

The trial of faith then is not a testing as to whether or not there is faith, nor if the faith is sufficient, but rather a purifying of faith, a removal of all impurities of dependence upon self. That this was in the mind of Peter is clear from his comparison with the trial of gold by fire. As in the heat of the fire the dross is separated from the pure gold, so in the heat of trial and suffering the things of the world, in which so much confidence is placed, are burned away and God alone is left as the object of dependence. This then explains many of the trials and sufferings of God's people.

... If one should pass through a great trial in life and not come out with a deepened realization of dependence upon God, then something of vastly greater worth has been lost than any temporal loss sustained by that trial.

- J. F. Strombeck , *Disciplined by Grace*



Innocence

Time Period

From Adam to
Garden Expulsion
(Genesis 1:27 -
3:19)

Steward

Adam

House

Whole Race

Rule

Walk completely
reliant on God's
manifest presence
and oral
communication

Revelation

Desire for
independence
from God

Judgment

Expulsion from
Garden
Spiritual death and
loss of image of
God
Coming of
conscience



Conscience

Time Period

From expulsion to
Flood (Genesis
3:22 - 8:14)

Steward

Cain

House

Whole Race

Rule

Guided by
conscience alone,
man was to
choose to do good
and approach God
by means of a
sacrifice

Revelation

A knowledge of
good and evil did
not lead man to do
good or approach
God in the proper
manner

Judgment

Destruction of the
race except for
eight individuals

Many animals
destroyed

Human Government

Time Period

From flood to
Babel
(Genesis 8:15 -
11:9)

Steward

Noah

House

Whole Race

Rule

Would man by
means of
government keep
himself well-
pleasing before
God?

Revelation

Inability of man to
use government to
a righteous end

Judgment

Division of
languages
Division of
continent
Division of races



Promise

Time Period

From the call of
Abraham to Sinai
(Genesis 11:10 -
Exodus 19:8)

Steward

Abraham

House

Seed of Abraham

Rule

Would the seed of
Abraham believe
the promise that
they would be a
great nation under
God?

Revelation

Inability to truly
believe God and
His promises

Judgment

The bondage of
the Mosaic law

Immediate
separation from
God





The Dispensation of Law

Time Period

From giving of Law to the cross, plus tribulation period (Exodus 19:9 - Matthew 12:51)

Stewards

Moses (John 1:17) and the Prophets (Galatians 4:1-2)

House

Israel

Rule

Would Israel be able to order their lives by the law as a holy nation before God and other nations

Revelation

Inability to do what is required by the Law given by God

Judgment

Judgments in the Law
Concluded in the tribulation period

The Dispensation of Grace

Time Period

From Christ's work on the cross to the rapture (John 13 - Revelation 3)

Steward

Paul

House

Church

Rule

Grow in Christ's grace and knowledge. Live godly, maintain spiritual unity.

Revelation

Inability to please and serve God. Man is unwilling to be spiritual when God does all the work

Judgment

Discipline and chastening of the Lord in this present life





The Fullness of Times

Time Period

Millennial kingdom to battle of Gog and Magog

Steward

Resurrected David

House

Whole Race (Especially Gentiles)

Rule

Seeing the living Christ every day, will man believe in the permanence of the Kingdom of Christ and live in light of that faith?

Revelation

Man won't change in a perfect environment. Visible presence of Christ has no effect on man. Sight doesn't bring true faith.

Judgment

Defeat at final battle and cast into the lake of fire
Rebellion in kingdom = immediately cast into the lake of fire

DANIEL 2:25-45



HEAD	CHEST & ARMS	THIGHS	LEGS
GOLD	SILVER	BRASS	IRON
BABYLONIAN EMPIRE	MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE	GREEK EMPIRE	ROMAN EMPIRE
	TIMES OF THE GENTILES THE DISPENSATION OF LAW		
	69 WEEKS OF YEARS = 483 YEARS		

THE CROSS
PENTECOST

TITUS A.D. 70
TEMPLE DESTROYED

THE CHURCH
THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

DANIEL 12:11-12



BATTLE OF MEGIDDO
REVELATION 16:14-16

MILLENNIAL
KINGDOM
THE DISPENSATION OF THE
FULLNESS OF TIMES

SHEEP AND GOAT JUDGEMENT
MATTHEW 25:31-46

LAKE OF FIRE
REVELATION 20:10

SATAN BOUND A 1,000 YEARS
REVELATION 20:1-3

ISRAEL HEAD OF ALL NATIONS
ISAIAH 60:1-12; 2:1-4

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING
ROMANS 8:17-22
ACTS 1:11
ZECHARIAH 14:3-4
REVELATION 16:14-16
REVELATION 19:11-16

John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Romans 9:4

Who are Israelites; to whom pertains the adoption [huiiothesia - son placement, placement of sons], and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service [priestly service] of [not there. read as 'to'] God, and the promises;

Deuteronomy 4:6-8

6 *Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’* **7** *“For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?* **8** *And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?*

Exodus 34:27-28

27 *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”* **28** *So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.*

Exodus 12:48

And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

Leviticus 17:8

“Also you shall say to them: ‘Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

Hebrews 3:1-6

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and *[even]* High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; **2** Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also *[in a similar way]* Moses was faithful in all his house. **3** For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honor than the house. **4** For every house is built by some man; but he that built all things is God. **5** And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; **6** But Christ like a son over his own house; of whose house we are, if we should hold fast to the confidence and the boast of the hope being firm to the end.

Galatians 4:1-2

1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child [*nepios - inarticulate babblers*], differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; **2** But is under tutors and governors [*oikonomos - house+rules; steward, house manager*] until the time appointed of the father.

Galatians 4:3-7

3 Even so we, when we were children [*nepios* - inarticulate babblers], were in bondage under the elements [*stoicheion* - rudiments or first principles] of the world [*kosmos* - world system]:
4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made [*ginomai* - coming to be] of [*ek* - out from as to source] a woman, made [*ginomai*] under the law, **5** To redeem [*exagorazo* - buying up, paying a price] them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons [*huiiothesia* - son placement, placement of sons]. **6** And because you are sons [*huios* - sons, to have position and privilege], God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. **7** Wherefore you are no more a servant, but a son [*huios*]; and if a son [*huios*], then an heir of God through Christ.

Hebrews 7:19

For the law made nothing perfect [teleios - mature], but the bringing in of a [THE] better hope did [can]; by [through] the which we draw near unto God.

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed [exagorazo - to pay the price to recover from the power/authority of another] us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one hanging on a tree:

Philippians 3:7-9

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for [THE] Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of [ek - out from] the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of [ek - out from] God by [epi - upon] faith:

Matthew 5:20

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 18:24

Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

Genesis 6:9

These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just [righteous] man and perfect [complete] in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

2 Peter 2:7

And delivered just [dikaios - righteous] Lot, vexed with the filthy [aselgeia - without boundaries, excess] conversation of the wicked:

Psalm 143:1-2

1 *Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness. 2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.*

1 Timothy 1:3-7

3 As I besought you to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine [*heterodidaskaleo* - another of a different kind of doctrine], **4** Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions [*ekzetesis* - ideas unrelated to reality], rather than godly edifying [*oikonomia* - dispensation, stewardship] which is in faith: so do. **5** Now the end of the commandment is charity [*agape* - love] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned [*anypokritos* - unhypocritical]: **6** From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling [*matailogia* - useless or empty words]; **7** Desiring [*thelo* - desire] to be teachers of the law [*nomodidaskalos* - teachers of the law]; understanding [*noeo* - an ability to direct one's mind to a subject] neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

Exodus 19:3-7

3 And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: **4** ‘You have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you unto Myself. **5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey [shema - to hear] My voice and keep [guard] My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine: **6** And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel. **7** So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.

Exodus 19:8-12

8 Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do *[accomplish]*.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. **9** And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. **10** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. **11** And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. **12** You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.’”

