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THE INCARNATION & THE RESURRECTIONS

The Incarnation is a unique dispensation because it reveals the only unique Person of the universe. This unique period revealed God in His Son Jesus Christ and purchased salvation for people of all dispensations.

This dispensation serves to identify the other dispensations, being the central focus of human history, and which defines the other dispensations, it itself is a dispensation. Other dispensations also are patterned after the first advent of Christ.

God took upon Himself true humanity to win the victory of the cross, to be substituted for man's sins. God is forming the Church in honor of that victory; [Ephesians 4:15, 5:23, Colossians 1:18] the glorified Christ became true humanity in order to fulfill the Davidic Covenant to Israel, on which the Millennium is based. Because Christ will rule in the Millennium, He is called the Son of David [Matthew 1:1, 12:23, 22:41-46].

We cannot define the Age of Israel, the Church age, and the Millennium apart and without the first advent of Christ.

Each dispensation beginning with the incarnation of Christ terminates with a resurrection. This repetition treats the first advent of Christ (His Incarnation) as a pattern for dispensations.

The resurrection of Christ is the first, and so far the only resurrection in history (1 Timothy 6:16). Other individuals have come back from the dead, (resuscitated and not resurrected). Resuscitation restores an individual to his mortal body, to subsequently die again [John 11:43-44, 12:10]. Resurrection gives the believers his resurrection body so that never again will he die [1 Corinthians 15:54]. The religious fakers are inventing their own resurrections that are always heretical and blasphemous. The sequence of resurrection is introduced by the phrase "all shall be made alive, but each in his own order" [1 Corinthians 15:22-23]. The "orders" are dispensations.

The dispensation of the Hypostatic Union culminated with the resurrection of Christ, the first fruits of those who are asleep [1 Corinthians 15:20, 23, Revelation 1:5].

The Church Age will end with the Rapture, or resurrection of the royal family of God—those who are Christ's, who are next in line to receive resurrection bodies [1 Corinthians 15:23].

The Tribulation will conclude with the Second Advent of Christ—when He delivers up the Kingdom [1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 20:4], at which time the Old Testament believers and tribulation martyrs will receive resurrected bodies [Job 19:25-26].

The Millennium will culminate with the resurrection of all believers of the Millennial kingdom –when He abolished all rule and authority and power of Satan’s final revolution [1 Corinthians 15:24, Revelation 20:5, 7-10].

Human history will culminate with the resurrection of all unbelievers and execution of their final judgment into the Lake of Fire [Revelation 20:11-15].

The Lord Jesus Christ is also described as ‘the chief cornerstone” [Psalm 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17, Acts 4:10-12].

In the ancient world, a cornerstone was a stone laid at one corner of a foundation as the normal starting point for construction. A cornerstone is a stone at the intersection of two walls, uniting them. The cornerstone illustrates Christ’s relationship with Israel and the Church. Christ can be compared to both the foundation and the structure in a process of construction.