

THE SECOND DISPENSATION

NAME : CONSCIENCE

TIME PERIOD : From the fall of man into sin, to the flood. Duration 1,656 years.
Dates are 4,000 BC to 2344 BC , or 1 to 1656 AM.

TEST : Man, now with the knowledge of good and evil, is governed by his conscience. (Gen. 3:22-24).
Men are to bring a blood offering to answer one's conscience for sin.

FAILURE : Man corrupted himself. (Gen. 6:5,11-13, Matt.24:36-39), brings a wrong sacrifice.
The conscience of the ungodly is ignored, becomes corrupted and seared (Titus 1:15, 1 Tim.4:2).

JUDGMENT : God judges with a worldwide flood. (Gen.6:12)

REMEDY : blood offering on the altar by Abel (Gen.4:4), and by Noah after the flood (Gen.8:20-21).

Main Scripture Refs : Gen.4:1-8 , Gen.3:7 - 8:22, Titus 1:15, 1 Tim.4:2

Continuing Principle : **(1)** We still have a conscience (Rom. 2:11-16), but it can be resisted, and ultimately seared into accepting a sinful way of life, and then cannot to be trusted. **(2)** Two lines of people came from this dispensation: Cain - the ungodly line (Gen.4:16), Seth - the Godly line (Gen.4:25-26)
(3) Separation of the righteous from the unrighteous.

People : God, Adam & Eve, Abel, Cain, Seth, Enoch, Methuselah, Noah, Shem, Ham, Japeth, plus all others listed in Gen. chapters 3-7.

Events : **(1)** Cain slays Abel (Gen.4). Cain's conscience was not enough to keep him from the sin of murder. **(2)** Death rules (Gen 5). **(3)** Announcement of the coming flood (Gen.6). **(4)** Building of the ark, and the flood (Gen.6-7). **(5)** God gives the rainbow as a token of His covenant with Noah (Gen.9:8-17)

Notes : Methuselah - name means "when he dies, the end shall come". Noah - name means "rest". (Gen.5:21-29). Good testimonies (Gen.4:25-26). There was no written Scripture in this dispensation.

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