

COURSE OF THIS PRESENT AGE
PART 1—DISPENSATIONAL DIVISIONS OF THE AGE

- I. The “Dispensation of INNOCENCE”—from CREATION to the FALL (Gen. 1:26-2:23)
 - A. Man in a PERFECT environment, with no SIN nature, still FAILED
 - B. Duration uncertain—almost certainly LESS than ONE YEAR

- II. The “Dispensation of CONSCIENCE”—from the Fall to the FLOOD (Gen. 3-7)
 - A. Man guided by his conscience still FAILED
 - B. Duration of about 1656 YEARS

- III. The “Dispensation of HUMAN GOVERNMENT”—from the Flood to the CALL OF ABRAHAM shortly after the tower of Babel (Gen 8-11)
 - A. Man with organized government for DISCIPLINE still FAILED
 - B. Duration of about 427 YEARS

- IV. The “Dispensation of PROMISE”—from the call of Abraham to the EXODUS and Sinai (Gen. 12 – Exod. 18)
 - A. Man with promise of God’s REDEMPTION still FAILED
 - B. Duration of about 430 YEARS

- V. The “Dispensation of LAW”—from the Exodus to CALVARY (Exod. 19 – Acts 1)
 - A. Called “this present age” in the GOSPELS
 - B. Man with a WRITTEN CODE of God’s law still FAILED, even in the physical presence of the SON OF GOD

- C. Duration of about 1491 YEARS
- VI. The “Dispensation of GRACE”—from PENTECOST to Christ’s RETURN (Acts 2 – Rev. 5)
- A. Called “this present age” in ACTS and the EPISTLES
 - B. Man with the offer of FREE FORGIVENESS, the knowledge of CHRIST, and the presence of the indwelling HOLY SPIRIT, still FAILS
 - C. Duration of nearly 2000 YEARS and COUNTING
- VII. The “Dispensation of JUDGMENT”—from the RAPTURE of the CHURCH to the MILLENNIUM (Rev. 6-19)
- A. Man under intense TRIBULATION from God will still FAIL
 - B. Duration will be 7 YEARS
- VIII. The “Dispensation of the KINGDOM”—from the descent of CHRIST to ETERNITY
- A. Man under direct governmental RULE OF GOD with CHRIST on the THRONE will still FAIL
 - B. Duration will be 1000 YEARS, after which the “AGES” conclude and “ETERNITY” begins
 - C. Situation will CHANGE with that transition
 - 1. Man’s sin nature is REMOVED
 - 2. Satan is JUDGED
 - 3. All opportunity for disobedience is ELIMINATED in the NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH