

EATING DISPENSATIONALLY

A LESSON IN GOD'S MEAL PLAN FOR THE AGES

"Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing."

- Deuteronomy 14:3

1. Eating in the Garden

- a. Genesis 1:29-30 – Herbs and fruits; vegetarian
- b. Purpose: All was provided for them (no hunting allowed)
- c. Significant change: Adam's Fall
- d. The garden changed from provision to hard labor; the lesson was gratitude.

2. Eating after the Flood

- a. Genesis 9:1-3 – Hunting instituted
- b. Purpose: To spread civilization across the earth
- c. Genesis 10:8-10 – A mighty hunter built Babel
- d. Significant change: Tower of Babel
- e. The language confusion forced them to spread out.

3. Eating after the Law

- a. Deut 14:2-3 – Peculiar dietary restrictions (Exo 12:20; Lev 3:17; Lev 11)
- b. Purpose: God separates Israel from the nations
- c. Significant change: the Law instituted
- d. God was dealing with one nation
- e. When you see dietary restrictions; God is dealing with one nation.

4. Eating after Paul

- a. 1 Timothy 4:4-5 – No restrictions; nothing to be refused
- b. Purpose: God offering grace to all men
- c. Significant change: dispensation of grace
- d. What is taught by Paul is now separate from MMLJ and Peter
- e. The weak one eats herbs – Rom 14:2-3
- f. Liberty from the law – Col 2:16
- g. We do all for the glory of God – 1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17

5. Eating the Fruit Restored

- a. Rev 22:1-3 – The tree of twelve fruits
- b. The leaves were for healing.