

# DISPENSATIONS

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## BEGIN LESSON 1

### I. Dispensations Introduction

#### A. 4-Main persons in the Bible

1. God the Father
2. God the Son
3. God the Holy Spirit
4. Satan, the Devil

#### B. 3-Main places & peoples

1. Heaven, Earth, and Hell
2. Jews, Gentiles (anyone who is not Jewish), and members of the “Body of Christ”

#### C. The Bible

1. Composed over a period of 1600 + years (B.C. 1492 to A.D. 100)
2. 66 books: 39 O.T. & 27 N.T.
3. 40 authors
  - a. Kings – David & Solomon
  - b. Statesmen – Daniel & Nehemiah

- c. Priest – Ezra
  - d. Herdsman – Amos
  - e. Learned men – Moses
  - f. Skilled in the law – Paul
  - g. Fishermen – Peter, James, John
  - h. Doctor – Luke
  - i. Tax Collector – Matthew
  - j. Prophet – Isaiah
4. Was written in locations such as:
- a. Wilderness of Sinai
  - b. Cliffs of Arabia
  - c. Hills & towns of Palestine
  - d. Courts of the temple
  - e. The schools of the prophets at Bethel & Jericho
  - f. The palace of Shushan in Persia
  - g. On the banks of river Chebar in Babylon
  - h. The dungeons of Rome
  - i. On the lonely island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea

#### D. 3-ways to get fouled-up in scripture study

1. Misinterpretation – wrong understanding of the scripture
2. Misapplication – applying the wrong way
3. Dislocation – putting it in the wrong place and time

#### E. Inspiration & authority

1. **2 Pet 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
2. **2 Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**
3. The permanence of God's Word
  - a. **Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**
  - b. **Isa. 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**
  - c. **Matt. 5:17-18 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 5:18 For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

## **F. Purpose of our study:**

To better understand God's eternal plan for man and the reason for His present and future method of dealing with man.

**2 Tim. 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

The study of the Bible from a dispensational perspective is one way of examining the scriptures, but is not the only way to divide the word of God. Another method is to study the scriptures from the perspective of God's covenant relationship with Israel and the body of Christ. In this course we examine the dispensational perspective.

## **II. TIME & ITS DIVISIONS**

### **A. Three divisions of time**

**Alpha = (beginning)**

1. Past (Eph. 3:5-6, Col. 1:26)

**Eph 3:5-6 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

**Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:**

2. Present (Gal. 1:4)

**Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:**

3. Future (Matt. 12:32, Eph. 1:21)

**Mat 12:32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.**

**Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

Omega = (end)

## END LESSON 1

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 1

1. **T or F** A “gentile” is a person who is not Jewish.
2. **T or F** The Bible was composed over a period of more than 1600 years with approximately 40 different authors who wrote as they were inspired by the Holy Spirit.
3. **T or F** The purpose of our study is summed up in 2 Timothy 3:14.
4. & 5. The two scripture references that speak to the inspiration and authority of the scriptures are (place an X next to your answers):
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Timothy 2:15;
  - \_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_ 2 Timothy 3:16;
  - \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:16
  - \_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_ 2 Peter 1:21
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Peter 3:16

## BEGIN LESSON 2

### B. Key translation of the term “world”

We often see the term “world” in scripture. It is translated most often from the Greek terms: Aion or Kosmos. These two words carry differing meanings:

1. Aion should be translated as “age”. Some examples where the word “world” is translated from Aion and would be better translated as “age” are:  
Matt. 24:3, 13:39-40, 13:22, Gal. 1:4, 2Cor. 4:4, Heb. 12:2, 11:3

**Mat 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

**Mat 13:39-40 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

**Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

2. Kosmos, which is translated as “world”, carries the meaning of a “society” or “social order”. Examples are: Matt. 4:8, 2 Peter 3:5-6).

**Mat 4:8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;**

**2 Pet 3:5-6 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:**

### **III. A DISPENSATION**

- A. The term “dispensation” comes from the Greek word “*olkonomia*” which is used in the sense of:

"The management of a certain household." We define it in the following way: A dispensation is a **period of time** during which man is tested in respect to his obedience to some specific revelation of the will of God.

A dispensation is viewed as not being divided by time but rather by God’s manner of dealing with man.

## **IV. Major Dispensations**

- A. Dispensation of Innocence (Gen. 1:26 - 3:24) Edenic dispensation**
  - 1. Began with God's command for man to rule over the restored Earth to His expulsion from the Garden of Eden.
  - 2. Its length is not known but we speculate that it was not very long.
- B. Dispensation of Conscience (Antediluvian dispensation) (Gen. 4:1 - 8:14)**
  - 1. From the fall of man in Eden to the flood of Noah.
  - 2. Antediluvian means before the flood. Ante = before diluvian=flood
  - 3. 1,656 years in length
- C. Dispensation of Human Government (Post-Diluvian dispensation) (Gen. 8:15 - 11:9)**
  - 1. From the flood to the call of Abraham. (427 years)
- D. Dispensation of Promise (Patriarchal dispensation) (Gen. 11:10 - Ex 12:51)**
  - 1. From the call of Abraham to the exodus from Egypt by Moses. (430 years)
- E. Dispensation of the Law the legal dispensation (Ex 12:1 - Mt 4:1)**
  - 1. From exodus by Moses to the preaching by Jesus. (1,761 years)
- F. Dispensation of Grace – Ecclesiastical dispensation (Mt 23:1 - Rev. 19:10)**
  - 1. From the first coming to the second coming.
- G. Dispensation of Divine Government – Messianic dispensation (Rev 20:1 - 15)**
  - 1. 1,000-year period specified by God.
  - 2. From the second coming of Christ to the last rebellion by man and Satan.
- H. Final Dispensation - Age of Ages**
  - 1. Eternity with God. Rev. 21 & 22

## **V. Creative Ages**

### **A. Definition:**

All the time the Lord spent creating. Gen. 1:1 to 2:25. It lasted from the beginning of creation (time unknown) until the completion of creation on the sixth day Gen. 2:25.

### **B. Some scriptures that show God's hand in creation:**

Psalm 8:3-8, 90:2, 95:5, 19:1, 102:25; Isaiah 40:26, 45:12, 48:13, and Proverbs 26:10. This is important so that we understand that creation has purpose and design originating with God and was not merely the result of some explosion of matter in

space. We exist by God's own design and everything that has substance has its origin in Him. A couple of examples from the preceding list are:

**Psalms 8:3-8 (KJV) When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 8:5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 8:7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8:8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.**

**Psalms 95:5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.**

## **VI. Five Main Ages**

Dispensationalists as we have seen, divide the bible into periods of time in which God deals with His creation according to whatever guidelines He has established. Some dispensational believers promote a theory known as the "Gap Theory". A **THEORY** is simply someone's belief or way of looking at a matter that is not proven fact. In other words: a **THEORY** is not proven to be true but merely is a way in which some people may attempt to explain certain events. We present the basics of the "Gap Theory" in this study so the student can be aware of the theory should someone ask them about it in the future. I would personally add that though the theory is somewhat interesting it has little basis in known fact and often uses scriptures out of context, which can lead to misinterpretation. It is not my intention to encourage anyone to teach this theory to the general congregation (in fact I would encourage that it not be taught) or to accept it for anything more than it is – a theory!

**A. Some Dispensationalists divide time into 5 periods referred to as "ages". They are:**

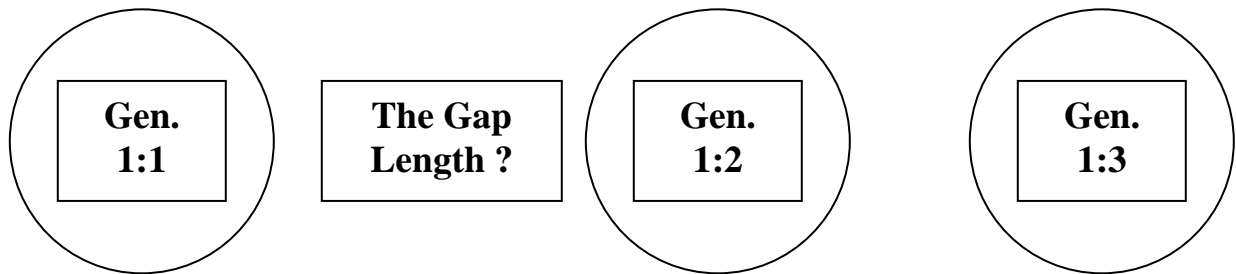
1. Ante-chaotic Age (Ante=before Chaotic=chaos)
2. Antediluvian Age (Ante=before Diluvian=the flood)
3. Present Age
4. Age to come
5. Age of Ages

**B. The Gap Theory as part of the Ante-chaotic Age**

1. **The Gap Theory** – believes prior to the earth being as we see it described in Genesis 1:3 to 2:25 that God created it perfect in Genesis 1:1 and put life on

it under the leadership of Lucifer (another name for Satan). Some time thereafter, due to the corruption of that society and the rebellion of one-third of the angels led by Lucifer, God brought judgment against the earth and all that were a part of the rebellion. This judgment is pictured by Genesis 1:2 where we find the earth in “chaos” covered by water and darkness, signs of judgment.. The Gap Theory gets it’s name from the idea that there is a lengthy gap of time between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 during which Lucifer’s kingdom on earth existed. The earth we live on today, according to the “Gap Theory” is a “**recreation**” of the original matter that existed when Lucifer ruled the earth. The Gap Theory also suggests that demons are the disembodied spirits of those life forms that lived on the earth during Lucifer’s reign. Keep in mind this is a **THEORY** and not a proven fact.

**Genesis 1:1-3 (KJV) <sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**  
<sup>2</sup> **And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.**  
**And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**  
<sup>3</sup> **And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**



**The Earth Created Perfect**

**The Judgment**

**The Recreation**

## **END LESSON 2**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 2**

- 1. T or F** The Greek term “Aion” is often translated as the word “world” when a better translation would be the word “age”.
- 2. T or F** The Greek term “Kosmos” is often translated as “age” when a better translation would be “world”.
- 3. The word “Dispensation” comes from the Greek word *olkonomia* meaning “the management of a certain household.”**



4. **T or F** Those who accept the Gap Theory believe that there was life on the earth prior to the creation of Adam and Eve.

5. **T or F** Dispensationalists divide “time” into 7 divisions referred to as “ages”.

### **BEGIN LESSON 3**

- a. Christ is the member of the divine trinity which acted as Creator (Gen. 1:1 with John 1:1-3)

**Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

**John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

- b. Gap Theory proponents rely heavily on their translation of Isaiah 45:18:

**Isa 45:18 (KJV) For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.**

The Hebrew word that is used here for “in vain” is “tohu” which they translate as meaning “empty”, so the phrase would seem to indicate that the earth was originally not created empty. However, it should be noted that “tohu” has other meaning that could be just as applicable, such as: without form, worthless, waste, or desolate. Using any of these other terms would not draw the same implication as promoted in the Gap Theory. In fact, if we look carefully at the verse we see that it states that God “formed it to be inhabited” which as we know by our own presence, it is inhabited.

Gap Theory proponents use the following verses to suggest that God creates everything perfect and thus when He spoke the earth into existence it was originally created in a perfect state, and not as we see it in Genesis 1:2, without form and void under darkness (as biblical type of judgment).

**Deut 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.**

**Psa 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.**

**Ecc 3:11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.**

As you can see from a simple reading of these passages, to use them as the basis of teaching that God creates everything perfectly in its original state is certainly using scripture out of the context in which it was originally meant, and drawing conclusions that most likely were never intended.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 clearly states that God has made everything beautiful “**in his time**” which could also be taken to mean over a period of time.

As we have seen, the Gap Theory promotes the idea that the original creation of the earth was “not in vain” or “not empty” and that God creates everything perfect. Even Lucifer was created perfect (Ezek. 28:12-15).

**Ezekiel 28:12-15 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

Genesis 1:2 says the earth was void=empty and without form. This would seem to contradict unless, as the Gap Theory states, we realize there is a “Gap of time” between Gen. 1:1 and Gen. 1:2.

- c. The Gap Theory says that the word "**was**" in Gen. 1:2 is from verb "**to become**" not "to be" thus they believe the earth became empty but was not originally so.
- d. Therefore the Gap Theory teaches the following sequence:
  - (I) 1st creation dateless past (Isa. 45:18) and (Gen. 1:1).
  - (II) Judgment on earth and destruction of the first life forms, social order, or society (Gen. 1:2)
  - (III) The recreation of life on earth beginning in Gen. 1:3

2. Another passage used to substantiate their view is II Peter 3:5-7, the "**world that then was**":

**2 Pet 3:5-7 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

- a. The Gap theory examines this passage in the context that it describes an event that took place at some point between Gen. 1:1 and Gen. 1:3 as a result of rebellion against God by the life forms that first existed on the earth which Lucifer corrupted. Their reasoning follows:
- b. "**By the Word of God the heavens were of old**". This speaks of God speaking the original matter and materials into existence out of which He formed the heavens and the earth.
- c. "**And the earth standing out of the water and in the water**". This according to the Gap Theory shows the original creation of the earth as "standing out of the water" or stated in another way as being "dry land" not created all wet as we see in Genesis 1:2, but dry, then flooded and later restored to a dry state (Gen. 1:9-10)

**Gen 1:9-10 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.**

- d. "**Whereby the world that then was**". The term "**world**" here is the Greek word "**Kosmos**" meaning "**social order**" or "**society**". Which indicates an organized group of beings such as the human societies we live in today. This society is often referred to as the "pre-adamite" society, which means "before Adam". This suggests the possibility of life on earth prior to the creation of man and woman as we know today.

- e. **"Being overflowed with water, perished"**. This refers to their supposition that the pre-adamite world totally perished in a global flood pictured in Gen. 1:2 as the result of God bring judgment on Lucifer, the angels who followed Lucifer, and the life forms which they ruled over.

The Gap Theory believes that Jer. 4:23-26 is a reference by the prophet to the state of the earth's existence after judgment was brought to the pre-adamite civilization. Jeremiah says he saw that there was no man, bird, or any other life left after this flood, Jer. 4:23-26.

**Jer 4:23-26 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 4:24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. 4:25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 4:26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger.**

- f. **"But the heavens and the earth, which are now by the by the same word are kept in store"**. According to the gap theory, the earth here is spoken of as it has been since Gen. 1:3-2:25 as the earth has not changed in the sense of being completely void – empty since the judgment of Gen. 1:2. They reason that in the flood of Noah there was life preserved, both animal and human.
- g. **"Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men"**. This refers to the present earth being renovated by fire (see II Peter 3:10-13) at a future point in time. This happens prior to the New Heaven and New Earth being established in (Rev. 21:1 - 22:5).

**2 Pet 3:10-13 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

**Before moving on, it should be noted that most bible teachers explain 2 Peter 3:5-7 as a reference to the flood of Noah.**

**END LESSON 3**

## QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 3

1. **T or F** According to the **GAP THEORY** Isaiah 45:18 should translate the Hebrew word “tohu” as “empty”.
2. **T or F** Proponents of the **GAP THEORY** suggest that God created the earth in a state of chaos as seen in Genesis 1:2.
3. **T or F** The proponents of the **GAP THEORY** suggest that there was life on the earth prior to the events that take place after Genesis 1:3.
4. **T or F** Those who believe in the **GAP THEORY** suggest that there is a **GAP** of time between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.
5. **T or F** Proponents of the **GAP THEORY** suggest that the term “world” in 2 Peter 3:6 is translated from what Greek word **Kosmos**.
6. **T or F** Most bible teachers explain 2 Peter 3:5-7 as a reference to the flood of Noah.

## BEGIN LESSON 4

3. **In summary**, the Gap Theory states that there was a society in existence prior to the creation of Adam. This society or social order may have involved the angels of heaven or other beings or both. It also presents the possibility that Lucifer or Satan ruled over this social order until he led this group in rebellion against God because of his desire to be God (see Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” in Isa. 14:14-15 and Ezek. 28:11-14 passages we will study later). God casts Lucifer and his rebellious host out of heaven and back to the earth. Then in Gen. 1:2 we see the earth in a state of judgment as darkness and water cover the earth. Then as recorded in Gen. 1:3 – 2:25 we see God recreate the earth restoring it to its perfection placing man and woman in His garden.

### C. **The Antediluvian Age**    **Ante = Before**    **Diluvian = Flood**

1. From the flood of Lucifer (Gen. 1:2) to the flood of Noah (Gen. chapters 6-8)
2. Beginning of God's probationary dealings with man. Seven dispensations from **Gen. 1:26** to **Rev. 20:1**.
3. Adam is commanded to “**replenish**” the earth (Gen. 1:28). The word “replenish” is used in the King James translation. If this is the more correct translation from the original Hebrew then it would imply that Adam and Eve

were to “repopulate” the earth indicating that there was a previous form of life prior to their creation. This would give more support to the Gap Theory.

It should be noted that most other translations translate this verse to indicate that they were to simply be fruitful and multiply and **fill the earth** with **no** indication that they were to “**repopulate or replenish**” the earth. See the comparison of the three translations which follow:

**Gen 1:28 (KJV) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

**Gen 1:28 (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."**

**Gen 1:28 (NRSV) God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."**

#### **D. The Present Age**

1. From the flood of Noah (Gen. 6-8) to the second coming of Jesus Christ and the setting up of the millennium (Rev. 19:11-20:7)
2. This includes the Church Age

#### **E. The Age to Come**

1. The millennium, 1000-year reign of Christ as King of the earth.
2. From the second coming of Jesus Christ at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21) to the New Heavens and New Earth (Rev. 21-22)

#### **F. The Age of the Ages**

1. Eternity, time without end
2. **Eph. 2:7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

## VII. THE DISPENSATION OF ANGELS

### A. Angels in General

1. The Gap Theory suggests that angels ruled over the earth and perhaps other planets (Col. 1:15-17) = Thrones and kingdoms in the heavens as well as on earth, visible and invisible. Whether they did or not we do know that they are servants of God, often referred to as “messengers”, and that a number of them rebelled with Satan.

