

The Seven Dispensations

Ephesians 1:9-10, 3:2-6

1. **First Dispensation:** From Adam to Noah.

A. Ten Generations from Adam to Noah

1. Men lived for hundreds of years. **Gen. 5**

2. All men and animals were vegetarians. **Gen. 1:29-30**

Note (a) In the 7th dispensation God will revert animals' eating style back to what it was before the flood. **Isa. 11:6-7; 65:25**

B. Men began to fall away from God.

Gen. 6:5, 7-13 So God sent the flood.

2. **The Second Dispensation:** From Noah to Abraham.

A. All human race comes from the three sons of Noah. **Gen. 10:1**

B. Mankind and all animals' eating style was changed. **Gen. 9:3-4**

Note: Concerning "the earth is warming" fears:

See Gen. 8:22; Psa. 119:90-91; II Peter 3:7

C. The building of the Tower of Babylon. **Gen. 11:1-2, 4-9**

The scattering of the people.

3. **The Third Dispensation:** From Abraham to Moses.

Gen. 11:31; Gen. 12:1-3, 7

A. **Gen. 12:3** "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Through Jesus Christ. This truth is recorded 6 times in the Bible.

B. **Gen. 13:15, 17** Palestine was promised to Abraham and the Jewish people. **Gen. 35:9, 11-12**

4. **The Fourth Dispensation:** From Moses to the Babylonian captivity: Most of the Old Testament was written during this time.