Romans 3:19-21

19 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. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the *[a]* knowledge of sin *[the sin nature]*. **21** But now the righteousness of God without *[choris - outside the law]* the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Genesis 15:18-21

18 *On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates -* **19** *the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,* **20** *the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,* **21** *the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”*

Genesis 26:2-5

2 Then the LORD appeared to him and said: “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. **3** Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. **4** And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; **5** because Abraham obeyed [shema - to hear] My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

Genesis 28:12-15

12 *Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. 14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”*

Exodus 18:13-16

13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening. **14** So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?" **15** And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. **16** When they have a difficulty *[dispute]*, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

Exodus 12:45-51

45 *A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. 46 In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. 47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. 49 One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.” 50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. 51 And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies.*

Exodus 13:6-10

6 *Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. 8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.' 9 It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.*

Exodus 16:1-5

1 And they journeyed from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they departed from the land of Egypt. **2** Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. **3** And the children of Israel said to them, “Oh, that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” **4** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. **5** And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

Exodus 16:6-10

6 Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, “At evening you shall know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt. **7** And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?” **8** Also Moses said, “This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD.” **9** Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” **10** Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Exodus 16:11-15

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **12** "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' " **13** So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. **14** And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, as fine as frost on the ground. **15** So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

Exodus 16:16-20

16 *This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to each one's need, one omer for each person, according to the number of persons; let every man take for those who are in his tent.'* " **17** *Then the children of Israel did so and gathered, some more, some less. 18 So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one's need. 19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning."* **20** *Notwithstanding they did not heed Moses. But some of them left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.*

Exodus 18:13-16

13 And so it was, on the next day, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the people stood before Moses from morning until evening. **14** So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?" **15** And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. **16** When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the statutes of God and His laws."

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Numbers 18:6-8

6 Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; they are a gift to you, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. **7** Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood to you as a gift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death.” **8** And the LORD spoke to Aaron: “Here, I Myself have also given you charge of My heave offerings, all the holy gifts of the children of Israel; I have given them as a portion to you and your sons, as an ordinance forever.

Exodus 18:23-26

23 *If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace."* **24** *So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.* **25** *And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads [rō' sh - heads] over the people: rulers [śar - prince, rulers] of thousands, rulers [śar - prince, rulers] of hundreds, rulers [śar - prince, rulers] of fifties, and rulers [śar - prince, rulers] of tens.* **26** *So they judged [shāpat - judges] the people at all times; the hard [qāsheh - hard to discern] cases they brought to Moses, but they judged every small case themselves.*

Deuteronomy 1:6-11

6 "The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. **7** Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. **8** See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers--to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob--to give to them and their descendants after them.' **9** "And I [Moses] spoke to you at that time, saying: 'I [Moses] alone am not able to bear you. **10** The LORD your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. **11** May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!

Deuteronomy 1:12-15

12 How can I alone bear your problems and your burdens and your complaints? **13** Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads [*rō' sh - heads*] over you.' **14** And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have told us to do is good.' **15** So I took the heads [*rō' sh*] of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads [*rō' sh*] over you, leaders [*śar - prince, rulers*] of thousands, leaders [*śar*] of hundreds, leaders [*śar*] of fifties, leaders [*śar*] of tens, and officers [*shātar - officers (enforcers now)*] for [*of*] your tribes.

Deuteronomy 1:16-17

16 Then I commanded your judges [*shāpat* - judges] at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. **17** You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard [*qāshâ* - hard to discern]. for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.'

Exodus 19:4-8

4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. **5** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey *[shema - hear]* My voice and keep *[guard]* My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. **6** And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." **7** So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. **8** Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Galatians 4:21-26

21 Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? **22** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. **23** But he who was of the bondwoman was born after *[according to]* the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by *[through]* promise. **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 *[Hagar]*. **25** For this Agar *[Hagar]* is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. **26** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which *[who]* is the mother of us all.

Galatians 4:27-31

27 For it is written, Rejoice [*euphraino - have a good frame of mind, to celebrate*], you barren that bears not; break forth and cry, you that travails not: for the desolate has many more children than she which hath an husband. **28** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. **29** But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. **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. **31** So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Romans 7:11-13

11 For [the] sin [hamartia - the sin nature], taking occasion [aphorme - opportunity, get a foothold] by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. **12** Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. **13** Was then that which is good made death [thanatos - separation] unto me? God forbid [may it never be]. But [the] sin [hamartia - the sin nature], that it might appear sin [hamartia - a quality of sin], working death [thanatos - separation] in me by that which is good; that [the] sin [hamartia - the sin nature] by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Galatians 3:22-24

22 *But the scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*