**Col 1:15-17** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:** all things were created by him, and for him: 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

2. They are free moral agents (in that they have the capacity of “choice”).
3. The Bible teaches that 1/3 of the angels followed Satan in rebellion against God. Rev. 12: 3-12; Matt. 25:41

**Rev 12:3-12** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.



**Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

4. God charged some of His angels with folly. Job 4:18

**Job 4:18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants; and his angels he charged with folly:**

## **END LESSON 4**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 4**

1. **T or F** The GAP THEORY suggests that angels ruled over the earth at some time in eternity past.
2. **T or F** The scriptures teach that  $\frac{1}{4}$  (one fourth) of the angels rebelled against God with Lucifer.
3. **T or F** Angels as God's creation often serve as "messengers" and are not free moral agents having freedom of choice.
4. **T or F** The term "Antediluvian Age" refers to a time period after the flood of Noah.

## **BEGIN LESSON 5**

5. In 1 Cor. 6:3 it is stated that the redeemed will judge angels.

**1 Cor 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?**

**B. Lucifer reigns over the earth.** Lucifer (Satan) was created as an anointed angel, and was perfect in his ways until he sinned through his own pride.

1. King of Tyrus (Ezek. 28:11-19) Here we see God speaking to an earthly King but we can tell from what is said that He is actually speaking to another individual as this earthly King could not have fulfilled these words. This is what is called the "law of double reference". Here God directs His words to an earthly King but in fact is speaking to an entirely different person, which in this case is Lucifer or Satan. Most likely Satan was controlling this earthly monarch or using him for his purposes. Thus God directs His words to Lucifer.

**Ezek 28:11-19 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the**



**Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.**

- a. The “law of double reference” - is when a visible creature is addressed (King of Tyre), but certain statements also refer to an invisible creature (Satan) as a tool.
- b. Another example (Matt. 16:22-23) when Christ rebuked Peter and Satan when addressing the visible Peter and invisible the Satan who was using Peter.

**Mat 16:22-23 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

## 2. Two Eden's

- a. Some believe there may have been more than one "Garden of Eden" with one being a part of the Pre-adamite society (Gap Theory) and the other during the time of Adam. The Eden referred to here in Ezek. 28:13 may have been the place where Lucifer ruled with perfection and wisdom. Those who believe it was different from the Eden of Adam do so because they suggest that "**Every precious stone**" was not believed to have been His covering in the Eden of Adam. However, this again is conjecture not proven fact.
- b. Gap Theory proponents suggest that the Eden of Adam is where we find Lucifer as Satan; already in a fallen state as he was cast to earth and was not ruling. He was no longer perfect as iniquity was found in him. He was no longer perfect in God's ways and in fact is doing his best to disrupt the purpose and plan of God.

### C. Facts which prove Ezek. 28:11-19 refers to Satan

1. That he was full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
2. He had been in Eden, The Garden of God
3. He was the ruler of Eden, not so in Adam's Eden
4. He was a created being; so it could only refer to Satan
5. That He was the anointed cherub that ruled and protected the earth
6. God had placed him in this position
7. Every precious stone was his covering
8. That his position was on the holy mountain of God and he walked up and down in the midst of the precious stones of fire.
9. That he was perfect in his ways until he exalted himself, as in Isa. 14:12-14 & I Tim. 3:6
10. He was created a perfect sinless angel.
11. That he became a sinner through pride
12. His beauty was the cause of his pride.
13. He became filled with violence by his "merchandise" as he was going, about accusing God and got others to rebel also.
14. He was cast out of the mountain of God and driven from his position of glory.
15. His wisdom was corrupted by reason of his brightness

16. He was cast down to the ground
17. He had a sanctuary, which he defiled. There probably was a long bitter feud between Satan and God until the final rebellion that God quickly put down.
18. Lucifer brought down to utter defeat. (fire bringing him to ashes is figurative showing defeat - as spirit cannot be consumed by fire).
19. These facts could only refer to Satan before Adam as Satan did not hold this position at the time of Adam.

#### **D. Lucifer ruled over nations Isaiah 14:12**

**Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**

Vs. 12 We see that Lucifer ruled over “**nations**” and did weaken them. “Nations” is from the Hebrew word “Goy” and is translated as = Gentiles, nations, peoples, heathen but is never translated as Angels. Thus if the Gap Theory is right Lucifer ruled over a social order that was more than angels.

#### **END LESSON 5**

#### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 5**

1. **T or F We, the redeemed will one day judge angels.**
2. **T or F Lucifer was created perfect.**
3. **T or F Lucifer was Satan’s name prior to his rebellion against God.**
4. **T or F The sin that caused Lucifer to fall was lust.**
5. **T or F The Hebrew word “Goy” is translated as “angel” or “messenger”.**

#### **BEGIN LESSON 6**

#### **E. Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” - Pride led to rebellion and Lucifer’s fall**

**Isa 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14:14 I will ascend**

**above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**

1. Reason for it: (Ezek. 28:17a; Isa. 14:12-15a) His heart was lifted up (pride) because of his beauty, brightness, authority, etc. From perfection to all that is imperfection (evil) Ezek. 28:15-17. Vs. 15 Lucifer was perfect in his obedience to God until iniquity (sin-evil-pride-rebellion) was found in him.
2. His 5 "I will's" **Isa. 14:12-15**
  - a. **"I will ascend into heaven"** - This tells us:
    - (I) Heaven was above the clouds vs. 13-14 as he had to "ascend" which is to rise above.
    - (II) Lucifer's kingdom was on earth below the clouds
  - b. **"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God"** vs. 13
    - (I) He wanted to overtake God's throne
    - (II) His throne shows he was a ruler
    - (III) "The stars of God" -- Stars of God could possibly refer to other angels which had thrones. Rev. 12:3-4
  - c. **"I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north"** vs.13
    - (I) North seems to be the location and direction of heaven from the earth. Psalms 75:6-7 indicates that promotion from God does not come from the east, south, or west. This may be so as heaven is located in the north.

**Psa 75:6-7 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 75:7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.**

- (II) Lucifer desired to sit on the throne, which was on the mountain where the congregation gathered to worship God. This would be the Holy mountain of God. (Ezek. 28:14)

**Ezek 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.**

- (III) Two possibilities as to the meaning of "mount of the congregation" vs. 13:
  - (A) It refers to the mount in heaven where God's throne is
  - (B) It refers to mount Zion from which Christ will rule

- d. **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.”** Vs. 14
- e. **“I shall be like the Most High”** vs. 14
  - (I) Lucifer wanted to be like God at the expense of God
  - (II) Notice also it was the same desire to be like God that caused the fall of man (Genesis 3:5). NOTE: that throughout History man in his fallen state has strived to become a god yet when we humble ourselves and accept Christ, God imparts His very being into our bodies in the form of His Holy Spirit who conforms us to the image of Christ. Thus we in a sense become like God without any effort on our part.

**Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

- 3. Warning against this type of feeling is given to man
  - a. 1 Tim. 3:6 - In describing the qualifications necessary to be a bishop of the church,, the Apostle Paul points out that a bishop must not be someone without experience lest he be easily lifted up in pride as was Lucifer and receive the condemnation of God that fell upon Lucifer and all men who are full of pride.

**1 Tim 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

- b. Proverbs 11:2 - Pride brings shame

**Prov 11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.**

#### **F. Lucifer cast out of heaven**

- 1. Ezek. 28:17 - Lucifer rebelled against God and he with his rebel angels are cast out of heaven (number of angels Rev. 12:4)

**Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

- 2. Isa. 14:12 - Lucifer was cast out of heaven and back to earth. This was likely done in the presence of the pre-Adamite nations (people) he ruled over. He was humiliated before them (Ezek. 28:17) and will be again in the future.

3. Luke 10:18 Christ refers to having seen Satan fall from Heaven

**Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

#### **G. Lucifer's fallen state**

1. From the above discussion we know that Lucifer was cast out of heaven by force after leading one third of the angels in heaven against God's throne
2. We also see that Satan was in a fallen state while residing in Adam's Eden as Satan was not ruling because Adam was given dominion (Genesis 1:26-30)
3. Although Satan had been cast out of heaven he could still return as we know he still goes before God to accuse us (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-8). Satan still has the ability to come before God's presence.

**Job 1:6-12 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 1:11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. 1:12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.**

#### **H. Satan now located in the atmosphere**

1. Eph. 2:2 Satan has the title of **“Prince of the power of the air”**

**Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

2. Eph. 6:11-12 **Spiritual wickedness in high places**

**Eph 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

3. Job 1:7 Satan walks the earth

**Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

4. Gen.. 1:6-8 Firmament restored (God did not say it was good) The only day in which God did not say that “it was good” perhaps this is because on that day as God created the atmosphere about the earth, Satan as the “Prince of the power of the air” made the atmosphere his abode.

**Gen 1:6-8 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.**

**END LESSON 6**

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 6

1. **T or F** From Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” we learn that he once had a “throne” indicating that he was a ruler.
2. **T or F** Satan or Lucifer (either name implies the same being) was ruling over the earth at the time God created Adam and Eve.
3. **T or F** Satan’s abode is now believed to be in the atmosphere surrounding the earth.
4. **T or F** Scripture indicates that Satan still has access to come before God and to walk the earth.
5. Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” are found in which book of the Bible:
  - A. Nehemiah,
  - B. Jeremiah,
  - C. Isaiah,
  - D. Hosea
6. From Lucifer’s 5 “I will’s” we learn that heaven is located in what direction from earth?
  - A. North,
  - B. South,

- C. East,
- D. West

## BEGIN LESSON 7

### I. The forces or members of Satan's Army

1. Phil. 2:9-11 gives us insight that there are creatures in heaven, in the earth, under the earth. All shall some day confess Christ.

**Phil 2:9-11** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **2:10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **2:11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**NOTE:** at this point in the class I normally take a session to diagram the compartments of the underworld. Showing that there are different compartments which lie beneath the crust of the earth's surface. These would include: **the grave** Gen. 50:5; **Tartarus** (Greek for the word "hell" used in 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 6) it is the prison of fallen angels; **Hell, Sheol or Hades** which all refer to the compartment which houses the wicked dead Luke 10:15, Rev. 20:14; **The Great Gulf** which separates the wicked dead from Paradise Luke 16:19-31.; **Paradise** (Abraham's Bosom Luke 16:22) which is now empty but used to house the souls of the dead who died having faith in the Messiah and are now in His presence having been led from their captivity as part of His resurrection Heb. 2:14-15, Matt. 12:40 and Luke 23:43 with Eph. 4:8-10; Jesus now has the keys of death and hell Rev. 1:18. **The Abyss or Bottomless Pit** Rev. 9:1-2, 20:1-3; and finally the **Lake of Fire** which is the final abode of all who fail to receive Jesus as their savior Rev. 20:10,14-15. Matt. 27:50-53 the graves were opened and believers bodily rose from the grave and walked the streets of Jerusalem at the death of Jesus perhaps as another sign of the power of Christ.

**Genesis 50:5 (KJV)** My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my **grave** which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

**2 Peter 2:4 (KJV)** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

**Jude 1:6 (KJV)** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**Luke 10:15 (KJV)** And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.



**Revelation 20:14 (KJV)** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**Luke 16:19-31 (KJV)** There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: <sup>20</sup> And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, <sup>21</sup> And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; <sup>23</sup> And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. <sup>26</sup> And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence. <sup>27</sup> Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: <sup>28</sup> For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. <sup>29</sup> Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. <sup>30</sup> And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. <sup>31</sup> And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

**Luke 16:22 (KJV)** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

**Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV)** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; <sup>15</sup> And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

**Matthew 12:40 (KJV)** For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Luke 23:43 (KJV)** And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

**Ephesians 4:8-10 (KJV)** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. <sup>9</sup> (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

**Revelation 1:18 (KJV)** *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**Revelation 9:1-2 (KJV)** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. <sup>2</sup> And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

**Revelation 20:1-3 (KJV)** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

**Revelation 20:10, 14-15 (KJV)** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

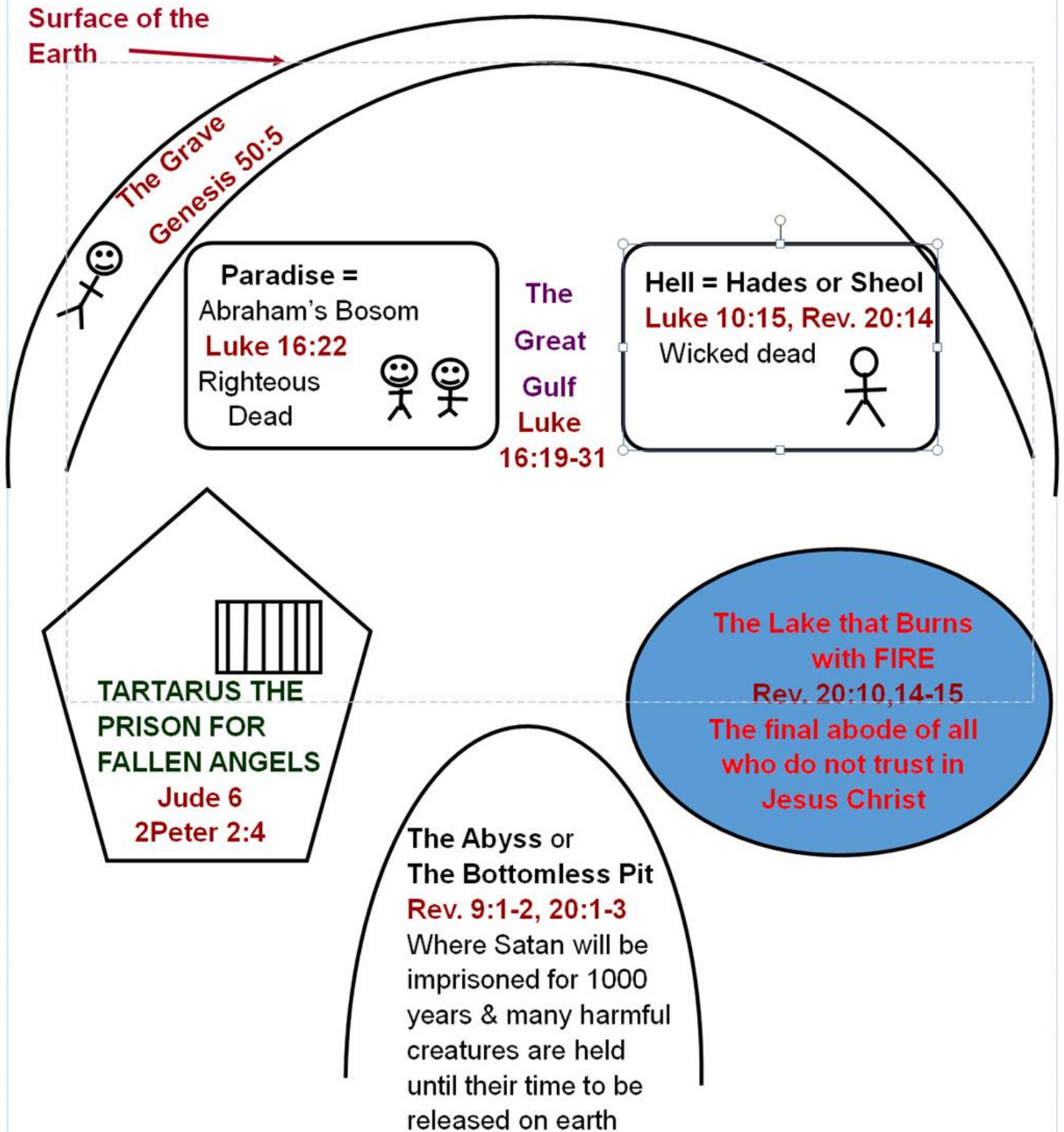
<sup>14</sup> And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

<sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Matthew 27:50-53 (KJV)** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

<sup>51</sup> And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; <sup>52</sup> And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, <sup>53</sup> And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

