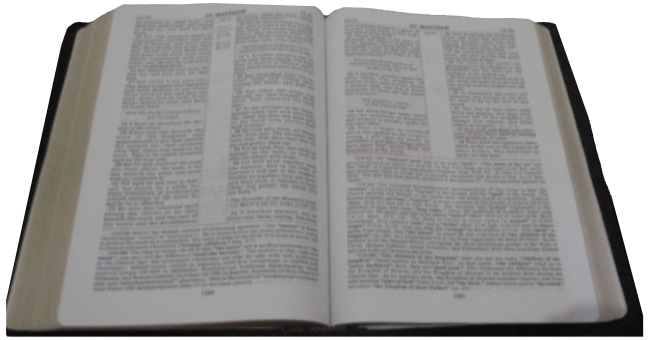
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Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

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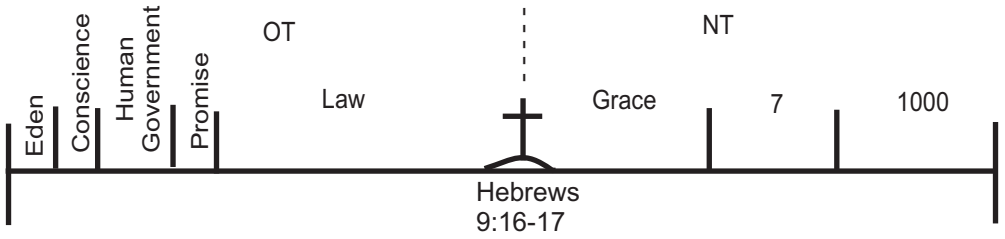
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Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.

2Tim 2:15- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Dispensation- A period in which God dispenses what man or a nation needs to be right with God.

8- Dispensations– Eden
Conscience
Human Government
Promise
Law
Grace
7 years Tribulation
1000 year Reign of Christ



In each dispensation God reveals to man his responsibility toward God.

Each dispensation ends in total failure of man.

Almost all heresies are from people who do not know how to rightly divide these dispensations.

Example-

Matthew 19:16-17

- Jesus told the young man to <u>keep the commandments.</u>

<u>Why didn't he say:</u>

- <u>believe on me</u> and you can have eternal life?

- Because Jesus had not died on the cross yet, and they were still under the Old Testament dispensation of Law.

- A man was not saved by grace through faith until Jesus died on the cross.

Men teach works for salvation in this passage because they don't know how to rightly divide the word of truth.

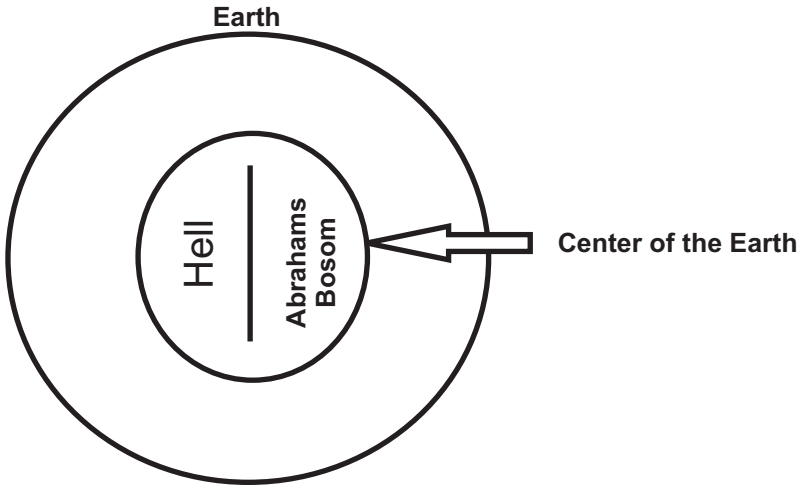
OT- 1- A man had to keep the Law- that's works

-When a person failed the law, he would put his faith in the sacrifice.

2- He had to offer a sacrifice- that's faith.

- Under the dispensation of Law it is Faith and Works

If a man did this he did not go to Heaven but to Abrahams Bosom.



An Example of faith and works written in the New Testament would be in Luke 1

Lk. 1:5-6- There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.
And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Zacharias and Elisabeth were both righteous before God- **How?**

Walking in all the commandments and ordinances blameless.

When an Old Testament saint sinned he would offer up the required sacrifice, by walking in all the commandments and offering up the sacrifice, on the basis of the sacrifice the sinner was made blameless not sinless.

When a person sinned against the law he would offer the appropriate sacrifice. The Sacrifice would cover their sin and they would become blameless so they could be righteous before God.

Every heresy is a truth misplaced.

