

The Dispensation of Human Government

About 2349 to 2126 BC

I. The test during the Dispensation of Human Government.

1. For all of mankind.
2. Could humans govern themselves and follow a few very basic rules to please God?
 - 1) Multiply—procreate.
 - 2) Spread out over the land—Failed.
 - 3) Become omnivores.
 - 4) Do not drink the blood of animals.
 - 5) Put murderers to death—Failed.

II. New Testament record of their failure (Rom. 1:21-23).

1. Apparently the eight who got off the ship had minimal influence over their progeny.
2. Mankind was not thankful toward God.
3. They had no insight into who God is.
4. Their pondering thoughts changed the immortal God to immortal images: gods.
5. They were spiritual morons.

III. Noah.

1. Had “issues” with Ham (Gen. 9:20-26).
2. Fermentation new with climatic changes?
3. Noah cursed Ham’s son.
4. Noah lived 350 years after the Flood and is never heard from; he apparently did not stand up to unrighteousness.
5. Noah’s three sons are the progenitors of vast areas.
 - 1) Japhet—the European nations.
 - 2) Ham—African nations.
 - 3) Shem—Eastern nations.
 - 4) Noah—the Americas?

IV. Unrighteousness is incentivized by society (Gen. 10).

1. There is no mention of an act of faith during this period in Hebrews the 11 chapter.
2. Nimrod “the rebel” (Gen. 10:8-11).
3. Mankiller against the LORD.
4. King, against the cursed line.
5. Built cities, failed to spread out over the land.
6. Instigates building the Tower.
7. Righteousness in the Shem line—Peleg (Gen. 10:25).