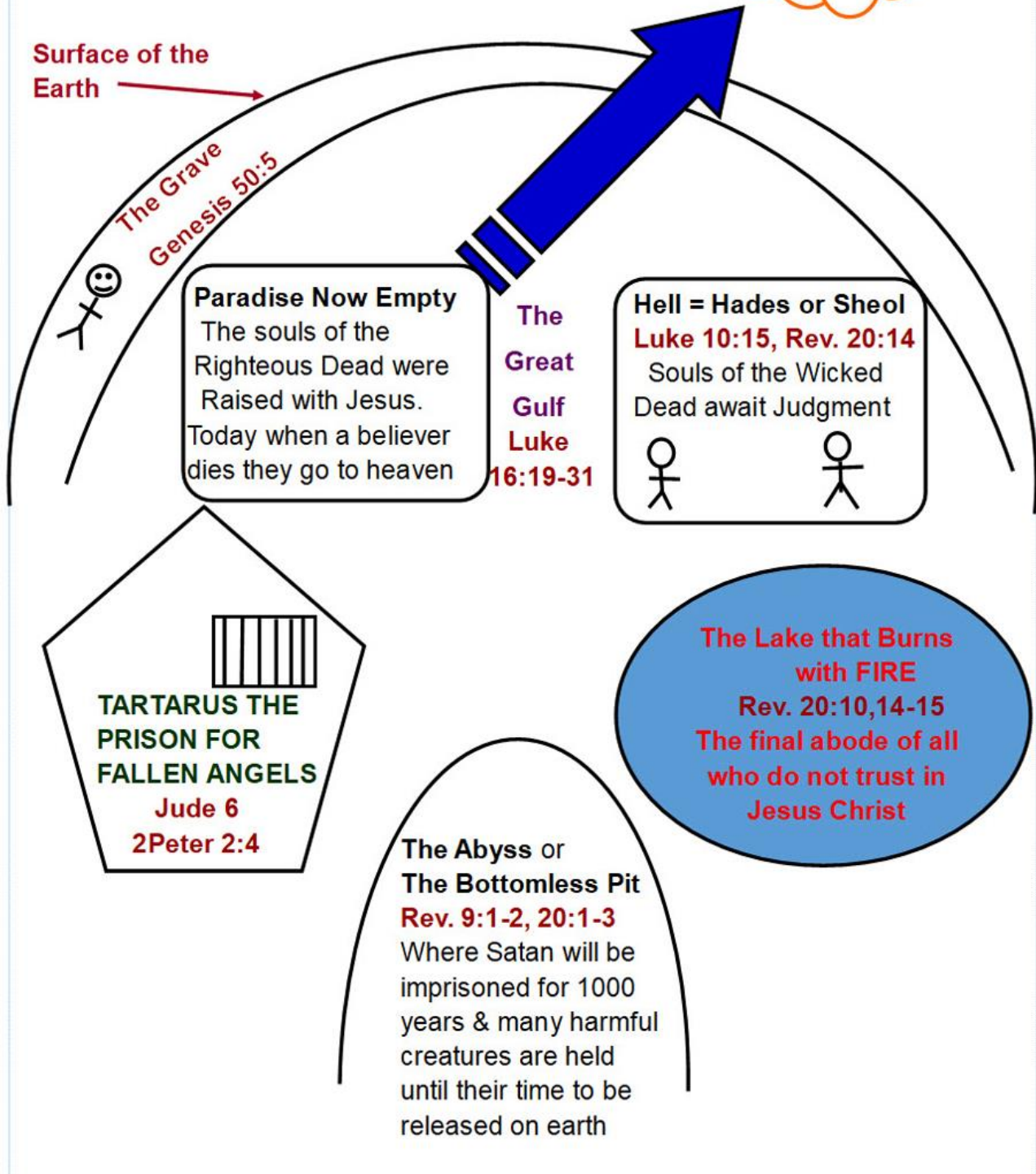
## The compartments of the under-world before the resurrection of Jesus Christ



**The compartments of the under-world  
AFTER the resurrection of Jesus Christ**



Surface of the Earth



## 2. Composition of Satan's forces

- a. Satan himself - leader and organizer
- b. Fallen angels - two kinds:

(I) Those bound (**G.P.F.M., Pg. 87**)

(A) Rev. 9:13-15 - four angels

**Rev 9:13-15 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.**

(B) Rev. 11:7 - Beast from bottomless pit

**Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.**

(C) 2 Peter 2: 4 - Angels that sinned – now in Tartarus

**2 Pet 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;**

(II) Those loose with Satan:

(A) Rev. 12:7-12 War in heaven  
Satan and his angels

**Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

(B) Eph. 6:12 - Power and principalities

**Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

- c. Devils or Demons (to be covered in detail later)

(I) Used once in reference to Judas when he became the adversary of Christ. (John 6:70)

**John 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?**



- (II) Used 34 other times in reference to Satan as the adversary of Christ
- (III) Used 76 other places when devil or devils are in reference to demons
- d. From the bottomless pit
  - (I) Locusts (Rev. 9:1-10)

**Rev 9:1-10** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

- (II) Horsemen 200,000,000 (Rev. 9:16-19)

**Rev 9:16-19** And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. 9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. 9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. 9:19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

- (A) These creatures had power to kill one-third of all men
- (B) Three ways they killed:
  - (1) Fire out of their mouths

- (2) By smoke out of their mouths
- (3) By brimstone out of their mouths
- (III) Notice - vs. 20-21 - Those left still did not repent

**Rev 9:20-21** And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

**END LESSON 7**

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 7

1. **T or F** Tartarus (one of the Greek words translated as “hell”) is the prison house of demons located beneath the earth.
2. **T or F** The Greek word “hades” is another word for “Abraham’s Bosom”.
3. **T or F** The “abyss” is another name for the “bottomless pit”.
4. **T or F** The scriptures indicate that there are 4 angels presently bound in the river Euphrates.

### BEGIN LESSON 8

#### **J. Devils: Unclean spirits called demons**

1. There are basically four beliefs on the origin of demons. Keep in mind that each is a theory and not a proven fact. The Bible does not tell us where demons have their origin.
  - a. Pre-Adamite – that they are , according to the Gap Theory, the disembodied souls of the beings who existed prior to Adam
  - b. Souls of fallen angels – this would seem to require that there were angels that had suffered death through some event. That such an event is not recorded makes this somewhat unlikely.
  - c. Souls of those destroyed in the flood of Noah
  - d. Souls of those destroyed at Sodom

2. Their powers are real: (Matt. 12:22, 15:22, Luke 4:35, 8:26-36, 9:42). They are spoken of 9 times in Old Testament as "familiar spirits" Lev. 19:31, 20:6 and are called "seducing spirits" by Paul in 1 Tim. 4:1.
3. Nature of demons (G.P.F.M., Pg. 88)
  - a. They are evil (Judges 9:23, 1 Sam. 18:9-10 &, 16:14-23, 19:9)

**Judg 9:23 (KJV) Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:**

- b. God sometimes permits evil spirits to trouble backsliders who persist in disobedience 1 Kings 22:21-23 or II Chron. 18:20-23)

**1 Ki 22:21-23 (KJV) And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. 22:23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.**

- c. They are intelligent and wise to where people depend upon their guidance (Acts 16:16-19). They are wise enough that people will heed them (I Tim. 4:1)

**Acts 16:16 (KJV) And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:**

- d. They are powerful - great strength (Mark 5:2-5)

**Mark 5:2-5 (KJV) And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 5:3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 5:4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.**

- e. They are not angels (Acts 23:8-9 shows a difference between a spirit or an angel.)



**Acts 23:8-9 (KJV) For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. 23:9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.**

Angels do have spirit bodies, but are not evil spirits or demons if their obedience is to God. We are also to realize that angels have the ability to manifest themselves in human form thus we are warned in Hebrews 13:2 that we should always be mindful of how we treat others as we may be entertaining angels not realizing it at the time.

**Heb 13:2 (KJV) Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.**

- f. Demons are not human, but can possess humans and can be cast out of humans (Matt. 10:5-8, also Mark 5:1-20) Notice here:
  - (I) Vs. 6 - The man wanted Christ (his will was still present)
  - (II) Vs. 7 - The chief demon knew Christ
  - (III) Vs. 7 - The demon knew his fate - "torment"
  - (IV) Vs. 9 - The chief demon's name was Legion
    - (A) Vs. 9 - For they (demons) were many
    - (B) Vs. 9 - A legion = 6000 demons
    - (C) Vs. 10 - legion asked Christ not to send them
- g. The demons or devils are distinct and separate personalities (Mark 16:9 -seven devils) (Mark 5:9 - name Legion)

**Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.**

**Mark 5:9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.**

- h. They have knowledge (Acts 19:15)

**Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?**

- i. They believe (James 2:19)

**James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

- j. They have feelings (Matt. 8:29)

**Mat 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?**

- k. They have fellowship (1 Cor. 10:20-21)

**1 Cor 10:20-21 But I say, that the things, which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. 10:21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.**

- l. They have their doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1)

**1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**

- m. They have a will (Matt. 12:43-45)

**Mat 12:43-45 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 12:44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

- n. They have miraculous powers (Rev. 16:13-16)

**Rev 16:13-16 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

- o. They have emotions (Acts 8:7)

**Acts 8:7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.**

- p. They have desires (Matt. 8:28-31)

**Mat 8:28-31** And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 8:30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

## END LESSON 8

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 8

1. **T or F** The scripture indicates that “demons” are the souls of those destroyed in the flood of Noah.
2. **T or F** Angels have the ability to manifest in human form.
3. **T or F** Demons need a body through which to manifest.
4. **T or F** The scripture indicates that the “devils” or “demons” believe that there is one God.

## BEGIN LESSON 9

4. Work of Demons (taken from God’s Plan for Man by Dake, Pg. 88-89)
  - a. They can be the cause of dumbness and deafness (Mark 9:25)

**Mark 9:25** When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

- b. They can be the cause of blindness (Matt. 12:22)

**Mat 12:22** Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

- c. They can be the cause of grievous vexation (Matt. 15:22)

**Mat 15:22** And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

d. They can be the cause supernatural strength (Mark 5:1-4)

**Mark 5:1-4** And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. **5:2** And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, **5:3** Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: **5:4** Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: **neither could any man tame him.**

e. They can be the cause of suicide Matt. 17:15

**Mat 17:15** Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed: for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

f. They can be the cause of fits (Mark 9:20)

**Mark 9:20** And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

g. They can be the cause of counterfeit worship (Lev. 17:7)

**Lev 17:7** And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. **This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.**

h. They can be the cause of error (1 John 4:1-6)

**1 John 4:1-6** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. **4:2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: **4:3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. **4:5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. **4:6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

- i. They can be the cause of sickness and disease (Matt. 4:23-24)

**Mat 4:23-24** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. **4:24** And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

- j. They can be the cause of deceptions (1 Tim. 4:1-2)

**1 Tim 4:1-2** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; **4:2** Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

- k. They can be the cause of lying (I Kings 22:21-24)

**1 Ki 22:21-24** And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. **22:22** And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. **22:23** Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. **22:24** But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

- l. They can be the cause of worldliness (1 Cor. 2:12)

**1 Cor 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

- m. They can be the cause of violence (Matt. 17:15)

**Mat 17:15** Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed: for often times he falleth into the fire, and often into the water.

- n. They can be the cause of jealousy (Saul of David 1 Sam. 16:14)

**1 Sam 16:14** But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

5. They also can:
  - a. teach (I Tim. 4:1)

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

- b. steal (Luke 8:12)

**Luke 8:12** Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

- c. fight (Eph. 6:10-13)

**Eph 6:10-13** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **6:11** Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. **6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- d. Tell fortunes (Acts 16:16)

**Acts 16:16** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

- e. Be familiar (Lev. 20:6, 27) In deception they are called "familiar spirits"

**Lev 20:6** And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

**Lev 20:27** A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

- f. Go out and come back unless rejected (Matt. 12:43-45)

**Mat 12:43-45** When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **12:44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and

**garnished.12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

**g.** travel (I Kings 22:21-22)

**1 Ki 22:21-22 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.**

**h.** speak (Mark 1:34, 5:12)

**Mark 1:34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.**

**Mark 5:12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.**

## **END LESSON 9**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 9**

- 1. T or F Demons can be the cause of many kinds of sicknesses and supernatural manifestations, but that does not mean that they are the cause in every situation.**
- 2. T or F The scriptures indicate that evil spirits, demons, or devils are terms used to describe the same kind of being.**
- 3. T or F The scripture indicates that demons can be cast out of someone, but that they can also return if the individual does not take steps against them doing so.**
- 4. T or F The scriptures indicate that more than one devil or demon can inhabit a person.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 10**

- 6. Don't be deceived!**
  - a. They are called:**
    - (I) Devils (Mark 16:17)**
    - (II) Familiar spirits (Lev. 20:6)**
    - (III) Unclean spirits (Mark 1:27)**

- (IV) Evil spirits (Luke 7:21)
- (V) Seducing spirits (I Tim. 4:1)
- b. They must be discerned, tested, resisted, rejected (I John 4:1-6; 1 Cor. 12:10; Eph. 5:27, 6:10-18; 1 Peter 5:8-9)

**1 John 4:1-6 (KJV) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

- c. Demon possession and demon influence are different. (Matt. 4:23-24 possession, and 16:21-23 where Peter was being influenced by Satan)

**Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.**

**Mat 16:21-23 From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.**

- d. They know:
  - (I) Their fate (Matt. 8:29-31)

**Mat 8:29-31 (KJV) And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 8:30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 8:31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.**



(II) Who has power over them (Acts 19:13-17; I John 4:1-6)

**Acts 19:13-17 (KJV) Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 19:17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**

It is important to note in the passage above that the sons of Sceva were not men in whom the spirit of God dwelt. They were exorcists, men who made their living using magical charms and spells to entice the cooperation of the spirits. Here they sought to make money using the name of Jesus. Naturally, the name of Jesus cannot be so misused. It is also interesting to note that the demon was aware of the authority, which both Jesus and Paul had over him, but was certainly not going to submit to these men that possessed no power of their own.

(III) They fear God (James 2:19)

**James 2:19 (KJV) Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.**

Note here that though the devils know about God that does not save them. We must repent of our sinful condition and accept the sacrifice of Christ for our sin if we are to be saved. Salvation is by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-9). Mere understanding of the truth without accepting Jesus into our hearts is of no value.

## VIII. The Creation or Re-Creation

### A. Were there really six 24-hour days?

1. Yes - God created (Gen. 1:1) Heavens, which would include sun, moon and stars.

2. Gen. 1:5 "And the evening and morning were the first day". Hebrew word for evening is "**EHRED**" which means dusk, evening or night. The word morning from Hebrew "**BOKER**" meaning dawn or break of day.
3. Each of the six days were numbered and noted by evening and morning (Gen. 1:5, 1:8, 1:13, 1:19, 1:23, 1:31) "Day" used 2,182 times and always of a literal 24 hr. day unless qualified or indicated in some way to show it is an exception to natural law – these are not qualified as anything else but are numbered 1-7. An example where the use of the word "day" is qualified would be:

**2 Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."**

4. Ex. 20:8,11 "Six days shalt thou labor..." and Ex. 31:14-17, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth." It would be ridiculous to say one day is 1,000 years here. Would man be ordered to work 6,000 years and then rest 1,000 years?

## **B. Understanding words**

1. "**Bara**" Hebrew for "Create" – means to bring into being out of non-existent matter. We see this word used in the following:
  - a. Gen. 1:1 - world matter

**Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**

- b. Gen. 1:21 - Natural life, breathing life

**Gen 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.**

- c. Gen. 1:27 - Spiritual life represented by man

**Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

- d. **Bara** is used seven times in Genesis chapters 1 and 2

2. **“Asah,”** Hebrew for “made or make” - to make out of already existing material – implying restoration
3. **“Let”** is used thirteen times in Genesis chapter 1 expressing God giving permission and purpose in connection with already existing things. The word “let” is not used to imply a creative act but rather to “make appear” from matter or material that already is in existence.

## **END LESSON 10**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 10**

1. **T or F** The scriptures encourage believers to “try” or “test” the spirit of someone to see if they are of God. The method we use to test the spirit of another person is prayer and fasting.
2. **T or F** Demon possession or demon influence are the same.
3. **T or F** Demons know their fate and who has power over them.
4. **T or F** The 6 days of creation or recreation that we read about in Genesis chapter 1 were 6 literal 24 hour days as we know today.
5. **T or F** “Bara” the Hebrew word for create means to create from already existing material.

## **BEGIN LESSON 11**

### **C. First day (Genesis 1:2-5)**

**Gen 1:2-5** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

1. Perhaps this would be a type of cosmic or electrical light. This would not be the same as sunlight which came about on the 4<sup>th</sup> day.
2. This light could be comparable to what we know as the Northern Lights, which can be seen over the northern hemisphere of the globe.

#### D. Second day (Genesis 1:6-8)

**Gen 1:6-8 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.**

1. Adjustment of atmosphere to suit new earth
2. The firmament used to divide water on earth from water in heaven (vapor in air). Firmament is our atmosphere
3. Notice this is the only day where God did not say that it was good. Perhaps Satan (the prince of the powers of air) inhabited the atmosphere as soon as it was life supporting (Eph. 2:2, Eph. 6:12)

#### E. Third Day (Genesis 1:9-13)

**Gen 1:9-13 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 1:10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 1:13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.**

1. Two Works:
  - a. Gen. 1:9-10. God caused earthquakes, which allowed the dry land to appear and the seas to form. Land at this time most likely one mass
  - b. Gen. 1:11-13. Vegetation appears. Gap Theory proponents say the seeds were already in the ground from the destruction of the pre-adamite civilization.

#### F. Fourth Day (Genesis 1:14-19)

**Gen 1:14-19 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon**

**the earth: and it was so. 1:16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 1:17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.**

1. Solar light
2. Lights (sun-moon-stars) to divide day from night and to regulate signs - seasons-days-years. Laws of nature in effect
3. Two great lights - one to rule the day and one to rule the night

#### **G. Fifth day (Genesis 1:20-23) Fish and Fowl**

**Gen 1:20-23 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.**

1. The word create is used for the first time since Genesis 1:1
2. Animals were created anew
3. The Gap Theory teaches that all fossils of huge marine animals, gigantic birds, and others belong to the pre-Adamite world

#### **H. Sixth day (Genesis 1:24-28) Two works**

**Gen 1:24-28 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and**

**replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

1. Gen. 1:24-25 Here we see the word “made” being used to indicate that animals bodies were made from already existing material, the earth. Animals created "after their own kind" - not evolved
  - a. When we cross different species their off spring are sterile (horse with donkey yields a sterile mule).
  - b. No fossil evidence of intermediate breeds therefore no evolutionary process. If evolution worked we should have supermen by now
  
2. Man created in the image of God, not of an ape (Gen. 1:26-28)
  - a. Jesus said man was created and not evolved (Mark 10:6)
  - b. Highest beast has no God consciousness, which is an unbridgeable gap between human life and animal life.
  - c. Man is of one specie (Acts 17:26). When black and white people marry and have children their offspring they are not sterile, proving we are one specie
  - d. Man is given dominion over all animals (Gen. 1:26)
  - e. Note that Adam and Eve were vegetarians (Gen. 1:29) and didn't become meat eaters until the ninth chapter (Gen. 9:3)

**Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.**

**Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.**

f. Genesis 2:7 Body-soul-spirit

**Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

- (I) Body formed of dust of the ground
- (II) Spirit "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." This is not the Holy Spirit but the spirit of natural man that must be indwelt by the Holy Spirit before we are born again. It is the God conscious nature of man.
- (III) Soul - He became a living soul with self conscious nature, memory and affections

- g. When man fell his soul became the battlefield over which Satan and God seek control. When Satan is able to influence the soul of man then man will give himself to ungodly behavior. When a person loves the Lord God with all of his heart and soul his behavior will reflect the character of God. The soul is the link between body and spirit

## **END LESSON 11**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 11**

1. **T or F** Sunlight was created on the first day.
2. **T or F** The second day of creation was to set in place the atmosphere surrounding the earth.
3. **T or F** Each of the 6 days of the creation or recreation God said that it was “good”.
4. **T or F** On the third and fourth days there was no creative act but rather God gave meaning and purpose to what was already in existence.
5. **T or F** Not until the 5<sup>th</sup> day did God actually create something that was living.
6. **T or F** One indication that evolution is a false teaching is that when different species are bred their off spring is sterile and unable to reproduce itself, thus no evolutionary process.
7. **T or F** The “unbridgeable gap” between human and animal life is that man has an innate awareness of a supreme being.
8. **T or F** The union of the body and human spirit brought into existence the human soul.
9. **T or F** Control of the “human spirit” is now the battlefield between God and Satan.
10. **T or F** The body of man was “made” not “created”.

