

Dispensational Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15 (page 1115)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

The word of truth is God's word, the Bible.

John 17:17 (page 1007)

Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.**

How do we "rightly divide" the word of truth? Many things are universal, applying to everyone who has ever lived: for example, the definition of faith.

Hebrews 11:1 (page 1127)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

But some things applied only to people of the past, some things apply only to us today, and some things apply to people of the future. It takes study to discover the difference. The easiest way to see this is to look at the people with whom God has worked throughout the Bible.

1. **Adam and Eve:** We still have dominion over the animals.

Genesis 1:28 (page 2)

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God's dietary commandments for man and animal are totally different from today.

Genesis 1:29-30 (page 2)

29And God said, **Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.**

30And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and **to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat:** and it was so.

Genesis 2:16-17 (page 2)

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:**

17But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

2. After “the fall” of Adam, the curse of God upon man and the earth is still applicable today.

Genesis 3:14-19 (page 3)

3. Noah: the end of man

Genesis 6:12-14, 17-18 (page 6)

12And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

17And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

4. Abraham: the beginning of the nation Israel

Genesis 12:1-3 (page 11)

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:**

2And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

5. **Moses:** leading Israel out of bondage, giving the 10 commandments.

Exodus 3:9-10 (page 58)

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and **I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.**

Deuteronomy 5:1 (page 190)

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, **Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.**

6. **Paul:** sent to the Gentiles (us) after Israel rejected Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost. The books of Romans through Philemon are written by Paul and pertain to us today.

2 Timothy 1:11 (page 1114)

Whereunto **I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.**

1 Timothy 2:7 (page 1111)

Whereunto **I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.**

Luke 21:24 (page 980)

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

1 Corinthians 9:17 (page 1070)

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a **dispensation of the gospel** is committed unto me.

Ephesians 1:10 (page 1092)

That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Ephesians 2:8-22 (page 1093)

8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

11Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for so making peace;

16And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:2 (page 1093)

If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:

Colossians 1:25 (page 1101)

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the **dispensation of God** which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

The dispensation of the grace of God will end with an event we know as the Rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (page 1107)

16For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Then, after the Church, the Body of Christ meets Christ in the clouds of heaven:

Matthew 24:21-22 (page 918)

21For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Revelation 19:11-14 (page 1163)

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 21:1-2 (page 1165)

1And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.