

The True Definition of Dispensation

Strong's Greek Definition for #3622

3622 // oikonomia // oikonomia // oy-kon-om-ee'-ah //

AV - dispensation 4, stewardship 3; 7

- 1) the management of a household or of household affairs
 - a) specifically, the management, oversight, administration, of other's property
 - b) the office of a manager or overseer, stewardship

This Greek word (Strong's **Greek #3622**) is used 7 times in the New Testament.

Luke 16:2	Stewardship
Luke 16:3	Stewardship
Luke 16:4	Stewardship
I Corinthians 9:17	Dispensation
Ephesians 1:10	Dispensation
Ephesians 3:2	Dispensation
Colossians 1:25	Dispensation

“Oikonomia” (**Greek #3622**) or “Oikonomos” (**Greek #3623**) is a combination of two Greek words “oikos” (**Greek #3624**) meaning “house” and the Greek word “nomos” (**Greek #3551**) that means “rule.” Together these two words mean a “house ruler/manager.”

Not one single time does the word “dispensation” mean a “dispensing of time” or a “time period.” The doctrine of Dispensationalism is not even 200 years old. Dispensationalism was invented in the 1830's by a Trinitarian named John Nelson Darby. Dispensationalism is NOT the apostles' doctrine; it's a Trinitarian doctrine!

Below are the non-biblical 7 time periods (so-called dispensations).

1. Innocence (Prior to Adam's fall)
2. Conscience (From Adam to Noah)
3. Human Government (From Noah to Abraham)
4. Promise (From Abraham to Moses)
5. Law (From Moses to Christ)
6. Grace (From Christ till Millennial Kingdom)
7. Millennial Kingdom