

## MINISTRY DISPENSATION

**Col 1:25** 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**;

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The words “dispensational truth” comes to mind. Clarence Larkin wrote the book *Dispensational Truth* over 100 years ago.

Many Biblical dispensations were charted (maps) in that book. The books of Daniel and Revelation were covered in some detail.

A dispensation is a period of time. There are many periods of time written about in the Bible.

The end-time event of the Book of Revelation is just one dispensation of smaller dispensations of 7 years. We see the different dispensations of judgments spoken of in those chapters. The seven seal judgments begin in Rev 6; then seven trumpet judgments started in Rev 8 and finally 7 vial judgments started in Rev 15.

However, we are usually concerned with our own personal dispensations. These are the chosen periods of time that God gives as ministry callings to his disciples.

**Paul** had knowledge of God’s voice and the power of god that changed his life.

**Act 26:13** At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Act 26:14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, **I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue**, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me.

**Paul** had knowledge of the words in Luke’s gospel. (Lk 2:32). It was a prophecy spoken by Simeon.

**Luk 2:32** **A light to lighten the Gentiles**, and the glory of thy people Israel.

However, Paul also had those words spoken to Ananias in ACTS 9:15.

**Act 9:15** But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear my name before the Gentiles**, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Later his calling to minister to the gentiles was supported by James and John. I believe that Paul was used by God to fulfil many passages of scriptural prophecy.

**Gal 2:7** But contrariwise, when they saw **that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me**, as *the gospel* of the circumcision *was* unto Peter;

Gal 2:8 (**For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:**)

Gal 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; **that we should go unto the heathen**, and they unto the circumcision.

Solomon speaks of dispensational times in Eccl 3

**Ecc 3:1** To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Ecc 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

I also believe that God can use us as anointed vessels to bring in the harvest of souls before the coming of the Lord.

**Joh 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and **greater works than these shall he do**; because I go unto my Father.

What did Jesus tell His disciples? “greater works than these shall he do”.

**Isa 8:18** Behold, I **and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

This prophecy was spoken 700 years BC.

The “I” in the verse (Isa 8:18) is Christ. The “children” in the verse is anyone who has received Christ as savior.

We are the ones that God has chosen “FOR SIGNS AND WONDERS”.

We are able by the power of the Holy Spirit to help fulfill this prophecy in this present day dispensation of the Church. The Church was started at the day of Pentecost; but we know that there are many church movements that make up that church. However, only those members who believe in signs, wonders and miracles can be included in “the children” of that prophecy. (Isa 8:18)