

## THE THIRD DISPENSATION

**NAME : HUMAN GOVERNMENT**

**TIME PERIOD :** From the flood to the time of Abram (later called Abraham by God).  
Duration 525 years. Dates are 2344 BC to 1819 BC , or 1656 to 2181 AM.

**TEST :** Man is commanded to replenish (repopulate) the earth, and given authority to govern himself. (Gen. 9:1-7). Moreover, men were to move throughout the earth (Gen.10:32)

**FAILURE :** Man rebelled against God, gathered instead of scattering throughout the earth (Gen.11:1-6). Men did not desire to be obedient to God, or follow God's ways. Building the tower of Babel was also rebellion against God.

**JUDGMENT :** Confusion of the languages (Gen.11:7-9)

**REMEDY :** blood offerings on the altar: by Noah (Gen.8:20-21), and Job (Job 1:1-5)\*

**Main Scripture Refs :** Gen.8:20 - 11:32 (note - the book of Job might be from this time period, but that can't be proven)\*

**Continuing Principles :** Man's government, capital punishment (Gen. 9:5-6, Luke 20:20-26, Acts 25:11, Romans 13:1-7), conscience (1 Peter 2:13-17)

**People :** God, Noah, Shem, Ham, Japeth, Nimrod, Abram, plus all others listed in Gen. chapters 9-11. Job may have also been from this period of time.

**Events :** **(1)** Noah comes out of the ark, offers sacrifice on the altar. God gives man the authority to carry out capital punishment (Gen.9:1-7). **(2)** God establishes His covenant with Noah, his family, and even with the animals; with the rainbow as the token of His covenant (Gen.9:8-17). **(3)** Ham's disrespect for his father, and is cursed (Gen.9:21-25). **(4)** Cush, Nimrod, Babel / roots of mystery Babylon (Gen.10 , Jer.44:17-19 , Rev.17:5). **(5)** Men attempt to build the city and tower of Babel, confusion of tongues (languages), scattering of nations (Gen.11). **(6)** Birth of Abram (Gen.11:26).

**Notes :** God gives man authority over the earth and animals (Gen.9:1-4). Animal flesh was now given to eat as food, in addition to plant life (vs.3-4). God puts the fear of man into animals (vs.2). There was no written Scripture in this dispensation (with one exception - possibly the book of Job)\*.

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