You need to learn how to rightly divide so you know what God wants of you.

The word dispensation is mentioned in the scripture four times.

- Most people believe in dispensations but they don't make a distinction between the dispensations on how God deals with each man or nation. Some preachers teach your saved the same way, all the way through the bible.

- A famous saying that is not correct is:

- In the OT their saved by looking forward to the cross and in the NT their saved by looking back to the cross.

- This statement is not true.

Three major attacks on the Word of God.

1- Subtracting from the word of God.

2- Adding to the word of God.

3- Re-translating what it said, changing what it said.

Gen. 3:2- ...We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Gen. 2:16- Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Eve left out the word freely

The first sin on earth was not eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, it was subtracting from the word of God.

Gen. 3:3- Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Eve subtracts from the word of God and now she adds to the word of God. touch it.

Gen. 2:17- ...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

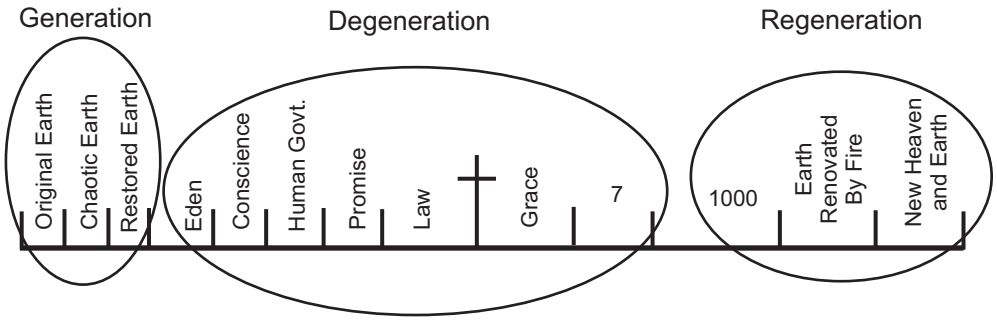
1- Satan questions the word of God- Yea hath God said.

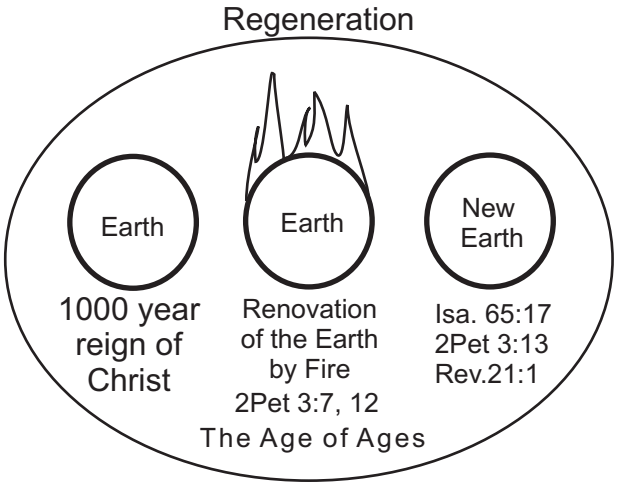
2- Satan changes the word of God- Ye shall not surely die:

So all false bibles - Add
Subtract
Change– a better rendering would be
- in the originals it means
- in the greek it says

Degeneration- covers the time from Eden the fall of Man all the way through the Ages to the end of The 7 year Tribulation.

Regeneration- covers the 1000 year reign of Christ to the New Heavens and New Earth.





1- **1Corinthians 9:17**- For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a **dispensation of the gospel** is committed unto me.

willingly- preaching the grace of God

against my will- Even if you don't want to preach the Gospel God has dispensed to you what the Gentiles need to be right with God.

-Romans 11:29- For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Paul dispenses what the gentiles need like a steward.

What is a steward?

Lk. 12:42- A steward is someone who works for someone else and is over their property and gives to his servants what is necessary to live and take care of that property. Like a foreman.

God calls men to give his people what they need to be responsible toward God.

God calls men- Noah
Abraham
Isaac
David, etc.

God gives to these men what the people need to be right with God. In a since their giving these people the bread of life. You eat it and you live.

A husband dispenses bread to his family so they have what they need to live.

Today a father takes his family to the Pauline epistles to show them how to live, not to Deuteronomy or Leviticus.You would be dividing to them the wrong portion of scripture.

[6]**2- Ephesians 1:10**- That in the **dispensation** of the **fulness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Each dispensation is given in a little different context.

Dispensation of the fulness of times.

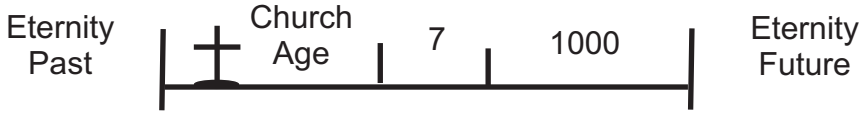
- This is a period when time, will be full or complete.