## **BEGIN LESSON 12**

### **I. Seventh day (Genesis 2:2-3) "Day of rest"**

**Gen 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 2:3 And God blessed the**

**seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.**

1. God didn't need rest - but was finished
2. God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it

## **IX. THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE (Genesis 2:15; 3:21)**

### **THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE (BEFORE THE FLOOD) (Genesis 1:3; 8:14)**

Quality of being without consciousness of evil, harmlessness, freedom from crime, guilt or sin. An innocent person is one who is free from guilt or violation of any law, guiltless, sinless, pure, upright, and harmless.

#### **A. Adam was to rule for God on earth, he was completely innocent (Genesis 2:25)**

**Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

Even to extent of nakedness

#### **B. Sin entered world (Genesis 3:7)**

**Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**

1. Man had God consciousness – but through his sin he gained self consciousness
2. The conscience of man was awakened. They became sinners, aware of both good and evil

#### **C. Length - unknown (See G.P.F.M. pg. 151-152)**

1. Knowing about Satan and the way he doesn't leave men alone very long, he probably didn't wait long to attack God's work therefore, we believe this dispensation did not last very long.
2. We hear God's voice - God resting on Sabbath (Gen. 2: 1-3). The next statement about God we see Him walking in garden after fall (Genesis 3:8)



3. Neither, Adam or Eve had taken time to eat of the Tree of Life as yet. Evidently they weren't in the garden long before the fall. They were driven out in Genesis 3:22-24, so they wouldn't eat from the Tree of Life while in their state of sin and live forever as sinners.
4. Man's fall was before he knew his wife sexually as their children were born with the bent or inclination toward sin. Acceptance of Jesus Christ gives us power over the bent or inclination toward sin.

#### D. Creation of Woman (Genesis 2:15-24)

**Gen 2:15-24** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1. Deep sleep on Adam while God removed a rib and created woman. The word “made” used here is the Hebrew word “panah” which means to “skillfully form”. It is also interesting to note that God made the woman after Adam had named all the animals. Adam found nothing among the animal kingdom with which he could fellowship. Thus God created woman as a “help” fit for man.
2. Adam knew where she came from (Gen. 2:23) ("Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh")

3. Adam must have loved Eve right away or he would not have risked death for her in eating the forbidden fruit

#### **E. Favorable Beginning - (Genesis 1:26-30; 2:8-24)**

1. Man and woman had physical, spiritual and eternal life. He had a favorable beginning in all ways.
  - a. Fellowship with God and all creatures on earth (no wildness in animals at this point)
  - b. Man had dominion and ruler-ship over the earth and all that God had created.
  - c. Had true revealed will of God and His law, had the knowledge of penalties and rewards
  - d. Was innocent – remember innocence is not righteousness and cannot become righteousness until it is tested.
  - e. He had the power of choice
2. Man was created in the image of God (Image)
  - a. Made in the image and likeness of God
  - b. He was uncorrupt - free from all prejudices and all evil
  - c. Man's body was perfect - beauty, purity and in a harmony with nature

#### **F. The Test - Probation (Genesis 2:16-17)**

**Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**

1. To see if man would remain true to God
2. Man was without excuse - God told him of the penalty for disobedience
3. The penalty of sin - death (separation from God) – obedience eternal life
4. Particular test - not to eat of the tree of The Knowledge of God and Evil

#### **G. Purpose**

1. Satan's purpose - to gain earth for himself and stop God's plan to populate the earth by causing God's anger against Adam and Eve in hopes He would kill them
2. God's purpose - to test man to see if he would desire to become God-like as Lucifer had. Man was innocent and could have been righteous but failed and

disobeyed God's command to them. Now they were sinners and can only become righteous by grace

## END LESSON 12

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 12

1. **T or F** After all of the work involved with the 6 days of creation or recreation God needed a day of rest just as man is to rest on the Sabbath.
2. **T or F** The term “Antediluvian Age” refers to the time period before the flood of Noah.
3. **T or F** Innocence and righteous are the same quality.
4. **T or F** Man had God consciousness but through sin gained self-consciousness.
5. **T or F** Adam found no animal with which he could fellowship thus God made the woman for Adam.

## BEGIN LESSON 13

### H. Means of accomplishing this purpose

1. The restriction of man from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Testing man's ambitions to become like God (Genesis 3:1-6)
2. Satan's method is seen at the fall of Adam & Eve
  - a. Eve had been thinking with curiosity about the tree and why it was the only one forbidden
  - b. Satan cast doubt (Gen. 3:1). His first words spoken were in opposition to God's Word. Satan makes us doubt God's Word even today = would God really punish sinners forever, etc.?

**Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**

- c. Eve misquotes God's Word and adds to it. Her desire for the fruit must be high. (Gen. 3:2-3). God said nothing about touching the tree

**Gen 3:2-3** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

- d. Contradiction of God's Word (Gen. 3:4) The Serpent said "ye shall not surely die". Calls God a liar. (Not what God had said Gen. 2:16-17). We must choose whether to believe God or Satan. God says: (Romans 6:23; 2 Tim. 2:12; Ezek. 18:4.)

**Gen 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

**Gen 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**2 Tim 2:12** If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

**Ezek 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

- e. Misinterpretation of God's Word (Gen. 3:5) This time the serpent gives a false interpretation of God's Word in that they by eating the fruit would become as gods. God knows evil by seeing it in rebels, but Himself has never sinned.

**Gen 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

- f. Transgression of God's Word (Gen. 3:6) The desire to become God-like is no sin as we should strive to be like God but not in a selfish way as did Lucifer.

**Gen 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Similarity of Eve's temptation to that

of Christ

- (I) **"Good for food"** - "Make these stones into bread". But Christ said, "man cannot live by bread alone.." Lust of the flesh.
- (II) **"Pleasant to the eyes"**. Christ tempted to use His power to preserve His bodily perfection but Christ said "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God". Lust of the eyes in the area of power.
- (III) **"Desire to make one wise"**. Satan promised Christ all things, but Christ said He would worship God only. Pride of life "all these things I will give thee If..."

g. Every man is tempted (James 1:13-16)

**James 1:13-16 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.**

**I. Failure of man - the fall -- when man lost dominion and became a rebel like Satan he was out-numbered and over powered.**

1. Man lacked faith in God's word, and listened to the voice of the serpent and fell in the temptation.
2. Romans 5:12-21 Sin entered through Adam, but life through Jesus Christ. Adam died the moment he sinned (death is separation from God), and would have to come to faith to be "born again" spiritually. This is what it means for man to be "in Adam" in that we, before coming to faith are "of Adam" and partakers of the same sin that separated Adam from God.

**Rom 5:12-21 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of**

**grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All mankind are descendants of Adam and Eve. Another way of saying that is that all of us were in the loins of Adam as we are his offspring. When Adam sinned he died, in the sense that he was separated from God, who is life. Though his body was alive, while under the sentence of death, he was none the less dead to the things of God. The sinful nature, and sentence of death; he passed on to all of his offspring. Thus man is born a sinner, separated from God, in need of redemption, which is supplied by one man, Jesus Christ, for all who accept His sacrifice as the atonement for their sin. Thus we are born “in Adam” and “born again” in Jesus Christ. When we commit our lives to Jesus Christ, and are “born again,” we are now His offspring. Therefore, we are “in Christ, and are a part of His body. Not only are we “in Christ,” but as we received the Holy Spirit of Christ, Christ is now in us.

3. Without clear understanding of fall - man cannot fully understand God's plan of redemption - The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin so we will come to faith in Christ. To be “in Christ” we must: Believe (Romans 1:16)

**Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

## **END LESSON 13**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 13**

1. **T or F** In the Garden of Eden the serpent first spoke in a way to create doubt in Eve as to what God had said, and later the serpent contradicted what God had said.
2. **T or F** Eve was tempted in a similar manner as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness.
3. **T or F** All of mankind was in the loins of Adam when he sinned.
4. **T or F** Death is separation from God.

**5. T or F Adam gained a sinful nature while in the Garden of Eden which was passed on to all of mankind.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 14**

4. Man lost as a result of transgression of God's word (Genesis 3:7-19)
  - a. Spiritual and physical life with God (Eph. 2:1-3)

**Eph 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

- b. Fellowship with God (Isa. 59:2)

**Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**

- c. Fellowship and pleasure with animals (Gen. 2:19-20, 9:2)

**Gen 2:19-20 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. 20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

**Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.**

- d. Dominion over the earth and God's creations

**Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

**Gen 3:17-19 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of**

**it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

e. Innocence (Gen. 2:25, 3:7,10)

**Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

**Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.**

**Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.**

f. The power to always do good (Eph. 2:1-3, Rom. 7)

**Eph. 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

**2: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

g. God's perfect image and likeness (Phil. 3:20-21)

**Phil 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.**

h. Complete control of desires (Gal. 5:19-22)

**Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**



- i. Right to the tree of Life (Gen. 3:22-24)

**Gen 3:22-24** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- j. Eternal home in the garden of Eden -- (Gen. 2:15, 3:22-24)

**Gen 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

- k. God's glory (Romans 3:23)

**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

- l. The opportunity for righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:22-24)

**Eph 4:22 -24** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

- m. Freedom from disease, sorrow, hardship, sufferings (Gen. 3:16-19)

**Gen 3:16-19** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

**END LESSON 14**

**QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 14**

1. **T or F** Man never ate from the tree of life that was in the Garden of Eden.
2. **T or F** Man relinquished dominion over the earth as one result of his sin in the Garden of Eden.
3. **T or F** God told Adam that he should not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and if he did in that day he would die; but though Adam and Eve both ate the forbidden fruit God graciously kept them from experiencing death.

## **BEGIN LESSON 15**

### **J. Judgment (Five-fold)**

1. **curse upon the serpent** (Gen. 3:14-15) Serpent a true serpent: --Hebrew for serpent (Nachash) =snake which is always used as a literal snake except for Isaiah 27:1 and Rev. 12:3-17 where “snake” is used symbolically.

**Gen 3:14-15** And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: **3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- a. Gen. 3:1 God speaks of him as the beast of the field
- b. No scripture teaches that Satan as an angel can become an animal
- c. Curse to last through millennium when it is removed from other animals (Isa. 65:25)

**Isa 65:25** The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

- d. Language in Genesis 3 is not symbolic. Try to substitute devil for serpent
- e. Eve was acquainted with the serpent but she did not likely know of the Devil. We don't know that God ever told them of Satan
2. **Curse upon Satan** (Genesis 3:15)  
Satan would be defeated by Christ, the seed of woman. Satan's seed is the “the son of perdition” 2 Thess. 2:3. **“enmity” (ebhah)** means: hostility & hatred

3. **Curse upon woman** (Genesis 3:16) She was next to be cursed because she was second after the serpent to yield to Satan

**Gen 3:16** **Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**

<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>
Equal to man	Subject to him-"He shall rule over thee"
Childbirth would have been a pleasure	Painful
Joy and happiness	Multiplied sorrow

4. **Curse upon man** (Genesis 3:17-19)

**Gen 3:17-19** **And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

Man was third to yield to Satan. (Gen. 3:12) Adam blames God and woman. Man driven out of the garden and forced to labor for survival. Sentenced to physical death as result of sin, and more important the penalty of eternal death. Separation from God.

5. **Curse upon the earth** (Genesis 3:17-19)
  - a. To bring forth weeds - thistles - thorns etc. making it hard for man to make a living. Animals now wild
  - b. Earth enters its sinful career and shall stay this way until the millennium when the desert shall blossom like a rose (Isa. 35)
  - c. At the end of 1000 year reign of Christ the earth will be purified by fire (II Peter 3:5-7)

## **K. God's provision of redemption (Genesis 3:15)**

1. Expulsion from garden (Gen. 3:20-24)

**Gen 3:20-24** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

- a. God made man a sin covering of skin -shedding of blood to cover sin as Christ's blood (vs. 21) Hebrews 9:22
  - b. Expelled from garden before man could eat of the tree of Life and live forever sinfully (vs. 22)
  - c. Placed a Cherubim and flaming sword to guard the way to the tree (vs. 24)
2. Woman's seed. Through the seed of woman God's promise of coming Redeemer
  3. Type of Christ in "God providing covering of animal skins. Shedding of blood for sin, (Gen. 3:21), **"Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin."** (Hebrews 9:22)
  4. Shed blood and sacrifices to prove faith in coming Redeemer. (Matt. 26:28, Eph. 1:7, I John 1:7-10) Under the Old Covenant people looked forward in faith to the coming of the Messiah. Under the New Covenant we look back to fulfillment of his coming and his finished work on the cross which purchased the way for our salvation.

**Mat 26:28** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

## **X. DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE (Genesis 3:22, 8:14)**

### **A. Definition of conscience - "The Age of Freedom" no laws (Romans 2:12-16)**

1. "Conscience is the knowledge of our acts, states or character as to right or wrong: This faculty, power, or principle, which concedes on the lawfulness of our actions and perfections, and approves or conditions them. The moral faculty or sense." - Webster
2. Conscience became active at the fall when man gained the knowledge of good and evil, and a sense of self-consciousness.

### **B. Length of Dispensation**

1. 1,656 years from Adam to flood
2. Adam to 600th year of Noah

## **END LESSON 15**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 15**

1. **T or F The serpent in the Garden of Eden was actually Satan and not a real snake.**
2. **T or F The scripture clearly teaches that Satan is able to manifest as an animal.**
3. **T or F Adam put all the blame on Eve for his act of sin.**
4. **T or F Adam killed an animal and used the skin of the animal to cover their nakedness which teaches us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.**
5. **T or F During the dispensation of Conscience there was no law only the conscience of man to help him know what is right or wrong.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 16**

### **C. Favorable Beginning**

1. Had the ability to choose right from wrong. Conscience may produce fear or remorse but imparts no power to keep man from wrong.
2. Had ability to have faith in God to be redeemed

3. Had knowledge of true worship
  - a. God had slain animals in garden to clothe man
  - b. The blood of animals had been shed as a token of the blood of Christ, the coming seed of woman (Gen. 3:21)
  - c. Cain and Abel showed knowledge of worship in that they knew to bring a sacrifice to God.
  - d. Abel brought by faith a blood sacrifice in submission to the will of God
  - e. Cain brought the work of his own hands as the payment for his sins. There is some disagreement among Bible teachers as to whether it was appropriate for Cain to bring an offering of grain instead of a meat offering that required the shedding of blood. Therefore, we shall attempt to examine closely what is indicated in this passage in light what the Bible says on the subject.

In Hebrews 11:4 we are told that **“by faith Able brought before God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.”** We also know from Hebrews 9:22 (KJV), **“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission,”** that the shedding of blood is required for the remission of our sin. Thus Abel’s offering was seemingly more appropriate. However, we also know that **“without faith it is impossible to please God”** Hebrews 11:6. Therefore, faith is always required in the giving of an offering before God. The statement in Genesis 4:5 where it is said, **“But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell,”** indicates two problems. **The first problem is directed to the person bringing the offering. Evidently there was a problem with Cain’s attitude of heart toward the offering.** Perhaps there was a problem between Cain and Abel, which God was pointing out. This would have kept Cain from humbling himself before his brother in going to him to exchange his grain for one of Abel’s lambs that he could present the appropriate sacrifice. **Mat 5:24 (KJV) Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.** This is further supported by the fact that Cain rises up and kills Abel. Perhaps there was unconfessed sin in his life or a lack of faith in his heart toward the offering. Any of these problems could have brought about God’s response to Cain.

Secondly, we see that **there was a problem with the offering.** This implies that Cain knew what God wanted and simply did not bring it.

Could it be that he would have had to humble himself before his brother (from whom he most likely would have purchased the correct sacrifice), which in his pride he did not want to do. It also seems that God was being very patient with Cain and his misguided attitude as God gave him opportunity to correct the situation and be accepted. This would have required additional humbling of Cain's heart before God.

- d. Gen. 4:7, God offered to accept the right sacrifice ("If thou doest well")
- (I) The Hebrew word for "Sin" is "**Chata**" - which means sin offering
  - (II) Leviticus 4:3-5 –speaking of the tabernacle door where sacrifices were offered. The idea here is that if a person's sacrifice or offering was given without their having a right heart in repenting of their sin before God then Gen. 4:7 "**...sin lieth at the door...**" in other words, their sin still remained at the door of the tabernacle between them and God still separating them from God. It does us no good to try to earn our salvation through our own efforts. Salvation from sin can only be found in our humbling ourselves before our heavenly Father and confessing our sins asking for his forgiveness.

**Lev 4:3-5 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering. 4:4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. 4:5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:**

- 4. He knew God's Word was true – God would take action against rebellion and disobedience.
- 5. If obedient, God would be with him. He had received God's warning and opportunity to receive blessing for his obedience - Gen. 4:7, "If thou doest well won't thou be accepted?"
- 6. Conditions were as favorable as possible after the curse and fall. Man could have proved true to God, but became so evil he had to be destroyed.

