James #85

The doctrine of dispensations

Please keep Michele in prayer she has another medical procedure tomorrow.

I am telling you as a dogmatic statement of fact, that the doctrine of dispensations - including the Church age and rapture of the church, is the accuracy of the Word. It is all part of the design of GOD from eternity past and it is under precise, theological teaching of mystery doctrine.

This last portion of this series, will leave no shadow of a doubt - if the rest of the past 12 hours of teaching hasn’t yet proven that point.

In other words…my warning label as always, is do not cherry pick! Study the whole series and all the facts presented before you begin your argument and questions.

I am a firm believer the attacks against pre-trib dispensationalism is the lie, it is one avenue that reveals the whole of the Bible and Satan and his army are going to increase the attacks on it.

The latest waves of attacks come from Replacement theology, Covenant theology as well as Preterist viewpoint, meaning most end time events or prophecies have already been fulfilled.

Those lies are from the father of lies – they prove the point about the mystery doctrine we just completed;

/2Thes 2:7 **For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work**; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is removed. 8 **Then that lawless one will be revealed**, whom the Lord will eliminate with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;\

Those scriptures alone speak to the attacks on the CA and that happens until the rapture…both portions of mystery doctrine are seen right there (Vs 7 & 8)!

Open up into 1Timothy chapter one RF.

As you go into 1Timothy one, take note as I show you how the word dispensations, pops up in the teaching of the NT doctrines.

The doctrine of dispensations seen in;

/1Cor 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast *about,* for **I am under compulsion; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel**. 17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, **I have been entrusted with a commission (*oikonomia)***  *nonetheless\*

Though the Corinthians had the wealth they did not always financial support the Apostle Paul. Here, he told them, I still have my commission from CHRIST. I have to teach mystery doctrine of the CA, pertaining to dispensations no matter what.

IT IS MY STEWARDSHIP, it is my office right now in this current Church Age.

/Eph 1:10 **regarding *His* plan (*oikonomia)* of the fullness of the times**, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

The plan of God the Father has dispensations, seen in the fullness of times – plural. There are ages, seasons and dispensations in the PLAN!\

They all come together in CHRIST, meaning after the death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session.

Then we have a completed canon of scripture to study and understand the whole plan.

/Eph 3:2 if indeed **you have heard of the administration (*oikonomia)* of God’s** grace which was given to me for you;

Eph 3:9 and **to enlighten all people as to what the plan (*oikonomia)* of the mystery is which for ages** has been hidden in God, who created all things;\

Those who tell you the word dispensation is not found in scripture are flat out wrong!

In fact, that word ages – *aiōn,* is used over 100x in NT teaching. Most the time that word meaning different time periods, a change of age or time as in eternity is used by TLJC!

/Col 1:25 I **was made a minister of this *church* according to the commission (*oikonomia)* from God** granted to me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out *the preaching of* the word of God, 26 *that is,* **the mystery which had been hidden from the *past* ages and generations**, but now has been revealed to His saints,\

When you see the terms ages and generations placed together - that is an absolute marker for different time periods.

You know the two congregations Timothy struggled with were Corinth and Thessalonica – both predominantly Greek congregations. In Corinth they really disrespected is authority, in fact, Titus was sent in to deal with both of those congregations.

Here Timothy is still be groomed for pastor-teacher and has done a good job with the group from Ephesus.

/1Tim 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus **according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus**, *who is* our hope,

The Apostle Paul was commissioned by our LORD. He was calculated into the plan by the Divine Decree, to be the last and 12th apostle for the foundation of the Church Age.\

[1Ti 1:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/1/2/s_1120002) To Timothy, my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Apostle Paul had a fatherly affection for Timothy.

[/1Ti 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/1/3/s_1120003) Just as I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, to remain on at **Ephesus so that you would instruct certain people not to teach strange doctrines** (*heterodidaskaleō)*,

This is again was a time of the building up of the Gnostic movement which was a spreading cancer. They keep teaching opposition to the truth.\

HET-DERA-DEE-DOSCA-LAY-A, is written in the Greek present tense, they kept on teaching and building upon false doctrines. One of the Greek root words is HET-OR-US - is where we get the word heretic from in the English language.

Meaning someone who speaks out lies and stands in strong opposition to truth.

[/1Ti 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/1/4/s_1120004) nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to useless speculation **rather than *advance* the plan**(*oikonomia)***of God,** which is by faith, *so I urge you now.*

The grace plan of GOD is found in understanding the doctrine of dispensations. \

The Apostle Paul also points out the skewed teachings that the Judaizers had fallen into since the Babylon Talmud was implemented.

/ 1Tim 1:4 - *nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies-*

The Gnostics were one problem, yet the Judaizers were also pressing their narrative. In some cases, they began to blend together. The myths and genealogies spoke to the lies and false teachings coming forth from the Babylonian Talmud – which began a movement known as the Kabbala.\

This was truly a foundational period for Jewish mysticism. It began many years early, some claim it began while in Babylonian captivity, which is what I believe as well.

/Kabbala or Qabalah, is Jewish mysticism. The earliest roots of Kabbala are traced to Merkava mysticism (Babylon). It began to flourish in Palestine in the 1st century and it relates to deeper knowledge concerning angelic presence and powers. Many claim it is hidden wisdom handed down even through Moses and written in books like Ezekiel. This became the Blood, Sex, Money, Magick rituals introduced into the dark centuries (900-1500 AD).\

I have mentioned this several times in my teachings – there was infiltration and counterfeit seeds of Satan, woven into Israel during the end of Babylonian Captivity.

Truly it has been around since the worship of the serpent culture from the family of Cain.

