

Seven Administrations

Purpose: To familiarize children with the seven administrations.

Understanding that there are seven biblical periods of time is very important. They are called administrations and each has a distinct beginning and end. Today, the word administration is used when talking about the period of time a president or ruler holds a job.

In God's word, the seven administrations are: (1) Original or Paradise Administration, (2) Patriarchal Administration, (3) Law Administration, (4) Christ Administration, (5) Church of Grace Administration, (6) Appearing Administration, and (7) Final Paradise or Glory Administration. Let's take a look at each one of these.

The First or Original Paradise Administration begins with Genesis chapter 1 and ends with the last verse of chapter 3. Review these



verses with the students. God formed, made, and created Adam and Eve during this time. Adam and Eve sinned, and God drove them out of the Garden of Eden. This administration came to an end.

(Gen 3:24 KJV) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

The second administration is called the Patriarchal Administration. Fathers taught their children the ways of God. This was a period of time when God's laws had

not yet been written down. But, they were still supposed to be obeyed.

Next comes the Law Administration. It began with God giving Moses the Ten Commandments. There were also many other laws for the people to obey during this time: People were required to obey God's laws.

The fourth period of time was the Christ Administration. Jesus Christ was upon the earth and he brought an end to the laws we just mentioned.

(Rom 10:4 KJV) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

The Christ Administration ended with Pentecost.

The fifth administration, the Church of Grace, began at Pentecost. Pentecost means, fiftieth. It happened 50 days after Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. This is the ad-

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ministration we live in now. Now, people can become born again and receive Christ in them, the hope of glory. This administration is also called the "Age of Grace." This administration will end at the gathering together, when Christ returns to gather us together.

The sixth administration is the Appearing or Revelation Administration. This administration will begin when the Grace Administration ends.

(1 Th 4:17 KJV) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The Revelation Administration ends with satan being destroyed.

The last administration is called the Glory or Paradise Administration. During this administration, we will already have been gathered together with Christ to live with him forever. From then on, no believers will ever be sad, sick; death will have been destroyed.

(Rev 21:4 KJV) And

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

We need to remember that right now we are living in the fifth administration, the Grace Administration. Four administrations have already passed. The sixth and seventh administrations are still future. We need to rightly divide these periods of time; different parts of the bible apply to these different periods of time.

Much Love in Christ.

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