

A DISPENSATIONAL CHART

TAKING IT A STEP AT A TIME

1. One Step at a Time

- a. The Bible can be daunting when you don't know where to begin.
- b. We need to begin to build our understanding. Let's take it one step at a time.
- c. Timelines help to understand when things occur, revelations, instructions, changes, etc.

2. In the beginning.... God Made

- a. God created the heaven and earth (2 spheres of dominion) – Gen 1:1, 1:28 → Rev 11:15, 21:1
- b. The next 10 ch chronicle man's failure: sin, death, murder, wickedness, evil, wrath, confusion.
- c. What God said, man disobeyed, ignored, rejected, resisted.

3. God's Promise – the Fathers Built a Nation

- a. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob were given multiple promises from God about worldwide blessing.
- b. One man, one nation, one name, through which the world would be blessed. Gen 12:1-3
- c. That nation would be of Israel (Jacob), the others were deemed Gentile (nations).

4. God's Law – Moses Built a Tabernacle and Religion

- a. God made covenants and laws with Israel through Moses. Exo 19:3-6
- b. Moses' law came with holy rooms, priests, sacrifices, rules for living.
- c. This covenant required them to do to live, their righteousness, if they do.

5. God's King – David/Solomon Built a Nation/House

- a. David killed Goliath, conquered enemies, wrote psalms, received special covenants.
- b. God said there would be a king and kingdom come from David's house. 2 Sam 7:12-13
- c. David died before seeing God's house built, but believed he would raise -Amos 9:11, Jer 30:9

6. God's Prophets – Rebuilt a City from the Ground Up (with a remnant)

- a. For centuries God sent men to remind them of their covenants - "Repent or perish!"
- b. The prophets gave the state and future of the nation, temple, house, king, and covenants.
- c. They prophesied an anointed Saviour to restore the kingdom of Israel, give refreshing to all.

7. John the Baptist Baptized

- a. The greatest of the prophets, because he was the last before Messiah – Mark 1:1-3, John 1:31
- b. The beginning of the end – the fulfillment of last day prophecy begins. Mark 1:15
- c. John witnessed the name of Jesus - John 3:26-30, 3:18, 20:31, Acts 4:10-12

8. Jesus is the Messiah, Christ, Son of God –John 6:69-70, Matt 16:13-16, 21-22

- a. He confirmed the promises made to fathers (Rom 15:8), taught Moses law (Matt 5:17, 8:3-4)
- b. He would lead them as a Shepherd through tribulation, and a narrow way to the kingdom.
- c. He was rejected, and died, and rose again the third day... as it was written.
- d. The disciples who believed who he was, looking for a kingdom, were ignorant of his DBR.

9. God's Time - A Remnant is Built

- a. Closest ever to seeing God's purpose and promise for the Earth fulfilled.
- b. They even ask him, "is it time?" but they first have to receive Holy Ghost power – Acts 1:6-8
- c. There will be a time of tribulation, but he that endures will be saved – Matt 24:13, 21, 28-30
- d. The Holy Ghost preaches the fulfillment of prophecy through them - Acts 2:16-17, 3:21

10. God's Grace – Christ Builds a Body

- a. A chief persecutor is saved by God's grace – Paul.
- b. Christ returns and sends Paul to dispense his grace from the cross. Eph 3:1
- c. He reveals a mystery about himself and his will, one Body, the Head in heaven – Eph 3:6, 9-10
- d. It was not of Israel, not circumcision, not through the law, not in a temple, not a kingdom come
- e. His resurrection now according to Paul's gospel – 2 Tim 2:8
- f. His dominion no longer through one nation, but to all nations, above all things – Eph 1:20-23
- g. Instead of a baptism into water preparing a nation, it was a baptism into Christ for salvation.
- h. Salvation now not by enduring, law-keeping, sacrifices, religion, priests, temple, but Christ cross
- i. What was once a ground up operation (prophecy), is now a top down operation (mystery-Christ)
- j. Instead of things coming down, now we are seated up, looking up, being caught up.
- k. The last thing that will happen: prophecy (Christ comes down); mystery (we are caught up)