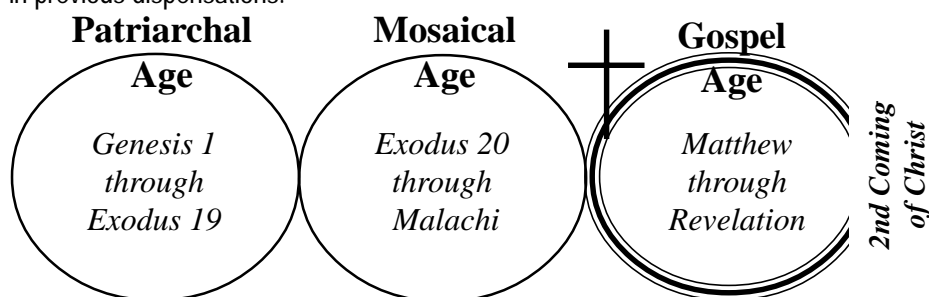


# Studies in the Scriptures

## *The New Testament*

Did you know that *all parts of the Bible* do NOT apply to folks living today? There are at least three "law ages" recorded throughout the Bible (see the chart below), and we are presently living in the "last days" or, "the gospel age", which is the third of these dispensations (Please read Hebrews 1:1ff; Acts 2:17). The passages in the Old Testament, for example, are not written for us to follow *as law* today. In Genesis 6:14, God commanded Noah to "*Make thee an ark of gopher wood...*", but this instruction is certainly not for us today. Also, there are many dietary laws and feasts that were to be observed in obedience to God under the *Law of Moses* (i.e. Pentecost, Passover, Jubilee, etc.) that are not applicable to us living today.

We can, however, learn a great deal from the things that were written concerning the other two dispensations as Romans 15:4 teaches, "*For the things that were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through the comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*" There are many "lessons learned" that we can certainly benefit from, if we will simply take the time to read and study about God and His expectations of mankind in previous dispensations.



Did you know that all men, everywhere, are now subject to the *New Testament* (Acts 17:30; Mark 16:15,16; Heb. 9:15)? The *gospel of Christ* is God's power to save (Rom. 1:16) and is to be taught in all the world (Matthew 28:18-20). Sin, for us today, is a transgression of *the law of Christ, the New Testament* (1 John 3:4; James 4:17). Let's resolve to study God's Word and learn what the New Testament teaches we are to do to please our God in Heaven. Jesus said, "*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed*" (John 8:31). *Thanks for reading. - by Mark J. Ward (markjward@yahoo.com)*

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