#### **D. Genesis 4:7 - the test for man**

**Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

1. If thou doest well shalt thou not be accepted?
2. Man became aware that he needed God's help to do right
3. He had power of choice - man had to recognize his lost and helpless condition
4. Had to accept God's help to be redeemed and to overcome new enemies and spirits  
\*This is all God requires of man - that man acknowledges sin and turns to God (faith) (Ephesians 2:8-9)

#### **E. Purpose of this Dispensation**

1. To teach man in the very beginning that obedience to God, faith in His Word, and conformity to His will is the only way to true happiness.
2. God wanted to test man under complete freedom to see which master man would choose
  - a. No law at all
  - b. Not even tree
  - c. Had law within us Rom. 2:12-16

**Rom 2:12-16 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 2:15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.**

#### **END LESSON 16**

#### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 16**

1. **T or F** In this dispensation man was blessed with “conscience” the power to know and do what his conscience told him was right.
2. **T or F** Cain and Able demonstrated that they had the knowledge of how to worship.
3. **T or F** Able’s offering to God was a “faith” offering.



4. **T or F** The only problem with Cain's offering was that it was a grain offering and not one requiring a blood sacrifice.

5. **T or F** The Hebrew word for sin is "Chata".

## **BEGIN LESSON 17**

### **F. Failure of man**

1. The failure of Adam
  - a. Disobedience and fall
  - b. Many believe that Adam never regained acceptance by faith as the scriptures does not speak of him in that way
  - c. Adam was warned (he lived 930 years, Gen. 5:5)
2. Failure of Cain (Genesis 4:1-16)

**Gen 4:1-16** And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 4:11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. 4:15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

- a. First man born on earth
  - b. Self willed and rebellious
  - c. Cain knew proper sacrifice to offer but was rebellious even after God gave him another chance (Gen. 4:4-7) Cain chose to sin.
  - d. Cain kills his brother, Able, most likely due to his jealousy over Able's favor with God.
  - e. Exiled by God to land of Nod and cursed but given protection (Gen. 4:15-16). He became head of a violent and idolatrous race
3. Earth at this time
- a. Population is estimated to have been about 150,000,000 people at the time of the flood of Noah
  - b. Men lived to be nearly 1000 years old - great knowledge
  - c. Scripture shows other people
    - (I) (Gen. 4:14-15) "**Others who would kill Cain**" - which indicates that Adam and Eve had other children who are not recorded. This must be so as Eve is referred to as the mother of all living.

**Gen 3:20 (KJV) And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.**

- (II) (Gen. 4:17) Cain would not have built a city around him, his wife and son. Cain's wife had to be one of his sisters. Intermarriage among family members was not forbidden until after the flood of Noah.

**Gen 4:17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.**

4. Seth's descendants
- a. They were not holy but were singled out for particular lineage. Lineage that Christ would come through
  - b. Gen. 5:21-24, Enoch was the Father of Methuselah. Methuselah's name means "**when he is dead it (the flood) shall come.**" It is interesting that after Enoch received this revelation from God concerning the "flood" that was to come, he evidently walked closely with God. Note also that God must have already decided to bring judgment against man. The human race had already become so corrupt that God was ready to destroy man from the earth but he was long-

suffering in that he waited more than 969 years before Methuselah died to bring the flood.

5. Failure of man in general (Genesis 6:5)
  - a. Man became so disobedient God had to destroy him
  - b. All flesh became corrupt (6:12)

**Gen 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

6. Giants.
  - a. Fact of existence  
(Num. 13:33; Deut. 2:11; 20; 3:11; 13; Joshua 12:4; 13:12; 15:8; 17:15; 18:16;  
1 Sam. 17; David and Goliath

**Num 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

**Deu 2:11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims.**

**Deu 2:20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;**

**Deu 3:11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.**

**Deu 3:13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.**

- b. Size of giants (using cubit as 25"=64 centimeters, others say 17.5" or 18"=46 centimeters)
  - (I) Goliath (1 Sam. 17:4) 1 span (half a cubit) + 6 cubits 162" (4.15 m). His armor (vs. 5-7) weighed approximately 318 lbs (144.54 kilos).
  - (II) Og (Deut. 3:11) by the size of his iron bed, he is estimated to be 18' (5.53 m) tall -his bed was 18' 9" x 84"
  - (III) Many had six fingers each hand and six toes each foot (2 Sam. 21:20)

**2 Sam 21:20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.**

- c. Where Giants came from:

Union of "sons of God" (fallen angels) and "daughters of men" (Gen. 6:1,4) also see 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6-7. It is believed that angels have the capacity to manifest in human form. The scripture does not indicate that angels are sexless but rather that they are not given in marriage. Additionally, there is no reference in scripture, which support the idea that any angel was created as a female gender. Evidently all angels are masculine in gender. It was the union of those angels who were in rebellion from God with earthly women that yielded the race of giants. This was one of Satan's attempts to corrupt the bloodline through which the Messiah was to come.

**Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,**

**Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.**

**2 Pet 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;**

**Jude 1:6-7 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.**

**1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving**

**themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

**d. Giants could reproduce, Numbers 13:33, 2 Sam. 21:20**

**Num 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

**2 Sam 21:20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.**

## **END LESSON 17**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 17**

- 1. T or F Cain was the first man born on the earth.**
- 2. T or F During this dispensation some men lived to be nearly 1000 years old.**
- 3. T or F The scripture speaks of “others” who might kill Cain so there must have been other children born to Adam & Eve that are not recorded.**
- 4. T or F Intermarriage among family members was forbidden prior to the flood of Noah.**
- 5. T or F Christ came through the lineage of Able.**
- 6. T or F Giants are believed to have been the result of the sexual union of fallen angels with earthly women.**
- 7. T or F Giants could not reproduce.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 18**

### **G. Satan's purpose for giants**

- 1. To corrupt human race and end the pure blood line through which the Messiah was promised to come.**
- 2. Noah only uncorrupted blood line**
- 3. After flood Satan did it again so God told Israel to kill all giants and their children. David finished the task and there has not been this sin evidenced**

again. The angels who committed this sin are believed to be imprisoned in Tartarus. See 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. The word translated as “hell” is the Greek word “Tartarus.”

## H. Noah and the Ark

1. Reason for the flood
  - a. Fallen angels took of the daughters of men (Gen. 6:4) and giants were the result
  - b. and Gen. 6:5-7, "Evilness of man"

**Gen 6:5-7 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.**

2. Why chose Noah - example of God's grace to man
  - a. Read Genesis 6:8-10

**Gen 6:8-10 Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

- b. Noah was a righteous man but not sinless
  - c. “Perfect in his generations”. Refers to there being no corruption of his blood line - Shem to carry the seed -middle son not firstborn
3. God pronounces His judgment
  - a. Read Genesis 6:11-13

**Gen 6:11-13 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.**

- b. Man in disobeying his conscience has turned God's wrath upon him

4. The Ark of Grace - using cubit as 18"
  - a. Read Genesis 6:14-16

**Gen 6:14-16 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 6:15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.**

- b. Made of unknown wood called Gopher wood which probably wouldn't rot
- c. Used pitch to seal the ark
- d. Size 450 ft. long (139 m), 75 ft. high (23 m), 45 ft. wide (14 m)
- e. About the size of an ocean liner
- f. Tonnage capacity of more than 90 million pounds (4 million Kilos)
- g. Ark was easily big enough
  - (I) Fish in sea
  - (II) About 2,000 pairs of small animals
  - (III) 1,700 pairs of mammals average size of was the size of a dog
  - (IV) 10,000 pairs of birds easily hung in ceiling or caged
  - (V) 20 Sq. Ft. (1.9 sq.meters)used today for an oxen. If Noah gave this much room to each pair, none would have had to room on the 2nd floor
- h. Ark was well ventilated (Vs. 16) windows on each level. Some believe there was only one window but that is not likely.

## **I. Judgment revealed**

1. Flood sent to destroy - Genesis 6:17-22

**Gen 6:17-22 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is**

**eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**

2. Vs. 18 - Covenant with Noah and spares his family. Note: How long Noah worked on ark? Probably between 40 and 70 years, based on the following:
  - a. 5:32 - Noah 500 when sons born
  - b. 7:6 - Noah 600 when flood upon earth
  - c. 6:18 - God reveals His judgment before Noah begins work on ark
  - d. 6:18 - Noah's sons are grown and married before Noah builds ark. Giving Noah's sons 30-40 years to grow and marry Noah could only have spent 40-70 years working on the ark
3. God preserves the species both man & animal (Vs. 19-22)

#### **J. Preparation for judgment**

1. Noah to enter the ark – judgment to begin in 7 days Genesis 7:1-9

**Gen 7:1-9 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 7:2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. 7:3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. 7:4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. 7:5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him. 7:6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7:7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 7:8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 7:9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.**

2. Rains - 40 days and nights. This may have been the first rain on the earth as there was a canopy effect until this time. The earth was watered by a mist under the covering of the atmosphere much like a green house. With the coming of this rain the canopy effect would have ended. This would also account for why they lived so much longer in that period. Man's life is shortened by his exposure to the sun's ultra-violet rays Gen. 2:5-6. With the removal of the canopy man would have had more exposure to these rays and his life expectancy would have begun to shorten.



## END LESSON 18

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 18

1. **T or F** Satan's purpose for the giants was to anger God's wrath against earthly women.
2. **T or F** Tartarus is the prison house for fallen angels.
3. **T or F** Noah was a righteous man but not sinless.
4. **T or F** Japheth was chosen to carry the seed through which Christ would come.
5. **T or F** The Noah's ark was made of oak wood because of its ability to float.

## BEGIN LESSON 19

### **K. Judgment executed**

1. God is true to His word - Genesis 7:10-24

**Gen 7:10-24** And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. **7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. **7:12** And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. **7:13** In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; **7:14** They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. **7:15** And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. **7:16** And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in. **7:17** And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. **7:18** And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. **7:19** And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. **7:20** Fifteen cubits (22.5 ft. or 7 m with 18" cubit) upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. **7:21** And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: **7:22** All in whose nostrils was the

**breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. 7:23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. 7:24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.**

2. Length of flood 150 days covered the earth and then started to recede (8:3) another 150 days, plus extra days before earth was dry (8:13-14) Approximately one year altogether

#### **L. A new beginning for man**

1. Noah honors God by the sacrifice at the altar (Gen 8:15-20)
2. Noahic covenant – (Gen. 8:21-22)

**Gen 8:15-20 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 8:16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.8:17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 8:18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 8:19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.**

**Gen 8:21-22 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.**

- a. God is pleased by Noah (Vs. 21)
- b. Therefore God promises He shall not destroy all life as He has in the past
- c. Promises of Vs. 22 shall not cease as long as earth remains. (rainbow given as a sign of the covenant 9:13)

## **XI. DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT (Genesis 8:15 to 12:1) POST DILUVIAN AGE FROM FLOOD OF NOAH TO CALLING OF ABRAHAM**

### **A. Definition of Dispensation**

1. God instituted human government by law after the flood and after the long age of freedom
2. Man was to be held responsible for self government (Genesis 9:1-7)

**Gen 9:1-7 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. 9:7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.**

3. Law is still in effect today (Romans 13:1-6, I Peter 2:13-17, 2 Peter 2:10)
  - a. Christians are obligated to support government when such government requires nothing contrary to the law of God
  - b. Government has right to deal with mobs suppress rebellion and make war
4. Capital punishment - God ordained, will be in millennium (Isaiah 11:1-4). After law was given, "shalt not kill," life was still required for certain crimes. (Ex. 21:12-14).

**Isa 11:1-4 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and unders tanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 11:4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.**

## B. Capital Punishment in the Scriptures

1. Studies on Capital Punishment – a good resource is from “Essays on the Death Penalty,” by T. Robert Ingram.
  - a. Chapter 3 "Capital Punishment ... Right and Necessary," pg. 45-54
  - b. Chapter 8 "A Bible Study," pp. 103-138. (Deals with many problems.)
2. Scriptures on Capital Punishment
  - a. **Gen. 9:4-7 (Noah) Vs. 6, "Whoso shedeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.."** These promises and instructions were given to Noah, the head of the human race at that time, relative to the establishment of a new social order and government in the world following the flood. It thus appears that the divine decree of capital punishment for murder has been determined since the days of Noah. It should be noted that the basis of this decree as stated in the final clause of verse 6 is as enduring as God and the image of God in which man has been created. (above, P. 110)
  - b. Romans 13:1-7

**Rom 13:1-7 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.**

- (I) Vs. 1 Every soul to be subject to powers over them
- (II) Vs. 1 Every power is ordained by God
- (III) Vs. 2 To resist the power is to resist God and to receive damnation
- (IV) Vs. 3 It is the duty of our rulers to be a terror to those who would do evil.
- (V) Vs. 4 Higher Powers are servants of God to the law
- (VI) Vs. 4 Evil doers are to be afraid
- (VII) Vs. 4 Higher powers are responsible to execute wrath upon evil doers even to the point of death

(VIII)Vs. 5 We are to obey the laws to escape punishment and to keep a clear conscience toward God

- c. 1 Peter 2:13-17 also speaks to our responsibility to honor the authorities over us.

**1 Pet 2:13-17 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 2:14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 2:16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 2:17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.**

## **END LESSON 19**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 19**

1. **T or F The flood of Noah lasted approximately 2 years.**
2. **T or F God put a rainbow in the sky so Noah would know when it was safe to come out of the ark.**
3. **T or F Capital punishment was instituted during the dispensation of Human Government.**
4. **T or F Capital punishment will cease during the millennium.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 20**

3. Sins to be Punished with Capital Punishment
  - a. Murder, Adultery, Incest, Bestiality, Sodomy & Homosexuality, Unchastely, Rape of an engaged virgin, Witchcraft, Offering of human sacrifice, Disobedience to parents, Blasphemy, Sabbath desecration, Propagation of false doctrine, Sacrificing to false gods, Refusing to abide by court decision, Treason,
  - b. A few comments on Homosexuality:
    - (I) Deut. 23:17-18 A sodomite was a homosexual or male prostitute. The use of the word “dog” was representative of such a person. The idea is that God would not allow any money they received for their services to be brought into God’s

house or used for a holy purpose. What an indication of the attitude God had toward this particular sin.

**Deu 23:17-18** There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. **23:18** Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

(II) Lev. 18:22, 29-30 a command against Homosexuality

**Lev 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

**Lev 18:29-30** For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. **18:30** Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

(III) Lev. 20:13 death penalty for Homosexuality

**Lev 20:13** If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

(IV) 1 Cor. 6:9-10 Those who abuse themselves with mankind (homosexuality) shall not inherit the kingdom of God

**1 Cor 6:9-10** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **6:10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

(V) 1 Timothy 1:10 they are condemned for defiling themselves with mankind

**1 Tim 1:10** For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

(VI) Romans 1:24-32 God will give such a person over to the lust of their flesh

**Rom 1:24-32** Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 1:31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

4. Sorts of Capital Punishment
  - a. Burning found in Leviticus 21:9
  - b. Stoning found in Numbers 15:32-36
  - c. Hanging found in Deuteronomy 21:22-23 & Joshua 8:28-29
  - d. The Sword found in Exodus 32:26-28 and 1 Kings 2:31-32
  - e. Strangulation not found in the Bible but was a part of rabbinical writings
  - f. Crucifixion which was a Roman not Jewish form of capital punishment
5. Servers (Executors) of Capital Punishment
  - a. God at times
  - b. The witnesses to the crime (never less than two)
  - c. The congregation
  - d. The nearest of kin, the avenger of blood

Note #1: For some crimes, restitution could be made by a payment of satisfaction, but murder was not one of them. See Num. 35:9-31.

Note #2: There was a distinction between murder and unintentional manslaughter. See Numbers 35:9-34 and the discussion of the cities of refuge.



**C. Length (Genesis 11:10-32)**

1. 427 years. All descendants from the flood to call of Abraham

**D. Favorable beginning**

1. They had warning of flood (Gen. 8:20; 9:17)
2. True knowledge of worship (Noah makes a sacrifice)
3. They had knowledge of God's will for human government and law
4. Promise of eternal preservation of man and animals (Covenant)

**E. Test for man in human government (Genesis 9:1-7)**

The test was:

1. To obey the laws
2. Govern for the good of all
3. Do the will of God

**F. God's purpose**

1. To give man yet another chance to do God's will
2. To provide man a way to govern his acts concerning good and evil
3. To maintain the pure bloodline from which the Redeemer would come

**G. Means of accomplishing**

1. Law purposed. (Genesis 9:1-6)
2. True worship so man could be reconciled to God and be eternally redeemed

**H. Noahic Covenant (Genesis 9:8-17)**

**Gen 9:8-17 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9:9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 9:10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 9:12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 9:17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.**



1. Parties of the covenant (vs. 8-10)
2. Terms of the covenant (vs. 11)
3. Length of the covenant (vs. 12)
4. Sign of the covenant (vs. 13-17)

## **END LESSON 20**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 20**

1. **T or F** Homosexuality was one of the sins to be punished by death.
2. **T or F** A sodomite was a male prostitute or homosexual.
3. **T or F** Stoning and crucifixion were two of the most popular forms of Capital Punishment used by Israel.
4. **T or F** At times the nearest of kin to someone who was murdered was allowed to execute Capital Punishment.

## **BEGIN LESSON 21**

### **I. Failure of man (Genesis 9:20-24)**

1. Failure of Noah
  - a. Got drunk
  - b. Shamefully uncovered

**Gen 9:20-24** And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: 9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

2. Failure of Ham (9:22-27)

**Gen 9:22-27** And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and

**their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. 9:26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. 9:27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.**

Ham sinned in revealing the shameful of his father. Lack of honor to parents. He broke the law of parental authority. Ham was cursed (vs. 25) to be a servant of servants unto his brethren.

