

THE BIBLE DISPENSATIONS

(Dispensation: an age or time in which a particular plan, arrangement, or system is in force)

DISPENSATION:	PATRIARCHAL	MOSAIC	CHRISTIAN
SCOPE:	Individual	National (One nation, Israel)	Universal ("all the world," Matt 28:19)
LAW:	Unwritten/Oral	The law of Moses, "written on stone" (Deut 9:10)	The law of Christ, "written in the heart" (Jer 31:31-33)
LAWGIVER:	God	Moses	Christ
WORSHIP:	<u>Family centered</u> , with head of family or patriarch as priest	<u>Tabernacle/Temple centered</u> , with a separate priesthood	<u>Church centered</u> , with every Christian a priest
PERIOD IN FORCE:	From creation (ca 4000 BC) until the giving of the law at Mount Sinai, ca 1500 BC	From giving of the law (ca 1500 BC) until Pentecost, AD 33	From Pentecost until the end of time
BIBLE TERM:	Period of " the Promise ," Gal 3:8, 17, 18	Period of " the Law ," Gal 3:17-24	Period of " the faith " or " the Gospel ," Gal 3:23