**THE SEVEN DISPENSATIONS**

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**TWO KEY WORDS:**

**The word “Age”**

(Greek: aion, from which we get the English word “eon”)

The word means: “A period of time viewed in relation to what takes place in it. An era marked by spiritual or moral characteristics” (as in “the golden age”/“age of Tudors”)

**Key verses:**
- King of the ages (1 Tim 1:17)
- Before the ages (1 Cor 2:7, 2 Tim 1:9)
- Creator of the ages (Heb 1:2)
- The completion of the ages (1 Cor 10:11, Heb 9:26)
- This present evil age (Gal 1:4)
- The purpose of the ages (Eph 3:11)
- The age to come (Eph 1:21)

**The word “Dispensation”**

(Greek: oikonomia, from oikos/house and nomos/law, from which we get the English word “economy”)

The word means: “An administration of affairs, a stewardship, a mode of dealing” (as “the Obama administration” or “Household management”). Each age in the plan of God (aion) is administered in a certain way (oikonomia), as man is held responsible as a steward under God.

**Key verses:**
- Give account of thy stewardship (Luke 16:2)
- The dispensation of the fullness of times (Eph 1:10)
- A dispensation of the grace of God (Eph 3:2)
- A dispensation of the gospel (1 Cor 9:17)