#### **J. Generations (Chapter 10)**

1. Japheth - went north (vs. 10:1-5) From him came Russians (Magog) Europeans
2. Ham - went south (vs. 10:6-20)
3. Shem - middle east (vs. 10:21-32) Seed from which Christ comes

#### **K. Judgment**

1. Some scholars think the earth was divided into islands and continents during the days of Peleg. Perhaps this was done after the confusion of tongues in Gen. 11:5-9. Peleg died 340 years after flood (Gen. 10:25).

**Gen 10:25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.**

2. Confusion of tongues (Genesis 11:5-9) Scattered men abroad.

**Gen 11:5-9 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.**

3. Abandonment of man in general
  - a. God calls out Abraham to bless him and make him the father of a nation.
  - b. Abram's seed would be a people blessed of God to be examples to the world as God's missionaries

**L. Provision of Redemption (Genesis 8:20)**

**Gen 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.**

Animal sacrifices were tokens of faith in the promise of a coming redeemer.

**XII. DISPENSATION OF PROMISE (Gen. 12:1; Exodus 12:37)**

**A. Explanation**

1. From call of Abraham to Exodus from Egypt (430 years)
2. After tower of Babel the descendants of Noah became idolaters
3. Abraham's family to carry on seed
4. God makes many covenants with Abraham
5. First time coming of Christ through a particular branch of the race was revealed.

## **B. Favorable beginning**

1. God revealed Himself to Abraham and made an eternal covenant with him to bless him and his seed forever and to give them the land of Canaan to have forever (Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-18; 15:17-21; 17:4-19)
2. True knowledge of worship (Genesis 12:7-9)
3. He was saved (Romans 4:3-5, 21-25) He had (Heb. 11: 8-19) faith in resurrection of dead "He looked for a city built by God"
4. He walked with God and God prospered him in all ways because of his faithfulness

## **C. Government**

Besides the laws given to Noah several more laws or practices (expected behaviors) were added. Some given by God, some made by man.

## **D. Abram enters Canaan (12:4-10)**

1. Giants were there - God reassures Abram (12:6-9)
2. Famine sends him in fear to Egypt for food (12:10). Egypt is representative of the world. So here instead trusting God to deliver him and make provision for him where he was he sought the world for help with his needs. This led to much trouble.

## **E. Lies about Sarah (Sarai)**

1. Tells Sarah to say she is his sister (12:11-13) She is his half sister (Gen. 20:12) He did this because he doubted God's promise of a son by Sarah. Otherwise he would not have feared death by Pharaoh because the promise had not yet been fulfilled.

**Gen 12:11-13 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: 12:12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 12:13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.**

**Gen 20:12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.**

2. Sarah taken to Pharaoh and Abram is given gifts by Pharaoh (12:15-16)
3. God intervenes (12:17) plagues Pharaoh
4. Abram and Sarah made to leave by Pharaoh (12:18-20)

## **END LESSON 21**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 21**

- 1. T or F The sin of Shem was that he revealed the sin of Noah in getting drunk.**
- 2. T or F The blood line through which Christ would come was to pass through Ham.**
- 3. T or F Prior to the dispensation of Human Government it is believed that the earth was on land mass.**
- 4. T or F God made an eternal covenant with Abraham.**
- 5. T or F Sarah was Abraham's half sister.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 22**

### **F. Separates from Lot**

1. Both very rich (13:2; 13:5)
2. Abraham suggests they separate (13:8-9)
3. Lot off to Sodom, Abram to Canaan (13:12) Sodom very wicked (13:13)

### **G. Other key events in Abraham's life**

1. Defeats several kings when they captured Lot (Gen. 14:1-24)
2. God promises a son to Abram (15:4-6)
3. God gives Abram a vision of his descendants & time of slavery in Egypt (15:12-16)
4. Covenant made by God with Abram (15:17-21)
5. In desperation he bore a son by Hagar, his wife's maid - son Ishmael (father of Arabs) (16:1-16)

6. God changes their names to Abraham and Sarah (17:1-16)
7. God establishes circumcision as a sign of those who are under the covenant (17:9-14)
8. Angels visit to tell Sarah of the child to be born to her at 90-91 years old (18:9-15)
9. Angels inspect Sodom & Gomorrah for iniquity (18:16-21) and Abraham bargains for the lives of righteous in Sodom (18:22-33)
  - a. Angels attacked by Sodomites while at home of Lot (19:1-11)
  - b. Angels save Lot (19:12-29)
10. Abraham again lies about Sarah being his wife (20:1-18)
11. Promised son born - Isaac - Abraham 100 years old (21:1-7)

#### **H. Abraham's supreme test**

1. God commands Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering on Mount Moriah, which was the same place that Christ was offered (22:1-2)
2. He obeys faithfully (22:3-10)
3. His faith rewarded by release of Isaac (22:11-19)

#### **I. Abraham's last act**

1. Finds a wife for Isaac among his own race as Chaldeans weren't mixed with Giants (24:1-67)
2. Sent a servant (type of the Holy Spirit who was sent by the Father to gather a bride for Christ) to find Isaac a bride (24:5-8)
3. Rebekah was Isaac's second cousin (24:51) She was chosen as his wife.

#### **J. Abraham's second family and death**

1. Sarah dies (Chapter 23)
2. 25:1 - Abraham remarries (Keturah)

**Gen 25:1 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.**

3. His will (25:5-6) all to Isaac
4. Death of Abraham (25:7-11) at 175 yrs.

**Gen 25:7-11 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. 25:8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. 25:9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; 25:10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. 25:11**

**And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahairoi.**

## **K. The test and purpose and means**

The test for man was to believe the promises of God and obey the truth revealed in the Abrahamic covenant.

God saw He could not deal with the whole race because of man's hardness of heart and continual rebellion. So He chose one particular man and built a nation of people to be His representatives, separated from the rest of the world population. He would use them to be His missionaries to show the rest the world through them His love and blessing and power to those who would follow and obey Him. He wanted nations to see how powerful and prosperous this chosen people were because they walked with and obeyed God.

Men had no excuse during this time. God showed Himself through Abraham, Melchizedek, Isaac, and Jacob. He dealt personally with the cities of the plain, the Egyptians and others. The leaders of these nations - Moab, Ammon, Edom, Midian and other branches were all brought up in the homes of Lot and Abraham. For 930 years Abraham's family sojourned in other lands. So, people weren't ignorant of the living God. People were required to live up to the amount of light received and were judged accordingly.

He also proposed they be separated to maintain the pure bloodline through which the Messiah would come. (Free from corruption of giant races.) He planned to raise up a strong nation to defeat the giant races that were filling the land - including Canaan, the promised land.

## **L. Failure of men**

### **1. Failure of Abraham**

- a.** The first failure of Abraham was in not leaving his relatives behind as God ordered him. (Gen. 12:1-3) Separated from kindred.
- b.** He doubted God's power to preserve him in famine and went from Canaan into Egypt.
- c.** In Egypt he lacked faith in God's promise of an eternal seed, and lied about Sarah being his wife, fearing for his life. This was Satan's trick to corrupt Sarah's seed by being in the Pharaoh's harem, but God intervened.
- d.** In Gen. 15, God again promised a son. Abraham and Sarah failed in trying to help God by Hagar, Sarah's handmaiden, bearing a son. This

act continues to be the cause of much trouble in the world between the Jews (the offspring of Abraham & Sarah) and the Arabs (the offspring of Abraham & Hagar). The true descendent of Abraham by promise of God was Isaac. Ishmael the offspring of Abraham and Hagar is the son of the flesh, Abraham and Sarah's attempt to do in their own way what they did not believe through faith that God could do as he had promised. It was clearly a lack of faith on their part. Whenever we try to do for God what He has promised to do for us we are walking on very dangerous ground. It is better to obey God than to offer sacrifice for sin against Him.

- e. In Gen. 17, God again promised a son to Abraham in one year. Sarah was then 89 years old. Abraham went to Philistia and again failed in unbelief by giving Sarah to the King for his harem. Satan's attempt again failed as God intervened and cursed the whole nation of Philistines and made their women barren. This way there could be no doubt in Sarah's child being Abraham's instead of Abimelech's, the King of the Philistines.

#### **M. Failure of Isaac (Gen. 21 to 35:29)**

1. Seemed less spiritual than Abraham - had more troubles. (Famine, went into Philistia)
2. Failed God in same way Abraham did lying about Rebekah (26:6-7). God promised that Isaac's seed would be as stars and as sand in number, and if he believed God he would never have feared that man could have killed him. This was another attempt on the part of Satan to corrupt the bloodline through which Christ would come.
3. God predicted Jacob would be the greater of the two boys and it was through him that the Messiah was to come. But in spite of this Isaac tried to give Esau the blessing and loved Esau more.

#### **N. The failure of all men in general**

Nations rebelled against God - Ammorites, Sodom, Gomorrah, Egypt, etc.

#### **O. Judgment of Israel (Ex. 1:7; 6:30)**

God allowed Israel to be oppressed by the Egyptians to try and bring His people to repentance. After 430 yrs. (Ex. 12:40-41) God heard their cry and Moses was used to deliver them. (Ex. 2:1-4; 31; Acts 7:17-36)

**END LESSON 22**

**QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 22**



1. **T or F Abraham lied more than once about Sarah being his wife.**
2. **T or F Abraham offered Isaac in what is believed to be the same place where Jesus was crucified.**
3. **T or F Abraham's last act was to go searching for a suitable wife for Isaac and he found Rebekah.**
4. **T or F Rebekah was related to Isaac.**
5. **T or F Abraham fathered several more children with Sarah before his death.**
6. **T or F Isaac lied about his wife and loved Jacob more than Esau.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 23**

### **P. Judgment of Egypt (Ex. 7:1; 12:51)**

Ex. 7:1-3 and Romans 9:14-18 indicates that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. On the surface this seems very unfair of God to use Pharaoh in this manner. It seems as if Pharaoh had no choice. Yet we know there is no unrighteousness with God so how can this be? The answer can be seen in the analogy of clay and wax. When each are exposed to the sun they react very differently. One melts and the other hardens while both being exposed to the same sun. The responsibility lies with the substance not the sun as the sun remains consistent to both. So it was with the Pharaoh. God remained the same but as Pharaoh was exposed to the presence of God his heart due to what was within his heart like the clay was hardened.

1. God sent ten plagues on Egypt for not releasing the Jews:
  - a. Blood (Ex. 7:14-25) - The first plagues were directed against the Nile, an object of worship to the Egyptians.
  - b. Frogs (Ex. 8:1-15) - This plague was against the gods of Egypt. Frogs were worshipped and honored as a symbol of fruitfulness.
  - c. Lice (Ex. 8:16-19) - This plague of lice was to show the limited power of magicians. In the first two plagues power was equal but here they had to recognize God's power.

- d. Flies (Ex. 8:20-32) - Cleanliness was part of their worship; this plague against Beelzebub, the god of flies caused hatred against him.
- e. Murrain (Pestilence) (Ex. 9:1-7) - Plagues against animal worship. All Egyptian cattle died, not one cow in Goshen died.
- f. Boils (Ex. 9:8-12) - Ashes used may have been from furnace of human sacrifice offered to god, Typhon, who was supposed to protect people from plagues.
- g. Hail & fire (Ex. 9:13-35) - Directed toward gods of Egypt, Isis and Osiris, they were supposed to control the elements and turn storms away from Egypt.
- h. Locusts (Ex. 10:1-20) - Against the god, Serapis, who was to protect the land from locusts. Moses' command drove the locusts away!
- i. Darkness that could be felt (Ex. 10:21-27) - Demonstrated the power of the living God forever.
- j. Death of first born (Ex. 11:1; 12:51) - The death of the first-born livestock and firstborn of man. Nothing could have been more disastrous to Egypt and show the powerlessness of their gods. All judgments were directed toward the gods of Egypt. (Num. 33:3-4)

**Num 33:3-4 And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. 33:4 For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.**

2. God destroyed the Egyptian army for coming after Israel once they had been set free. (Ex. 15:13-16)

## Q. God's provision of redemption

1. Blood (Ex. 12) - God told Israel to take blood of lambs and put it over the doors on both sides - in faith and in token to the coming Redeemer. God passed over the houses with blood, **“Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin”**. **Hebrews 9:22**
  - a. They were to bake bread without using leaven (a type of yeast which puffs up). The symbolism is that leaven is a type of sin.
  - b. God passed over the houses that were protected by the blood of the sacrifice. Today the Jews celebrate the feast of Passover in the month of April.
2. Power - not only blood but it took God's power to bring them out of Egypt and reconcile them to Himself.
  - a. Took power to let people go
  - b. Power to open the Red Sea
  - c. Power to protect Israel through Exodus from Egypt

## XIII. MELCHIZEDEK (name means: King or Lord of righteousness)

### A. First found in Scripture **Gen. 14:18-20**

**Gen 14:18-20 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 14:19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 14:20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.**

1. Melchizedek was serving as priest
2. He is referred to as King of Salem (ancient Jerusalem)
3. He blessed Abraham
4. He praised God
5. He received tithes (first record of) Here we see the tithe was in existence before the law of tithing was given. See Hebrews 7:9-10 where Levi paid tithes before the law as he was in the loins of Abraham when Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek. Thus our duty to pay tithe actually is beyond the law.

**Hebrews 7:9-10 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.**

### B. Second time he is found in Scripture: **Psalms 110:4**

**Psa 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

1. Mentioned here because of his priestly order
2. Christ promised here to be after the order of Melchizedek

**C. Third time he is found in Scripture: Hebrews chapters 5-6-7**

1. Hebrews 5:6 and also 6:20

**Heb 5:6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

**Heb 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

- a. Christ after the order of Melchizedek
- b. Christ priesthood eternal

2. Hebrews 7

**Heb 7:1-7 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 7:2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. 7:4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. 7:5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: 7:6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. 7:7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.**

- a. Called King of righteousness vs. 1
- b. Called King of Salem or Peace vs. 2
- c. Has no recorded genealogy – family vs. 3
- d. Has no recorded death or birth vs. 3
- e. Was made like unto the Son of God vs. 3
- f. His priesthood is continuous vs. 3
- g. He was a great man vs. 4
- h. He was not a descendant of Abraham vs. 6
- i. He was greater than Abraham vs. 7

## END LESSON 23

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 23

1. **T or F** Leaven is a type representing “sin”.
2. **T or F** On the night that the death angel came through Egypt the Israelites were spared the death of their firstborn if they put the blood of a calf over the lentil and doorpost of their doors.
3. **T or F** The feast of Passover is celebrated each year by Jews in remembrance of their passing over the Red Sea on dry land.
4. **T or F** Melchizedek was a King and Priest of unknown origin.
5. **T or F** Christ is a priest after the order of Aaron.

## BEGIN LESSON 24

### XIV. THE DISPENSATION OF LAW (Exodus 12:1; Matthew 4:1)

#### A. Definition of the Dispensation of Law

This dispensation is so named because of the law given to Moses, which became the rule of faith and practice during this period.

#### B. Length of dispensation

1. More than 1,760 years
2. From Moses to Christ
3. From the exodus from Egypt to the preaching of John the Baptist

- a. From the exodus from Egypt to entrance into Canaan over 41 years
- b. From Canaan to reign of Saul - over 500 years
- c. From Saul to Babylonian captivity was 573 years.
- d. From Babylonian captivity to the restoration of Israel to their homeland was 164 years.
- e. From the restoration to Christ was 483 years.

**C. The favorable beginning of this dispensation**

- 1. Israelites saw God's power in Egypt.
- 2. Saw God's power in the wilderness
- 3. God spoke the law to them in an audible voice. (Deut. 5:22-24)
- 4. He was visible in pillar of fire and cloud (His presence) (Ex. 14:19-31)
- 5. Provided food, clothing (Deut. 29:5; Ex. 16:35; Ex. 16:12; 17:6)
- 6. Took away sickness - no feeble in their tribes (Ex. 15:26; 23:25; Ps. 105:37)
- 7. Victories over their enemies (Ex. 24:9-11; Deut. 4:6-8; 5:1-6; Josh. 5:13-15)
- 8. Led them to Promised Land (Ex. 23:20-33)
- 9. Complete code of laws governing every phase of life
- 10. Had God's blessings and promises

**D. The test for man in his dispensation:**

Have faith in God and obey the law of Moses in every detail.

- 1. They had **the commandments** (Ex. 20:1-17; 5:1-21) God's Holy will in every phase of human life
- 2. **The judgments** (Ex. 21:1--23:33) detailed regulations of social laws summed up in the commandments.
- 3. **The ordinances** (Ex. 24:12--31:18) detailed regulations of the religious laws of the Ten Commandments.

**E. The purpose**

- 1. To make Israel the head of nations.
  - a. Would be governed by God's law
  - b. Would be governed by God's choice of men
- 2. God planned a visible system of worship.
  - a. A place where His glory could be manifested
  - b. Where He could have contact with man. (Ex. 19:3-7; Deut. 28)

3. God wanted to bless Israel and make it an example of physical and spiritual prosperity for all other nations of the earth.
4. God sent many prophets during this dispensation to speak to man.
5. God's purpose in giving the law to Moses
  - a. The law should govern Israel until the Messiah would come.
  - b. The law made the whole world guilty so that God could have mercy on all alike (Rom. 3:19-30) and brought the knowledge of sin (5:13-21)

Death passed upon all from Adam thereon, even though there was no formal law given until the time of Moses, yet death still reigned over those who were under no law. The law was given to point out to man his sinfulness and drive him to the understanding that he needed a savior. However the fact that death still reigned over those who lived before the law was given is proof that by one man's sin (Adam) the penalty of death was passed upon all men even though where there is no law sin is not imputed (put to their account). Due to Adam's sin all mankind was born separated from God (death is separation from God who is life), and in need of a "born again" in order to be reconciled to God. By the same token life was made possible by faith in one man, Jesus Christ who ransomed himself for our salvation by grace through faith and not by the works of keeping the law which no man can do. Thus salvation is by grace and not by works.

