

III. THE DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

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A. Man's Situation in this Dispensation

1. After the flood

- a. Man had proved he needed to be governed by more than his _____.
- b. Man still had a moral responsibility to God concerning _____ and _____.

2. As far as changes

- a. Before this time, man had no right to take another man's _____ (Gen. 4:10,11, 14-15). Now to protect the sanctity of human life man as a corporate group or government was given the responsibility of carrying out _____ punishment (Gen. 9:4-6).
- b. Before man was to be governed by God through his conscience; now man was to obey God through _____ to his fellow man.
- c. To man's consciousness of moral responsibility was added the restraining power of human _____.

B. Man's Stewardship in this Dispensation

1. In his new sphere

- a. Man was once again commanded to be fruitful, multiply, and to _____ the earth. He was now permitted to eat meat (Gen. 9:1,3).
- b. Man was to obey God through submission to his fellow _____.

2. In regard to prohibitions

- a. Man was not to dwell in one _____ (Gen. 9:1).
- b. Man was not to live sinfully against his _____ and without _____ to the restraining authority of human government.

C. Man's Sin in this Dispensation

1. As demonstrated by Noah and Ham (Gen. 9:20-24).

- a. Noah became _____ and shamefully exposed himself ((:21).
- b. Ham committed a sinful act with his _____ (9:24).

2. As demonstrated by Noah's descendants (10-11).

- a. Instead of scattering and filling the earth as God had _____, the new generation settled down in the plains of Shinar and lapsed into _____ (11:2).
- b. Nimrod through aggression conquered the cities of the plains and built the idolatrous city of _____ (Gen. 10:8-10).
- c. Man once again didn't need God and they chose to make a name for themselves. In their disobedience to God's command they built an idolatrous _____ demonstrating the works of their own hands and their defiance of _____.

D. Man's Sorrows in this Dispensation

1. As a result of disobedience
 - a. For Ham's sin with his father, one of his own sons was cursed along with his descendants to become _____ to their brethren (Gen. 9:25-26).
 - b. God confounded man's _____ so they couldn't understand one another (11:7) and scattered them.
2. From failure to govern righteously
 - a. Aggression and the desire for personal _____ plagued men.
 - b. Man became idolatrous governing for _____ and not for God.

E. Man's Shortness in this Dispensation

1. Rule of life
Man had been delegated _____ to govern for God. Man was to obey God through submission to his fellow man.
2. Test
Man was to obey God's command to _____ the earth and human government was to impose _____ and _____.
3. Failure
Instead of governing for God and obeying His command, man governed for _____ and lapsed into _____.
4. Judgment
God confounded man's _____ (Gen. 11:7) and scattered them through all the earth (11:8).
5. Crucial Event
The dispensation of human government ended with the confusion at _____, but civil government continued in both the Gentile and Jewish Nations and is binding upon men until Christ comes and sets up the Messianic Kingdom.

ANSWER KEY

III. HUMAN GOVERNMENT

- A. 1. a. Conscience
 - b. right, wrong
- 2. a. life, capital
 - b. submission
 - c. Government

- B. 1. a. fill
 - b. man
- 2. a. place
 - b. conscience, submission

- C. 1. a. drunk
 - b. father
- 2. a. commanded, idolatry
 - b. Babel
 - c. tower, God

- D. 1. a. servants
 - b. language
- 2. a. rulership
 - b. himself

- E. 1. authority
- 2. fill, law, order
- 3. himself, idolatry
- 4. language
- 5. Babel