

# 1 ☐ BIBLE BASICS

## 2 ☐ Review of the Bible's Preservation

- 1 ☐ Original Bible manuscripts are called *autographs*  
Making **copies** of the original manuscripts began when?  
*during Moses' day*
- 2 ☐ We have about \_\_\_\_\_ **surviving** manuscripts or portions of manuscripts of the NT.  
The **Byzantine** or Majority text has the support of about \_\_\_\_% of the surviving manuscripts.  
It was the standard text for over \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
The **Alexandrian** or Critical Text has only \_\_\_\_% of manuscript support including two old manuscripts the *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*.
- 3 ☐ Stephens' 1550 *Textus Receptus* is the Byzantine Greek text behind the *KJV* and the *NKJV*.  
All other popular translations are based on the Critical Text.  
Many words are left out of the Critical Text.

## 3 ☐ BIBLE DISPENSATIONS

These are stages in God's progressive revelation and man's responsibilities.

### 4 ☐ Dispensational Chart

#### 5 ☐ Dispensation 1 – Innocence

- Timeline: From Creation to the Fall (*Genesis 1-3*)
- Circumstances: Man was innocent and naturally did what was right.
- Responsibilities: Multiply (*Genesis 1:28*), Stewardship over the earth, animals, dress and keep the ground, Obey, do not eat of the forbidden tree
- Failure: They ate of the tree
- Judgment: Death, hardships, leave garden
- Provision: Promised Redeemer, clothing, sacrifices

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#### 7 ☐ Dispensation 2 – Conscience

- Timeline: The Fall to the Flood (*Genesis 4-8*)
- Circumstances: Man was conscious of right and wrong.
- Responsibilities: Follow right, flee wrong, offer sacrifices for sins
- Failure: No blood sacrifice, murder, evil thoughts, intermarriage, wickedness
- Judgment: Noahic flood
- Provision: Noah kept safe during the flood, blood sacrifice accepted, rainbow of promised mercy and grace

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#### 9 ☐ Dispensation 3 – Human Government

- Timeline: The Flood to the Confusion at Babel (*Genesis 8-11*)
- Circumstances: Still have conscience of sin, eat meat, animals are afraid
- Responsibilities: Multiply and spread, eat no blood, govern, capital punishment
- Failure: Did not spread
- Judgment: Babel, languages, forced to spread
- Provision: Preserved the Godly line through Shem (*Genesis 11:26*)

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#### 11 ☐ Dispensation 4 – Promise or Patriarchal Rule

- Timeline: Babel (*Genesis 11:10 - Exodus 19*)
- Circumstances: Worldwide dispersion (*Ge 11:9*), distinct people groups separated by language, culture, and then appearance. Conscience and human government are still in effect, new revelation was given specifically to the descendants of Abraham.
- Responsibilities: Believe, obey, Abrahamic Covenant (*Ge 12:1-3*)
- Failure: Lack of obedience and trust (*Lot, Hagar, lies, Isaac/Esau*)
- Judgment: Maybe Egyptian slavery
- Provision: Exodus, Laws, tabernacle/sacrifices

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#### 13 ☐ Dispensation 5 – Law

- Timeline: The giving of the Law to the Cross (*Exodus 19 - John 21*)
- Circumstances: 10 Plagues, Red Sea, water, manna, quails
- Responsibilities: Obey God's Voice (*Ex 15:26, 19:5-6*), Keep the Mosaic Law, faith in blood sacrifices to cover sin
- Failure: Unbelief, disobedience, rejection of Christ
- Judgment: Captivities: Israel in 722 BC, Judah in 586 BC, destruction of Jerusalem 70 AD
- Provision: Christ's atoning sacrifice, God's grace (divine help) offered

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#### 15 ☐ Dispensation 6 – Grace

- Timeline: Cross to the Millennium (*Acts 1 - Revelation 19*)
- Circumstances: Christ offers salvation and freedom from Law
- Responsibilities: accept the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ, walk in the Spirit, and witness
- Failure: Unbelief, reject Christ, fail to walk in the Spirit and witness
- Judgment: Hell, loss of reward, Tribulation
- Provision: Rapture, Tribulation witnesses, Revelation as King

16 ☐ **Dispensational Chart**

17 ☐ **Dispensation 7 – Kingdom**

- Timeline: Millennium to Eternity (*Revelation 20-22*)
- Circumstances: Satan bound 1000 years, utopia
- Responsibilities: Obey and trust Christ in ideal conditions
- Failure: Pretend obedience (*Psalms 66:3*), final rebellion (*Revelation 20:7-8*)
- Judgment: Fire from Heaven (*Revelation 20:9*), Lake of Fire (*Revelation 20:10-15*)
- Provision: Believer's eternity with God in the new heaven and new earth (*Revelation 21:1-5; 2 Pet 3:10-13*)

18 ☐ **Dispensational Timeline**

19 ☐ **Summary of Bible Dispensations**