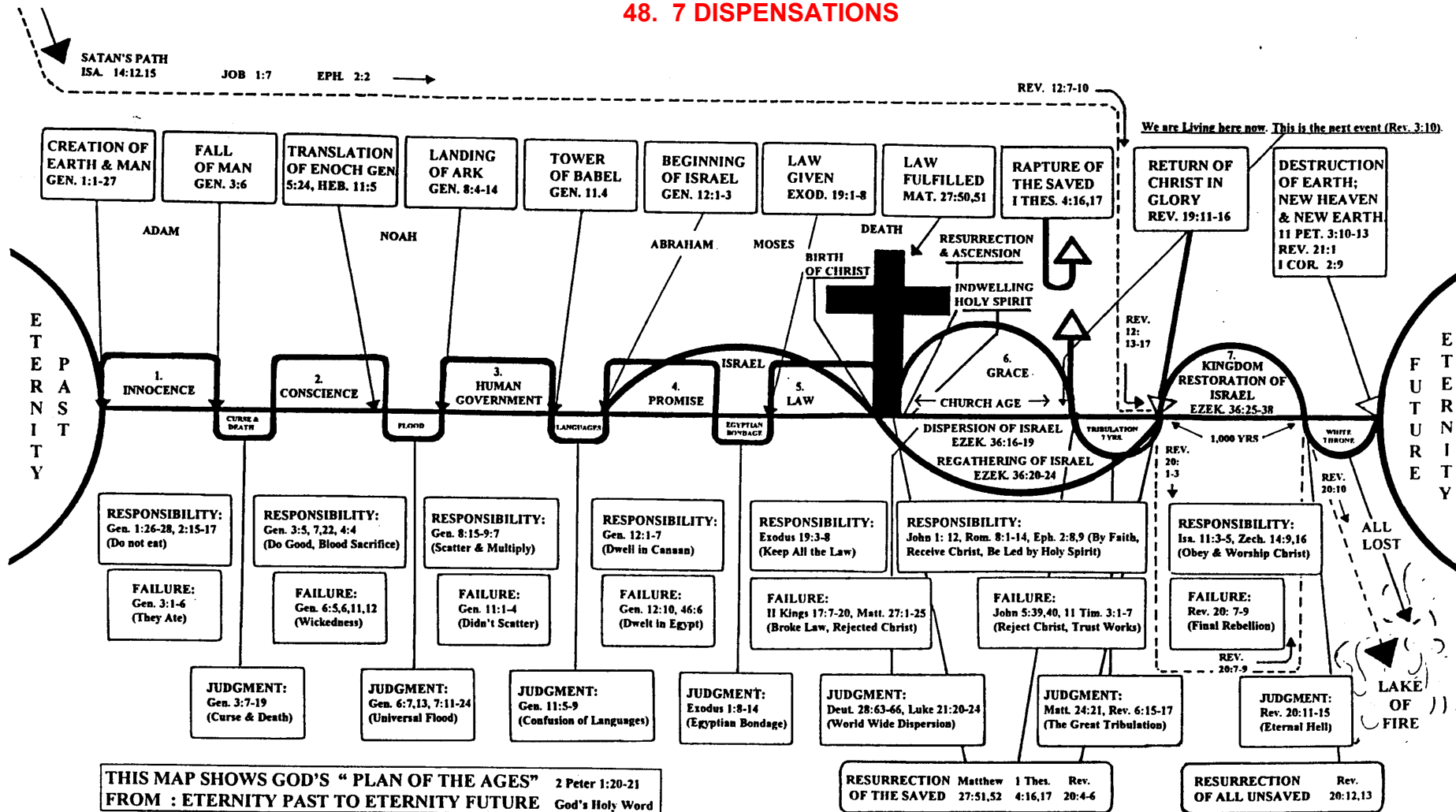


48. 7 DISPENSATIONS



This map shows God's "Plan of the ages" from Eternity Past to Eternity Future as recorded in His inspired written word (II Pet. 1:20,21).

There are 7 dispensations in the outworking of God's overall eternal purpose (Eph. 1:9,10). In each man is given a specific test or responsibility; each ends in failure and this brings judgment. The overall revelation of the dispensational tests show that man is utterly *sinful and lost* (Rom. 3:10,23).

Salvation in every dispensation is by the GRACE OF GOD (un-deserved, un-earned gift) and is received BY FAITH. Some examples are Abel, Heb. 11:4; Enoch, 5-6; Noah, 7; Abraham, 8-19; Moses, 23-29. See also Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 6:23.

We are now living in #6. Grace or Church age. This dispensation will end with the return of Christ. He will first return *in the clouds* to resurrect the DEAD IN CHRIST, to change the LIVING IN CHRIST and RAPTURE or receive them up together to Himself (John 14:1-3; I Thes. 4:16,17). This event MAY BE SOON—notice the *regathering of Israel*—SUDDEN (I Cor. 15:52), and a SEPARATION of the saved (born-again, in Christ: John 3:6,7; Rom. 8:1,9) from the unsaved. THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST TO THE RAPTURE OR THEIR DEATH WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY (II Thes. 2:10-12; John 14:6)! Then after the 7 year Tribulation Judgment, Christ will return to the earth IN HIS GLORY with His saints to establish the 1,000 year Kingdom on the earth

The Tribulation will be God's wrath on *this* Christ rejecting world and men will beg the mountains to *fall on them* to hide them (Rev. 6:12-17). There will be wars and AT LEAST 1/2 THE WORLD'S POPULATION WILL BE KILLED (Rev. 6:4,8; 9:15-18)! Men will be scorched with fire, there will be great earthquakes and 100 pound hail. Cities will fall and every island and mountain will disappear. AFTER THE RAPTURE (Rev. 3:10; 16:8, 9, 18-21).

The White Throne will be God's final judgment on all who have rejected His GRACE, BY FAITH salvation. They will be resurrected from all ages, judged, then cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:11-15).

NOW TWO QUESTIONS :

- #1. If the Rapture comes today, will you be taken?
- #2. Would you like to KNOW you will be with Christ? IF SO, PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUIZ ON THE BACK...