

**A STUDY IN
DISPENSATIONAL
THEOLOGY**

**THE DISPENSATION OF
HUMAN GOVERNMENT**

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Text – Genesis 9:1 - 17

* Dispensationalism – an explanation

A. A dispensation is a particular way of God administrating His rule over the world as He progressively works out His purpose for world history.

I. The Dispensation of Human Government

A. The time frame begins at the end of the Flood and lasts till the call of Abraham.

B. Genesis 8:20 – Genesis 11:32

II. God's new ruling factor

1. Human conscience is still in play

2. Second ruling factor "rule" of the Holy Spirit

3. Human Government

a) God instituted capital punishment after the flood. (Gen.9:5-6) Before the flood Cain killed Abel. He then started a line of mankind that was so corrupt that God had to destroy them with the flood. To restrain evil in the world He gave man the responsibility to enforce his law of capital punishment. Man cannot do this unless there is the ability to pursue and arrest the murderer. He must be able to adjudicate the charge of murder and then have the right to execute the killer. In instituting capital punishment (Gen. 9:5-6) God was giving man the responsibility of human governance for the

purpose of restraining evil in human society. “The highest function of government is the judicial taking of life. All other governmental powers are implied in that.” (Scofield note on Gen. 8:21)

b) Paul tells us in Romans 13:1 – 7 that man still has the responsibility to restrain corruption through government.

- 1) Everyone to be subject to higher powers
- 2) God ordained those higher powers
- 3) They are to be a terror to evil doers
- 4) The ruler is the minister of God
- 5) We are to honor them.

c) God did not recall the ruling factor of the Human Conscience. He, also, did not recall the ruling factor of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will continue His role of restraining until “He is taken out of the way” (II Thes. 2:7) Therefore, at this time there were three ruling factors in play.

III. The special revelation of God to man in this Dispensation - Genesis 9:1-17

- 1) Man is to spread and populate the earth.
- 2) Animals would to fear man from now on.
- 3) Animals are now a source of food
- 4) God promises to never destroy the world by flood.
- 5) Man is to execute murders. This means there is now human government.

IV. Man’s responsibility was to obey God.

- 1) On the basis of human conscience

- 2) On the basis of the rule of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) On the basis of human government
- V. The Test – Would man obey God on these bases? - No he would not.
- VI. Man's Failure
 - 1) Noah was drunk
 - 2) One of the sons of Noah disgraced his father and was cursed.
 - 3) Noah's descendants refused to populate the entire earth. This gave rise to the Tower of Babel. (Gen. 11:4 "lest we be scattered")
- VII. God's divine judgment
 - 1) Confusion of tongues
 - 2) Nationalism (separate states) began.

The 7 Dispensations

1. The dispensation of Innocence
2. The dispensation of Conscience
3. The dispensation of Human Government
4. The dispensation of Promise
5. The dispensation of the Law (Mosaic)
6. The dispensation of Grace
7. The dispensation of the Millennium.