

## Section 15–Dispensationalism

*Definition: A dispensation is a distinguishable economy in the outworking of God's purpose whereby man is responsible to be a good steward of that particular revelation which God has entrusted to him in any given period of human history.*

1. Today God is visiting Gentiles (nations) for what purpose (Acts 15:14)? \_\_\_\_\_

[Note: The word "Church" [Greek-**ekklesia**] means "an assembly of called-out ones"].

2. T or F According to Ephesians 3:5 and Colossians 1:26, the truths concerning the Church were clearly revealed in the Old Testament.

3. To which man in particular did God make known the mystery of the Church as the unique body of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-4; compare Ephesians 1:1)? \_\_\_\_\_ Therefore we would expect to find most of our information concerning the Church in:

- A. the five books of Moses.
- B. the Psalms.
- C. the gospels.
- D. the letters of Paul.

4. The word "mystery" as it is used in the New Testament refers to truth that was previously hidden and unrevealed by God but is now made known to believers by the Holy Spirit. These New Testament mysteries generally involve some aspect of Church truth:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. _____ The mystery of Israel's partial blindness during the out-calling of the Church.</li><li>2. _____ The mystery of Godliness, that is, God manifesting himself in and through His Church which He indwells and which is the pillar and base of the truth. Concerning the incarnation, God was manifesting Himself in a Body ("God was manifested in the flesh"). So also today God is manifesting Himself in a body--the body of Christ which is the Church.</li><li>3. _____ The mystery of the rapture ("catching up") of the Church when living believers will be translated so as to not see physical death.</li><li>4. _____ The mystery of Jews and Gentiles being fellow-members of the same body, the Church.</li><li>5. _____ The mystery of the Church as the Wife of Christ vitally united with its Head and Husband (the Lord Jesus Christ).</li><li>6. _____ The mystery of the living Christ indwelling a body, which is the Church.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Ephesians 5:30-32</li><li>B. Colossians 1:26-27</li><li>C. Ephesians 3:4-6</li><li>D. Romans 11:25</li><li>E. I Corinthians 15:51-52 and compare 1 Thess. 4:13-18</li><li>F. 1 Timothy 3:15-16</li></ol>
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5. List the 3 divisions of mankind as found in the world today (1 Cor. 10:32):

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ (Jews and Gentiles who are saved)

6. Is a believer living today under the law (Romans 6:14)? \_\_\_\_\_ What is he under (Rom. 6:14)? \_\_\_\_\_ Does this mean we are free to sin (Romans 6:15-18)? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Should the believer living today offer animal sacrifices according to the law of Moses (Hebrews 10:1-18)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What does the Bible tell us about the law of Moses or the Old Covenant:

1) _____ It is old and ready to vanish away.	A. 2 Corinthians 3:11
2) _____ We are no longer under it.	B. 2 Corinthians 3:13; Ephesians 2:15
3) _____ It is not faultless.	C. Galatians 3:24-25
4) _____ It is taken away that a New Covenant might be established.	D. Hebrews 7:18-19
5) _____ A disannulling is necessary because it is weak and unprofitable and made nothing perfect.	E. Hebrews 8:6-8
6) _____ It is abolished.	F. Hebrews 8:13
7) _____ It is done away.	G. Hebrews 10:9

9. T or F The purpose of the law is to save and justify. Eternal life is obtained by keeping God's commandments, and it is only in doing this that the sinner can be saved (Galatians 2:16; 2:21; 3:10-11).

10. T or F The purpose of the law is to show man his sin (that he is a guilty lawbreaker who is in desperate need of a Saviour)--Romans 3:19-20 and Romans 7:7.

11. T or F Just as a chain is broken even if only one of its links is broken, so God's law is broken even if man only breaks one commandment. The person who breaks only one of the 10 commandments is a lawbreaker just as much as a person who breaks all 10 of them (James 2:10-11).

12. How was Abraham saved or justified (Genesis 15:5-6 and Romans 4:1-3)?

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How are people living today saved or justified (Romans 4:4-5 and Ephesians 2:8-9)?

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13. Has God cast off His people, the nation of Israel (Romans 11:1)? \_\_\_\_\_ Will there come a day when Israel as a nation will be saved and will recognize Christ as their Messiah (Romans 11:25-26; Zechariah 12:10; 13:6-9; Matthew 23:37-39)? \_\_\_\_\_

14. In order for the LORD to cast off the children of Israel and break His promises to them, what would man have to do? (see Jeremiah 31:37) \_\_\_\_\_

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[Note: The enemies of the Jews had better start digging! Or else, they had better develop better telescopes!]

15. How do we know that God will keep His promises to the nation Israel (Numbers 23:19)? \_\_\_\_\_

***God has carefully worked out His plans so that men who live in time have the opportunity to know God. At the same time God makes known more of His written Word and the outworking of each condition which mankind lives under so that ALL mankind is without excuse.***