**Romans 5:13-21** (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. <sup>15</sup> But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. <sup>16</sup> And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification. <sup>17</sup> For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

<sup>18</sup> Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. <sup>19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup> Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: <sup>21</sup> That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans 3:19-30** Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; <sup>22</sup> Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: <sup>25</sup> Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; <sup>26</sup> To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what

law? of works? **Nay: but by the law of faith.** <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. <sup>29</sup> *Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:* <sup>30</sup> *Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*

\*Fulfillment of the law - (Matt. 5:17-18) – Christ came to fulfill the law not end it.

Mat 5:17-18 (KJV) **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.** 5:18 **For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

We still have an obligation to obey the law of those in authority over us (See Romans 13:1-7) except when their desire is contrary to the Word of God.

## **END LESSON 24**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 24**

- 1. T or F The dispensation of Law was the longest prior to the first coming of Christ.**
- 2. T or F The commandments, judgments, and ordinances made up the Law.**
- 3. T or F The judgments gave man the detailed guidelines for the commandments.**
- 4. T or F The law brought the knowledge of sin.**
- 5. T or F The law was to govern Israel until the second coming of Christ.**

## **BEGIN LESSON 25**

- 6. Cast out bondwoman (Allegory) (Gal. 4:21-31) Old covenant cast out, new covenant in force**

**Gal 4:21-31 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 4:23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of**



the freewoman was by promise. 4:24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 4:25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 4:27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 4:28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 4:29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 4:31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

(RevC) Throughout Paul's ministry he battled with the sect of the Jews known as Judaizers. They were those who wanted to mix salvation by grace through faith with obedience to the Law as given to Moses therefore making believers even more spiritual. In these next few verses Paul confronts their challenge and uses the Law to show that the way of salvation is not by works or obedience to the Law. Utilizing the story of Ishmael and Isaac, actual events (Gen. 16-21) Paul presents an allegory; a story with a deeper truth behind it. As we see from the explanation which follows Paul compares the birth of the two sons to being the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Ishmael being of the Old Covenant the son born after the "flesh" and in bondage to the Law. Isaac being of the "promise" born of the Spirit a New and better Covenant of "grace" as a free man. Isaac thus represents every Christian who comes to salvation by grace through faith (the promise of God), and not by the works of the Law or works of flesh as represented in Ishmael. (RevC)

**(POSB) Hearing the law is absolutely essential for the legalist or religionist.**

- a. **(4:21) Law— Religion;** ...The legalist or religionist is the person who approaches God by the law or by the works of goodness or religion. The legalist and religionist need to hear and really understand what they are doing, just how they are approaching God. They need to understand the implication of what they are doing.
- b. **(4:22-23) Abraham— Sarah— Isaac— Hagar— Ishmael: first, hear** that Abraham had two sons. Remember that the way to become acceptable to God and to enter heaven is not by law nor by the works of goodness, but by the promise of God. Paul uses the illustration of Abraham to prove the point (cp. Genesis 16-17, and Genesis 21). Briefly and simply, Abraham had two sons. One son had been promised by God to Abraham through his wife Sarah;

however, many years passed without Sarah ever having a child. She seemed incapable. She became discouraged, so she sent a slave girl, Hagar, in to Abraham. Hagar bore a son, Ishmael. Sometime later, however, God kept His promise and the impossible happened: Sarah, well beyond childbearing years, bore a son and his name was Isaac (Romans 4:10).

(I) Note the facts about Ishmael. He was...

- born after the order and process of nature.
- born into slavery, being born of a slave girl.
- born because of the work, effort, and will of Sarah.
- born because of the fleshly impulses, urges, and attraction of Abraham.

(II) Note the facts about Isaac. He was...

- born as a free man, born of a free woman, Sarah.
- born by the promise of God alone. God had promised Abraham that Sarah would bear a son, and when Isaac was born, Abraham and Sarah were both well beyond the years of childbearing—one hundred years old. Isaac was a miracle-child, born miraculously by the working of God—all because God had promised Abraham a son. Isaac was, therefore, a promised child.

The point is this and it must be remembered: Ishmael, the child born by human ingenuity, energy, and effort, was born into slavery. But Isaac, the child promised by God, was born miraculously by the promise of God—by His love and power alone—all because He alone had made the promise.

- c. **(4:24-28) Covenants—Law—Grace: second, hear** that the two mothers represent two covenants. Note: Paul says that these things are an allegory, that is, an illustration of truth can be seen and drawn from the event. When looking closely at the story, we can see how the mothers, Hagar and Sarah, represent the two covenants—the covenant of law and the covenant of God's grace or promise.

(I) Hagar was a type of the old covenant between God and man—the law.

Two things are said about the law.

(A). Hagar, that is, the law, bears children to slavery. The law says do this and don't do that. It demands and insists on obedience. It enslaves a person to do exactly what it says. Therefore, if a person hopes to approach God in his own goodness, merit, virtue, morality, and righteousness, he is in bondage to the law. He must keep it in order to be good and moral and righteous and to earn the favor of God. The law, the rules and regulations of goodness and righteousness, enslaves him. (Keep in mind, Paul is not saying the law is not good. We are to live righteously and morally, but we are not acceptable to God because of our goodness and self-efforts. We do not save ourselves; we are not to be praised because of our works and

goodness. Praise belongs to God. God is the One who saves us. This is what is being discussed.)

**(RevC)** It is important to remember that Hagar like the Law was temporary, it was not meant to be permanent and when that which was much better came (Isaac as a type of the New Covenant we have in the coming of Christ) Hagar like the Law moved off and was no longer the focus. She was always a servant, a bondswoman, a slave never an equal to Sarah who was free, one to whom the promise was applied, and the wife of Abraham. Thus Paul asks the question:

**Galatians 3:19** Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

**Galatians 3:23-25** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Living by faith in the promise is much better than trying to obey a Law that is impossible to keep. The Law was a demonstration of God's love in that it was given to point man to his need for a savior—one who could deliver him from bondage to the Law. Thus, as is evident in our story once Isaac was on the scene there was no more room for Hagar and Ishmael. Thus, Sarah said: **Genesis 21:9-10** And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. <sup>10</sup> Wherefore, she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondswoman and her son: for the son of this bondswoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. **Genesis 21:12** And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondswoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

Imagine how difficult it was for Abraham who had treated Ishmael as the promised son for 17 years. The works of the flesh profited nothing, they are as filthy rags before the Holy and Righteous God. Now what Abraham had done in the flesh had come back to haunt him, bringing him great sorrow of heart. That is true of the Law as it is a bondage, a standard that we cannot keep, and continually shows us how corrupt and worthless we are outside of Christ. (RevC)

**(B).** Hagar, the law, represents the very center of a religion of law and works which was Jerusalem of that day (Galatians 4:25). Note that Paul makes two connections to stress the point:

- ⇒ Hagar stands for Mount Sinai, the Mount in Arabia where the law was given.
- ⇒ Hagar and Mount Sinai both picture the very center of a religion of law and works, the Jerusalem of that day. Of course, Hagar also pictures any religion, church, people, or person who seeks to be righteous and acceptable to God and heaven through works and law.

**(II)** Sarah was a type of the new covenant between God and man, the covenant of grace or of promise. Two things are said about the grace and promise of God to man.

**(A).** Sarah, that is, grace, is seen in the Jerusalem which is above, the heavenly Jerusalem. Heavenly Jerusalem is the spiritual and eternal city which God has promised to those who approach Him through faith.

**(B).** Sarah and grace and the promise of a heavenly city are all free. Any person who accepts God's promise of a heavenly city which is eternal—who accepts His promise enough to believe it with all his heart, basing all he is and has upon that promise—is acceptable to God. God takes the man's sheer faith—the faith that has cast itself totally upon the promise of God—and counts it as the man's righteousness. Therefore, the man becomes acceptable to God: he is given the promise of God freely—without price—without having to work for it by keeping rules and laws.

**(C).** Note a second result as well: the covenant of grace ends up with more children than the Jewish legalist. This is a prophecy which simply predicted that more Gentiles would believe the grace of God than Jews (Isaiah 55:1).

**(III)** The point is forcefully stated: "Now we, brothers, as Isaac was, are the children of promise." Believers—all those who have believed in Jesus Christ—have been given birth by God—a spiritual birth. We receive the promise of God. God freely takes our faith and counts it as righteousness.  
⇒ Our faith is credited, imputed, counted as the righteousness which we lack within ourselves.

This is the glorious promise of God's grace, the covenant of grace which God has now made with man. Man can now inherit the promised land

(Canaan, the heavenly Jerusalem or city of God) and live eternally with God.

**Romans 4:13-14** "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect"

See also: Hebrews 11:8-10, 11:13-14, 16; 12:22-23, 13:14-15; 2 Peter 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1-2, 21:10-11, 22:19.

d. **(4:29) Law— Legalism— Persecution: third, hear** that those who are born of the flesh persecute those who are born after the Spirit. Ishmael ridiculed, mocked, and persecuted Isaac. Paul draws upon this fact to show why believers are persecuted. It is because men try and try to approach God in the flesh, that is, by their own energy and effort in trying to be good and righteous.

(I) The person in the flesh consciously or subconsciously is trying to secure credit, recognition, esteem, approval, acceptance, and praise from God—all by his own energy and effort. Therefore, he mocks, ridicules, and persecutes the believer who says that self- effort and self-righteousness are not enough and will not make a person acceptable to God.

(II) The person in the flesh has to confess human weakness and inadequacy—that he cannot make himself acceptable to God because he is...

- too sinful
- too polluted
- too short of God's glory
- too hopeless
- too unrighteous
- too helpless
- too unholy
- too undeserving

The person in the flesh refuses to accept this fact. He wants to think highly of himself and place himself on a level close to God. Therefore, when a believer comes along and says that a person has to be born again by the Spirit of God, the natural man reacts. He refuses to accept the fact that his flesh, his own energy and effort, is unable to earn, win, and merit God's approval.

**"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" Matthew 5:11.**

See also: Matthew 10:22, 10:38-39; Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 3:12-13.

e. **(4:30) Law— Legalism: fourth, hear** that legalism is to be cast out and have no inheritance with God. The law cannot co-exist with the grace of God. The son of Hagar, the law, shall not be heir with the son of Sarah, that is, grace. The fact of coming judgment could not be illustrated any clearer: Ishmael was

cast out so that he would not share in the inheritance with Isaac (Genesis 21:10f).

God never will accept anyone who approaches Him by law or by works. Why? Because the person has to stand before God saying, "God, here are my works, my goodness, my righteousness, a list of laws I have kept, a list of my contributions." Such a claim is merely deceptive boasting. Such a profession presents to God only human effort and energy, works and deeds. God is perfect; therefore, only perfection can exist with Him. No matter how much good and how many good works a person presents to God, they are not enough, for they do not make him perfect. Therefore, he must be cast from God's presence. But not the person of promise. The person of promise approaches God saying:

"Father, you are my Savior and Lord. You have loved me so much that you sent your Son to die for me. I believe with all my heart that Christ did die for me, and I surrender all I am and have into His keeping. I cast myself totally upon His righteousness and His death for my sins."

God has promised that the person who sincerely believes in His Son shall never perish but shall have everlasting life. He shall inherit the promise of God. God will accept his belief and count it as righteousness, and the man shall inherit the promise.

**"For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith" Romans 4:13**

**See also: Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 3:29; Titus 3:4-7.**

- f. **(4:31) Law—Legalism**: believers are the children of grace, not of law. The fact is clearly seen in all that has been stated above. Believers—yea, all men if they would only accept the fact—have so much for which to thank God. God has so loved the world and demonstrated His love beyond anything any person could ever ask.

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16**

**See also: John 5:24; Romans 5:8; Ephes. 2:4-10. (POSB)**

7. What was wrong with the law?
  - a. It had a sinful mediator (Heb. 7:26-27). An earthly priest who had sin in his own life could not well stand as a mediator between sinful man and a holy and righteous God

**Heb 7:26-27 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 7:27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

- b. It could not give eternal inheritance (Gal. 3:18). As no man could obey every aspect of the law. The law was given so we could see our sinful state and need for a savior.

**Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

- c. Animal sacrifices had to be offered daily; Christ only once (Heb. 9:11-28).
- d. An animal could not atone for the sins of a man. The blood of the animal sacrifice only covered over the sin not take it away. Jesus took away our sin. Throughout the OT the Jews understood that though an animal had been sacrificed their sin was only covered, thus they looked forward to the redeemer who would take away their sin.
- e. It could not justify man. (Gal. 2:16-21)

**Gal 2:16-21 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 2:17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.**

- f. It could not redeem and make us dead to sin, but it could bring death and condemnation - gave us the knowledge of our sin.
- g. It demanded righteousness, but could not produce it as it did not give any power to enable us to walk in righteousness. (Rom. 8:1-4)

**Rom 8:1-4** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

## **END LESSON 25**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 25**

- 1. T or F** In Galatians 4:21-31 Paul uses an allegory to show how Christian believers in Christ are not subject to the law.
- 2. T or F** Judaizers taught that obeying the law made Christians more spiritual.
- 3. T or F** The Law like Hagar was a servant even though Hagar was given to Abraham.
- 4. T or F** Sarah ordered Hagar and Ishmael to leave which was a type that the law and grace cannot cohabitate with the works of the law.
- 5. Which of the following comparing the Old covenant vs the New covenant is wrong?**
  - A: Law vs Grace**
  - B: Hagar the slave vs Sarah the free woman**
  - C: born by flesh vs born by promise**
  - D: Isaac vs Ishmael**

## **BEGIN LESSON 26**

### **F. Means of accomplishing purpose**

- 1.** Completion of the organization of Israel - Establishing as a nation
- 2.** Destruction of giants on the earth. The complete victory of Israel over their enemies
- 3.** The manifestation of God's glory and power
- 4.** The blessing on Israel as a people to prove the living God to other nations



## G. The failure of Israel

1. In the wilderness
  - a. Murmured against God many times.
    - (I) For water at Marah (the place where they threw a tree into bitter water and it became sweet) (Ex. 15:22;25)
    - (II) For bread and meat (manna in the morning & quail in the evening) (Ex. 16:1-22)
    - (III) For water at Rephidim (Moses smites the rock as told to) (Ex. 17:1-7)
    - (IV) For flesh (Quail for a month until it came out their nostrils) (Num. 11)
    - (V) Numbers 20:1-12 Water from the rock. Moses hit it twice instead of speaking to it as he was commanded by God.
    - (VI) Because of death of princes' (250 men who felt Moses should not lead Israel - God swallowed up their families and consumed the men by fire for their sin) (Num. 16)
    - (VII) Because of hardships in travel (serpent on the pole) (Num. 21:4-9)
  - b. Worshipped Golden Calf at Mt. Sinai (Ex. 32)
  - c. Miriam and Aaron's sin of self-exaltation. They were upset with Moses' marriage to the Ethiopian and they decided to be the voice of God to the people. Miriam made leper until she was out of the camp 7 days. (Num. 12)
  - d. Refused to enter Canaan through unbelief. Afraid of giants. Spies report giants but Joshua and Caleb saw God's promised land. (Num. 14)
  - e. Sin of adultery with whores of Baal, an idol (Num. 25)
2. Under Joshua for 30 years
  - a. The sin of Achan - took a garment from spoil hid it in the ground. People stoned him to death. (Josh. 7)
  - b. League with the Gideonites who were supposed to have lived far away but didn't (Josh. 9:20-27)
  - c. Not destroying inhabitants of Canaan (Judges 1-2)
3. Failure under Judges - 450 years. Continually rebelled and had seven servitude's because of rebellion and sin (**see note H. below**)

4. Under kings for 513 years. Every king in Israel failed in some respect.
  - a. Became worse and worse until God sent them into captivity
  - b. Completely destroyed capitol
  - c. Eventually God does away with them as a nation when in 70 AD Jerusalem is again destroyed and the surviving Jews were scattered among the nations
  - d. Failed to destroy giants until this period. The last were destroyed by David and his men.
  