In fact, several times in ancient history, the 12 tribes of Israel allowed foreigners who were followers of demonic practices into their fold.

This happened to the Levitical priesthood during Babylonian captivity. It became the last straw broken that destroyed the Levitical order.

It was loosely regathered during the Persian Empire period, yet it was badly tainted after the Babylonian Captivity period.

 REPEAT

Not all of the Sanhedrin were true bloodline Israelites. For that matter many who claimed to be of a certain tribe of Israel were not always who they said they were.

1Ti 1:5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* a sincere faith.

[/1Ti 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/1/6/s_1120006) **Some people have strayed** from these things and **have turned aside to fruitless discussion,**

We see this today, we see it in many denominations and Christian movements who do not adhere to true Biblical studies.\

[1Ti 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ti/1/7/s_1120007) wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

/Today we have teaching that the church replaces Israel. That end time events have already occurred; Tribulation – 70 AD, the desecration of the temple (abomination of Desolation) occurred 165 BC followed by the Maccabean revolt. There are several examples of this as well as confusion about the Tribulation right now and how the Millennial reign will only happen when WE set the tone of righteousness on earth.\

There is teaching that Israel was wiped out and that America and Europeans are the true lost tribes of Israel.

There is teaching that the ancient HEBREW text is the only valid way to study and speak in prayer. It is the only guide into having any spiritual momentum, we must use the exact Hebrew language.

If that is true, then we all have problems.

A study into the Tower of Babel would then lead you to believe that GOD is the author of confusion and HE set us all up for failure, with the creation of dozens of languages in a moment of time.

 REPEAT

The plan of GOD created the doctrine of dispensations; it is at the core of the Divine Decree. It was designated to unfold in a set of time periods and offices such as prophet, priest, apostle and pastors.

Each one had more information and had specific teachings that had to be presented for that administration and dispensation.

/Heb 1:1 God, after **He spoke long ago** to the fathers in the prophets **in many ways** (*polymerōs)*, 2 **in these last days** (*hēmera)***has spoken to us in *His* Son**, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world.

Various times, in select portions and helpings, or pieces to make a larger whole. The last periods of time, a specific time – dark, light or even a season. \

POL-UM-A-ROS, this means in sections or portions. It can mean periods of time and segments.

HAY-MAY-LA, does not simply imply a day, it points to periods of day, such as noon time, dusk or dawn. It has one root word in the Greek used for the term seasons.

/In every age or dispensation, the plan of God operates through a specific agency. The first one was a Gentile age that ended when Abram became the father of Israel. The last one was Israel; we are now in the age of the Church. In the Millennium Christ is the ruler on earth, that is the last dispensation/age. Salvation has always been the same in every dispensation: personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as He is revealed in that dispensation.\

One great example I always thought about was the exact way a military flag is folded – it is a very precise, 13 step folding process that has deep meaning.

If it is not followed in the right folding order, that flag will not be displayed with the stars in the exact triangle-shaped, perfect finished product.

 /A dispensation is a period of human history with seasons of rebellion and repentance, discipline and redemption. Each age has a set of divine revelations, as well as standards that must be fulfilled. In essence, a dispensation is designed as God’s interpretation of human history as well as the divine plan for man related to the time they live in.\

The Believer’s orientation to truth and time is necessary to understand God’s plan, and therefore understanding God’s plan - means spiritual growth occurs and then a true understanding of God’s purpose for mankind, angels and even our own personal sense of destiny.

 REPEAT

/Dispensations have been taught from the point of the Parables of our LORD, into all the teachings of the New Testament. John Nelson Darby and C.I. Scholfield did not create the pre-trib dispensational doctrines. That is a lie easily debunked by deeper studies into the NT teachings of Jesus and Paul. One solid reference book to wipe out this lie was written in 2015–

‘DISPENSATIONALISM BEFORE DARBY’

By William C. Watson. \

Dr. William Watson was a Professor of History at Colorado Christian University. His degrees are from Cal Poly (BA History, 1976), Talbot Seminary (MDiv, 1979), University of California Riverside (MA European History, 1981 & PhD English History, 1995). He served in the Army as a linguistic expert covering several languages.

He passed away in 2020 – this book blows the John Nelson Darby theory out of the water!

In closing, let us look at who has taught dispensations and the pre-trib rapture after the apostles.

/Clement of Rome (considered the 1st pope/bishop of RCC) in 95-98 AD, he wrote about the called-out body of the Church and the coming rapture of that body. He did so while the Apostle John was getting off the Island of Patmos.

The Greek Bishop Irenaeus, wrote and taught about the pre-trib rapture, also on the interruption of Israel for the BODY of the church of Christ (135-180 AD).\

One interesting fact about most of these early RCC leaders, they all got exiled or were martyred for their teachings.

/Bishop Cyprian (3rd century) often wrote and taught (250-258 AD) about aspects of dispensations and the rapture to come. A Latin expert in writing and speech.

Victorinus, a Roman and Greek teacher and writer for the RCC. A type of scribe, an expert in languages and writing. He wrote about the pre-trib rapture of the BODY of Christ, noting the difference from the Nation of Israel (270 AD).\

There are several others I have read about or heard about, but I did not find enough information to make me feel comfortable enough to stand by them.

The book Dr. William C. Watson wrote will give a you a great list of dispensational teachers from the dark ages, long before John Nelson Darby was born.

/Gerard Segarelli, the founder of the Apostolic Brethren from Northern Italy (1240-1300 a.d.) was a staunch teacher of dispensations and pre-trib rapture. He was rejected by RCC leaders and later was burned at the stake for blasphemy against the church.\