in to strike down mankind’s evil.\

God is for Nationalism which needs government structure, yet it cannot exist under evil.

The age of human government under the Dispensation of the Gentiles first brought in Cain’s attempt at control and human power over God’s power.

This was a transition from the age of conscience into the age of human government.

The judgment of the flood put a stop to it. God’s grace allowed a remnant of Bels to survive.

After the flood, God commanded Noah’s children to spread out and multiply while developing a closer relationship under HIS authority.

They instead took human power and the worship of false god’s like Nimrod and they built Babel.

/[Gen 11:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/11/9/s_11009) **Therefore it was named Babel, because there the LORD confused the language**of all the earth; and from there **the LORD scattered them** abroad over the face of all the earth.

Each time mankind kicks against the authority and plan of God for extended time. Eventually God brings in some form of cleansing and judgment. \

So, the first twelve chapters of Genesis cover the first three stages under the Dispensation of the Gentiles.

/The Dispensation of the Gentiles- was a two-thousand year span of time (Gen 1-Gen 12) which established the 4 Divine Institutions and the complete grace plan of God was in view. The Justice system of God was revealed and only the righteousness of Christ could carry flawed creatures back to the perfection of the Garden which will be heaven in the future.\

The standards and foundation were set during the Dispensation of the Gentiles.

Several characteristics become very apparent under the Dispensation of the Gentiles;

/The ages of  Innocence, Conscience and Government, actually form one period. This is obvious because there was only one race on the earth, one language and the formation of the four Divine Institutions (Volition, Marriage, Family and Nationalism). No written word and the family, were the sole provider of accurately handling and carrying BD. \

/The 4 Divine Institutions were established so that mankind would not crumble under their own arrogance and sins. Free will being the first was what sent God’s Grace plan into action. God created us under HIS grace, created in perfection. Each time we buck against HIS authority HIS grace plan is there to help guide us back – this plan was established and completed in eternity past, including the work on the Cross. \

/The rebellion of mankind and the rejection of BD is seen repeatedly in each Dispensation and all stages under their umbrella. God comes in each time to disrupt, warn and then judge mankind with a gentle hand of grace that allows mankind the opportunity to turn back toward HIM. This will carry right into the end of the last Dispensation, the Millennium Reign of Christ on earth. \