5. In captivity (Ezek. 2:3; 3:9) They were a rebellious nation therefore God allowed them to be taken captive.
  
6. Failures in the restoration
  - a. Intermarriage with those outside Jewish race (Ezra 10:1-2, 10-11; Neh. 13:23-30)

**Ezra 10:1-2** Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. **10:2** And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

**Ezra 10:10-11** And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. **10:11** Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

- b. Robbing the Levites of the tithe (Neh. 13:10-14; Mal. 3:8-9)

**Neh 13:10-14** And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. **13:11** Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place. **13:12** Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. **13:13** And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren. **13:14** Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

**Mal 3:8-9 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.**

- c. Breaking the Sabbath; working on the Sabbath (Neh. 13:15-22)
- d. Neglect of the house of God; God wanted the Temple rebuilt and it wasn't yet. (Hag. 1:1-5)

**Hag 1:1-5 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, 1:2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. 1:3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 1:4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.**

- e. Corrupt priesthood offered poor, sickly sacrifices (Mal. 1:6-14; 2:7-17)

**Mal 1:6-8 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 1:7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.**

- 7. In the rejection, and crucifixion of their Messiah Matt. 26 & 27
- 8. The persecution of His followers (Book of Acts)

## **H. The judgment of God in this dispensation**

- 1. Judgments on Israel
  - a. Wilderness (God's wrath) for disobedience. Even Moses was kept from the promise land for his disobedience in hitting the rock twice instead of speaking to it to get water.
  - b. Periods of servitude's in the book of Judges:
    - (I) Babylon 8 yrs. (3:8)
    - (II) Moab 18 yrs. (3:14)
    - (III) Philistia (3:31)

- (IV) Canaan 20 yrs. (4:1)
- (V) Midian 7 yrs. (6:1)
- (VI) Philistia 18 yrs. (10:6-8)
- (VII) Philistia 40 yrs. (13:1)
- c. Captivities
  - (I) Babylon
  - (II) Assyria
  - (III) Egypt
  - (IV) Persia
- 2. Judgment is two-fold ending this dispensation
  - a. Judgment of the whole world in the Cross (John 12:31)

**John 12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

- b. Judgment of Jews because of their rebellion
  - (I) This long rebellion culminated in the rejection and crucifixion of their own Messiah.
  - (II) They were cut off. (Matt. 21:33-45)

**Mat 21:33-45** Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: 21:34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. 21:35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 21:36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. 21:37 But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. 21:38 But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. 21:39 And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. 21:40 When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 21:41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. 21:45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

- (III) 70 A.D. it was carried out
- (A) Jerusalem was destroyed
  - (B) 1,000,000 killed
  - (C) 97,000 taken captive
  - (D) The whole race was scattered among nations  
(Luke 21:20-24; Deut. 28)

### I. God's provision of redemption

In the Cross God provided redemption - (Col. 1:12; I Cor. 1:18-25). Up until this time men offered sacrifices of animals in faith of the coming Redeemer. (Heb. 8-10)

## END LESSON 26

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 26

1. **T or F** The people of Israel often complained to Moses against God's treatment of them.
2. **T or F** Moses married a woman from the tribe of Dan which upset Miriam and Aaron who then spoke their displeasure to the people. God then smote Miriam with leprosy.
3. **T or F** The Israelites refused to enter the promise land because all the men who went to spy out the land said there were giants in the land.
4. **T or F** Every king in Israel failed in some respect.
5. **T or F** Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 AD and the Jews were scattered among the nations.

## BEGIN LESSON 27

### XV. THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE (Matthew 23:1 Revelation 19:10)

#### A. Definition of the Dispensation of Grace

1. The primary meaning of grace in connection with God is: Free, eternal, unmerited love and favor of God toward free moral agents, who are capable of God consciousness and moral responsibility.
2. The grace of God is in all ages. God has been gracious, loving and merciful in every age.

- a. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8);
  - b. Lot and Abraham (Gen. 19:19;29) **"Behold how Thy servant has found grace in Thy sight."**
  - c. Moses found grace in the sight of God (Ex. 33:12-17).
3. There was grace before Christ came to earth.
- a. It was the fullness of grace that came through Him at His coming. (John 1:14-17)

**John 1:14-17 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 1:15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

- b. We can have fullness that they had in part in the Old Testament.
- c. They had God's glory in part. We can have it in a greater way. In Christ is all fullness (II Cor. 3:6-15)

#### **B. Length of Dispensation - From beginning of Jesus' ministry to the millennium**

Present year minus 26 yrs to account for the time period from the birth of Christ in 4 BC to the beginning of His ministry which was the last 3 years of His earthly existence. He died at age 33. Thus he lived for 29 years in the AD calendar but did not begin his ministry until the last 3 yrs. of His life. Therefore you would subtract 3 from 29 = 26 and then subtract 26 from the present calendar year to arrive at the approximate length of the dispensation of grace. It will last until the return of Christ to establish His kingdom.

#### **C. The favorable beginning**

- 1. Christ Himself started it when He started His earthly ministry (John 1:17)  
Law by Moses but grace and truth by Christ
- 2. It became possible for every man to be fully reconciled to God and be made anew. (Rom. 5:1-11)

**Rom 5:1-11 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 5:4 And patience, experience; and**

experience, hope: 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

3. Abundant life (John 10:10)

**John 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

4. Every man is made a priest and can approach God in Holy of Holies at any time, through grace. (Rev. 5:10; Heb. 10:19-23, 4:16)

**Rev 5:10** And hast made us unto our God (a kingdom of priests) kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

**Heb 10:19-23** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 10:21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

**Heb 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

5. Power over the enemy, and to do the same works that Christ did. (John 14:10-14)

**John 14:10-14** Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall

**he do; because I go unto my Father. 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.**

**D. The test for man in this dispensation.**

Obedience and faith among all nations.

1. Spiritual and physical benefits of grace are free, but only to those who accept them by faith.
2. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mark 16:16)

**Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

**E. Purpose of God in this dispensation**

1. His purpose is the calling out from all nations a people for His Name. (Acts 15:13-18)

**Acts 15:13-18 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**

2. To build the Church (Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 2:14-22)

**Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

**1 Cor 12:12-14 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.**



## **F. Means of God in accomplishing His purpose**

1. The purpose of God, calling out a people for His Name and in saving all that believe, is being accomplished by the preaching of the Gospel.

**Rom. 10:14** **How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?**

2. He uses believers to witness and to demonstrate truth and the fruit of the Gospel

**1 Cor 1:6** **Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:**

3. Ministry of the Spirit - calling and convicting

## **END LESSON 27**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 27**

1. **T or F** The dispensation of Grace will continue until the beginning of the millennium.
2. **T or F** In the dispensation of Grace all believers can approach the throne of God at any time.
3. **T or F** The church began with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost.
4. **T or F** In the dispensation of Grace it is now possible for everyone to be reconciled to God.

## **BEGIN LESSON 28**

### **G. Failure of men in the dispensation of grace**

1. The failure of Israel
  - a. For over 2,000 years they were to evangelize the world and failed because of repeated rebellion.
  - b. Israel rejected:
    - (I) Rejected John the Baptist (Matt. 21:25,26)
    - (II) Rejected Jesus (Matt. 11:11-27; 12:1-50; 23:1-39; Luke 4:28-30)
    - (III) Rejected the early disciples (Acts 4:1-31; 6:8; 7:59; 8:1-4)

2. Failure of the early Church
  - a. Disobedience to faith as early as Acts 5 and 6. Divisions, strife (6:1)
  - b. Division over teaching on keeping the law (Acts 15)
  - c. Epistles were written because of failures in churches
    - (I) Personal conduct
    - (II) Doctrines, false teachings
    - (III) Laws of Moses mixed with doctrines of grace
    - (IV) Jews better than Gentiles
    - (V) Misuse of gifts
    - (VI) Wrong marriage relationships
    - (VII) Meats, drinks, unclean living

I Peter 4; 2 Peter 2; Jude 3; Eph. 4; Gal. 5; Col. 3; Rev. 2-3

3. Failure of the Post (after) -Apostolic Church to our day
  - a. Church grew worse - dark ages
 

Popes and Bishops ruled through civil governments. Murdered millions because they would not conform to Roman Catholic religion. Some believe that the Roman Catholic Church is the great whore from the book of Revelation.
  - b. Today men are still rejecting truths
    - (I) Even professed Christians are denying teachings of the Bible.
    - (II) There will be worse conditions instead of better (II Thess. 2; Matt. 24:15-27) before the return of Christ.

## H. Judgment upon man

Because of continued rebellion and rejection of God's love God's judgment and wrath will be poured out on the earth. Referred to as the "Tribulation".

1. It will end this age and bring the millennium. (Jer. 30:6-9; Dan. 7:20-27; 8:15-25; 9:27; 11:36-45; 12:1-13; Matt. 24:7-31; II Thess. 1:7-10; 2:1-12; Rev. 6:1-19; 21

**Mat 24:7-31 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in**

all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 24:25 Behold, I have told you before. 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

2. God will permit men to be given over to their own lust, and to the Devil.  
(Rev. 9:20-21)

**Rev 9:20-21** And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

## **I. God's provision for redemption**

1. God's provision is always the same - the blood of Christ. From Genesis to Revelation
2. Blood and power also God is going to send armies from heaven to redeem His people. (Rev. 17:14; 19:11-21)

**Rev 17:14** **These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

## **XVI. DISPENSATION OF DIVINE GOVERNMENT - THE MILLENNIUM (Revelation 19:11; 20:15)**

### **A. Definition of the Millennium**

This dispensation is called divine government because God Himself along with the Son and Holy Spirit will set up a divine government on the earth over all nations forever. The first thousand years reign is called the Millennium. Mille (thousand) and Annum (year).

1. "Thousand years" reign of Christ (Rev. 20:1-10)
2. "The dispensation of the fullness of times" (Eph. 1:10)
3. "The day of the Lord" (When Christ returns with the saints to set up His Kingdom) (Isa. 2:12; Ezek. 30:3; Mal. 4; I Thess. 5:2; II Thess. 2:1-8; II Peter 3:10 are some scriptures.
4. "That day" (Isa. 2:11; 4:1-6; Ezek. 39:22; Mal. 3:12 and others)
5. "The world (Aion) (Age) to come" (Matt. 12:32; Mark 10:30; Luke 20:35; Eph. 1:21; 2:7-14)
6. "The kingdom of Christ and of God" (Eph. 5:5)
7. "The kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 5:3,10,19,20; 7:21; 8:11; 10:7; 13:43; 18:1-4; Luke 19:12-15)
8. "The kingdom of God" (Heavenly and earthly kingdom past - present - future) (Mark 14:25; Luke 10:11; 22:14-18)
9. "The regeneration" (renewing) (Matt. 19:28; Eph. 1:10)
10. "The times of the restitution (restoration) of all things" (Acts 3:20-21)
11. "The consolation of Israel" (the coming and ministry of the Messiah) (Luke 2:25)

### **B. Length of Millennium (Rev. 20:1-10)**

1. The length is 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-10)

**Rev 20:1-10** And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

2. It is from the binding of Satan at the return of Christ and the establishing of God's kingdom on earth, to the loosing of Satan and the last rebellion. It will be followed by the renovation of the earth by fire and the Great White Throne Judgment.
3. This is just the first 1,000 years of Christ's reign on earth. It is the beginning of an eternal reign. This 1,000 is for the purpose of stopping all rebellion and destroying all of God's enemies once and for all.
4. In the Millennial Age, God will gather together all things in Christ, both the things which are in Heaven and which are in earth. (I Cor. 15:24-28; Eph. 1:10; Rev. 22:4-5)

### **C. The favorable beginning**

In this age man will have a more favorable beginning than any other age. God will live among men and men will enjoy all the benefits.

1. Perfect Government - perfect justice - peace (Isa. 9:6 7; 11:1-5)

**Isa 9:6-7** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **9:7** Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

2. The glory of the Lord will continually be manifest (Isa. 4:2-6; Isa. 35:2; 60:1-9; 43:1-5)

**Isa 4:2-6** In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. **4:3** And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: **4:4** When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. **4:5** And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. **4:6** And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

3. Universal peace (Isa. 2:4; 9:6,7; Micah 4:3,4) and love

**Isa 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4. Universal prosperity (Isa. 65:21-24); Ezek. 34:26; Micah 4:1-5; Zech. 8:11-12; 9:16-17)

**Isa 65:21-24** And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. **65:22** They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. **65:23** They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. **65:24** And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

5. Human life will be prolonged (Isa. 65:20; Zech. 8:4; Luke 1:33)

**Isa 65:20** There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Life will be prolonged a thousand years and then those that don't rebel when Satan is loosed at the end of the Millennium will live forever.

6. Increase in light - eternal kingdom no sun or moon (Isa. 60:18-22)  
Sun will be increased seven times (Isa. 30:26), moon will be as light as the sun.

**Isa 30:26** Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

7. Changes in wildness of animals (Isa. 11:6-9)
  - a. They will be as in Garden of Eden
  - b. Serpent will still be cursed (Gen. 3:14; Isa. 65:25)

**Isa 65:25** The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

## END OF LESSON 28

### QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 28

1. **T or F** The epistles were written in part because of the failures in the churches.
2. **T or F** Millions of early believers were murdered because they would not conform to the Roman Catholic church.
3. **T or F** The provision for redemption is God's grace and obedience to the commandments.
4. **T or F** The terms, "The dispensation of the fullness of times", "The world to come", "The kingdom of Christ and of God" are all references to the millennial reign of Christ.

5. **T or F** All of the curse is removed during the millennial kingdom from the animal kingdom.

6. **T or F** People will not die during the millennial kingdom of Christ.

7. Which of the following does **NOT** belong among those whom the Jewish people rejected:

- A. Jesus
- B. John the Baptist
- C. The Pharisees
- D. The disciples

## **BEGIN LESSON 29**

8. Land will be restored (Isa. 35:1-10; Ezek. 36:8-12)
- a. Except the site of Babylon and maybe other centers associated with rebellion
  - b. Full restoration after millennium (Rom. 8:18-25; Rev. 21-22)

**Ezek 36:8-12** But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. 36:9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: 36:10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: 36:11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 36:12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of men.

9. Plenty of rain and water (Isa. 12:1-6; Ezek. 34:26; Joel 3:18)

**Ezek 34:26** And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

10. Plenty of trees, grass, livestock, gold and silver etc. (Isa. 60:5-17)

**Isa 60:5-17** Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD. 60:7 All the flocks of



**Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. 60:8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 60:9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. 60:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. 60:11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 60:15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. 60:16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. 60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.**

#### **11. Great highways (Isa. 11:16, 35:8)**

**Isa 11:16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.**

**Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.**

#### **12. Fruitfulness of women (Jer. 30:19; 33:22; Hosea 1:10)**

**Jer 30:19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.**

**Jer 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.**

**D. The test Rev. 20:1-10**

To obey the laws of Divine Government and live in harmony with God.

**E. The purpose of dispensation**

1. To stop rebellion (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Heb. 2:7-9)
2. Fulfillment of covenants made with Abraham (Gen. 12:13; 15:17) Isaac (Gen. 26) Jacob (Gen. 28:35) David (2 Sam. 7 and others)
3. To avenge Christ and saints (Matt. 26:63-66; Rom. 12:19; Ps. 2)
4. To restore and make Israel head of nations. (Isa. 11:11-12; Ezek. 20:33-44)
5. To gather together in "one" all things in Christ which are in Heaven and in earth. (Eph. 1:10) and restoration (Acts 3:20-21; I Cor. 15:24-28)
6. To judge nations in righteousness, and give earth to promised race (Isa. 2:2-4; 11:1-11; Matt. 25:31; Dan. 7:9-27; I Cor. 6)
7. To restore divine government on earth (Isa. 11:1-9)
8. To fulfill prophecies concerning reign of Messiah (Dan. 9:24; Acts 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 1:10-13)

**F. The failure of man**

1. Man rebels again
  - a. Men rebelled and failed God in every dispensation and fails again under divine government.
  - b. Satan is loosed from the pit after 1,000 years and again gathers rebel armies on earth that openly rebel against God trying to defeat God's divine government.
  - c. They are not successful. (Rev. 20:7-10)

**G. Judgment (Rev. 20:10-15)**

1. Cleansing of earth by fire (see point I. 1 below).
2. Great White Throne judgment. The resurrection and judgment of all men great and small before God.
3. All men not in Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Isa. 66:22-24; Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 14:9-12; 20:15)

**Isa 66:22-24** For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. 66:24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

## **H. Provision for redemption**

It is the same redemption through Jesus Christ.

### **I. Complete redemption by Christ**

1. New heavens and new earth -renovated and cleansed. Rev. 21:1; 2 Peter 3:10-13

**Rev 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. The whole creation is delivered from bondage and corruption (Rom. 8:21-24)

**Rom 8:21-24** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

3. All rebels confined to Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:11-15)

**Rev 20:11-15** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

4. Resurrected saints will continue to rule forever over future generations of men born in eternity. (Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14,18; Rev. 5:10; 11:15; 22:4-6)

**Dan 2:44** **And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.**

**Dan 7:18** **But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

**Rev 5:10** **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

5. Natural man will eat of tree of life and live forever carrying out God's original creative purposes. (Rev. 21-22)
6. The earth, plant and animal life will be as before the fall. (Rev. 21-22)

## **J. From Genesis to Revelation**

1. According to the Gap Theory, from the original creation to the end of the Millennium the earth has gone through two perfect states and two sinful careers
  - a. It was, according to the Gap Theory, perfect in Gen. 1:1; it was destroyed because of Lucifer's rebellion (Gen. 1:2)
  - b. The earth was, according to the Gap Theory, restored in six days and made perfect the second time. (Gen. 1:3; 2:25) the second race rebelled under Adam and the earth entered its second sinful career. (Gen. 3) This will last until the last rebellion under Satan at the end of the Millennium. (Rev. 20:7-10)
2. The earth will be made perfect again. This is the new Heaven and Earth. (Rev. 21:1)

**Rev 21:1** **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

- a. The wonderful conditions of the Millennial Kingdom will be carried on into the new earth.
- b. All rebels will be confined in the Lake of Fire. Death, sin, sickness and everything that entered the world in the curse will be gone. (Rom. 8:18-25; Heb. 12:25-28; I Cor. 15:24-28)

**Rom 8:18-25** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

- c. God, the Father, will come down with new Jerusalem to live with men. Emmanuel God with us. (Psa. 68:16-18; Isa. 7:14; Zech. 2:10-11; 8:3; Matt. 1:23; Rev. 21:3; 25:5)

**Zec 2:10-11** Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. 2:11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

**Zec 8:3** Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

- d. The new peoples will be redeemed descendants of Adam that are brought back to a sinless state before the fall, to replenish the earth and carry out God's original plan concerning man and the universe. (Eph. 3:9-11). Thus shall we ever be with the Lord!!!!

**Eph 3:9-11** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

## **END OF LESSON 29**

### **QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR LESSON 29**

- 1. T or F** Much of the curse will be lifted from man and the earth during the millennial kingdom, but the test for man will be whether he will chose to obey the laws of Divine government and live in harmony with God.
- 2. T or F** Man as in every dispensation preceding the millennium again falls short of God's desire for him and all mankind rebels with Satan.
- 3. T or F** At the end of the millennium the earth is cleansed by fire and the resurrection of the dead will bring man before the Great White Throne for judgment.
- 4. T or F** Satan will also go before the White Throne for judgment.
- 5. T or F** There will be a new heaven and a new earth and God will dwell with man in the New Jerusalem.