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God classified both of them as good (Gen. 1:27, 31). God actually literally walked and talked with them in the Garden (Gen. 3:8). This dispensation began with the creation of man and ended with the fall of man.

Dispensation Time Zone #2 - The time period of Adam and Eve after being expelled from Eden to the time of Noah and the flood. (Genesis 3:24-8:19)

This time zone is often referred to as the dispensation of conscience. We learn from Romans 2:15 that man's conscience was governing the people who did not have the law. During this period of time an acceptable blood sacrifice was to be offered to God (Gen. 3:21; 4:4). But man basically was being governed by his conscience. Eventually God saw that the wickedness of the earth was so wicked that "every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). During this time period God used His Spirit to restrain evil (Gen. 6:3). This restraining is still operative today and will be until the Tribulation (II Thess. 2:7).

Dispensation Time Zone #3 - The time period between Noah after the flood to Abraham. (Genesis 8:20-11:32)

This time period is often referred to as the dispensation of Government. During this period after the flood until the time of Abraham, God put man in charge of governing both his animal world and men (Gen. 9:2, 6). Also during this time there were at least four very unique implementations:

(Implementation #1) - God put the fear of man into the animals. **Gen. 9:2**

(Implementation #2) - God permitted people to eat the flesh of animals. **Gen. 9:3**

(Implementation #3) - God permitted man to carry out capital punishment. **Gen. 9:6**

God sanctioned human executions to be carried out by those who commit murder.

(Implementation #4) - God promised to never again destroy the world by flood. **Gen. 9:8-17**

What God implemented during this period of time is still operative today (Rom. 13:1-7).

Dispensation Time Zone #4 - The time period between Abraham to Moses. (Genesis 12-Exodus 18)

This time period is often referred to as the dispensation of Promise and Patriarchal Rule. During this period of time God calls Abraham to Himself and makes Promises to him that include a land that will be given to him and his family. During this time God begins forming the nation Israel through the Patriarchal line of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Paul refers to this as a time of Promise as does the writer of Hebrews (Galatians 3:15-22; Hebrews 6:13-15; 11:8-18).

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Dispensation Time Zone #5 - The time period between Moses to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, specifically when the veil of the Temple was torn in two. (Exodus 19:1-Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:41; Luke 23:49; John 20:30)

This time zone is often referred to as the dispensation of the Law. The Apostle John did clearly note this time matter in John 1:17. Now this dispensation covers a long period of time from 1400 B.C. to 30 A.D. During this time the children of Israel were given a Mosaic legal code comprised of 613 commandments that covered for Israel all areas of life and activity. The law was operative until Jesus Christ went to the cross (Colossians 2:14).

Now we think that there are six distinct time features and elements to this Law period:

(Time Feature #1) - The Law time element of Moses and Joshua.

During this time frame God did unusual things through Moses and Joshua. For example, God parted the Red Sea using Moses and parted the Jordan River using Joshua.

(Time Feature #2) - The law time element of the Judges.

During this time frame Israel was in her land but was not faithful to God, so He raised up various judges to turn Israel back to Him. He specifically singled them out in an attempt to get her to turn from her sinful ways.

(Time Feature #3) - The law time element of the Kings.

During this period of time very few miracles occurred.

(Time Feature #4) - The law time element of the prophets.

During the era of the prophets, God performed many miracles through Elijah and Elisha. There were special prophetic revelations that were given and prophets communicated the Word of God.

(Time Feature #5) - The law time element of Jesus' physical presence on earth before the cross.

During this unusual time moment, Jesus was physically on earth and was involved in performing 37 documented miracles, not including all miracles connected to His birth. John said that if everything were recorded that Jesus did on earth, all the written books in the world would not contain the data. We know from historical records that there were at least 500,000 written books at one library.