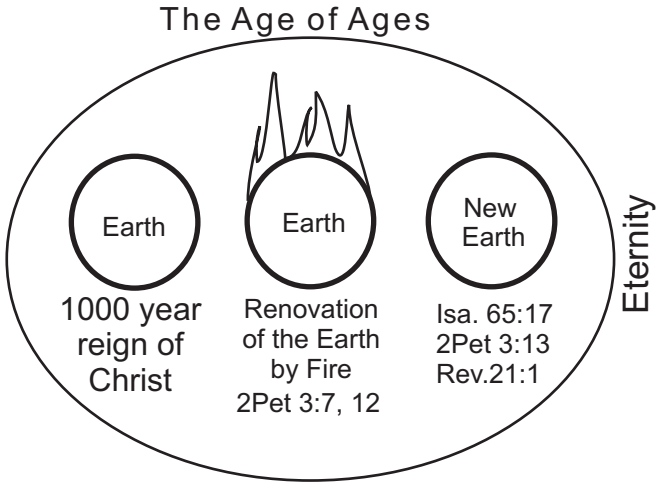
- Clearence Larkins book Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth has it as the Age of Ages.

Eph. 1:10- all things- Gods - Designs
Plans
Dispensations

God will gather all things together in the future, then somewhere in the future Christ will go back into God the Father.

1Cor. 15:28- And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.





Garden- everything is perfect

Adam- Full fellowship with God

Required- Eat & Don't eat

The Fall- He ate

Temptation- Wouldn't you like it a little better

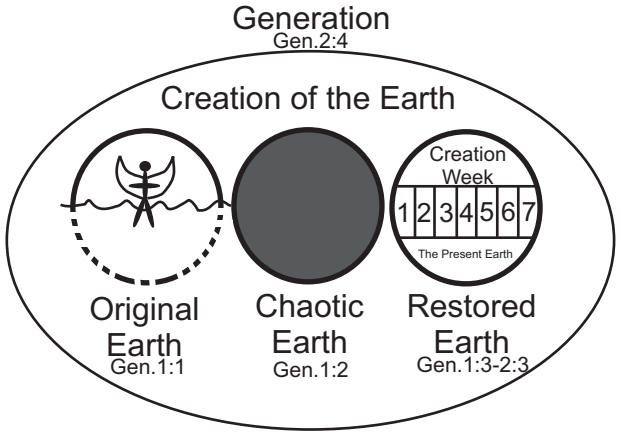
Gen. 3:5- Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Generation- - Full Fellowship with God

Degeneration- Partial Fellowship

Regeneration- Full Fellowship

Generation covers the Original Earth, Satan and his fallen angels, the Flooding of the Earth down through the Great Deep. God makes a firmament in the midst of the deep and recreates Chaotic Earth into the earth we know today. This is the Generation



Mans spirit dies-

Jh. 4:24- We lost the ability to have spiritual fellowship with God.

- Jesus came to restore that fellowship

Innocence- ends in Judgment

Gen. 3:14- Satan cursed

3:16- Woman

3:17-18- Adam

3:17-19- Earth

3:24- Kicked out of garden

God provides a covering

Gen. 3:21- God kills an innocent animal to cover their sin- Lamb.

-God sheds the blood of an innocent animal to make coats of skin to cover their nakedness.

Gods judgment fell on - Satan
Man
Woman
Earth
Innocent Being
Jesus Christ

Gen. 1:26- 3:24- Innocence

In Eternity past Jesus Christ is the Word of God. He was made flesh, he died for our sins and rose again the third day. He will return and reign on earth for a 1000 years. At the end of the thousand years the Great White Throne will be set up, the Heavens and the Earth will be dissolved and made into New Heaven and Earth. Some time after this period when time is full Jesus Christ will go back into the Father in eternity future and it will be like it was in eternity past. Except now there will be exact replicas of Jesus, the Body of Christ in New Jerusalem The Sons of God.

The 1000 year reign of Christ and the Renovation of the Earth and the New Earth is called the Age of Ages.

John 1:1-3,14
1 Corinthians 15:1-4
Revelation 21,22

3- Eph. 3:2- If ye have heard of the **dispensation** of the **grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:

In this dispensation God reveals to Paul that a person is saved by grace through faith. A person is given the grace needed to be saved.

God gave to Paul what he needed to dispense to the gentiles what they needed to be right with God.

Paul in- Acts 9- Is called out.
" 13- is Ordained
. " 15- Apostles all decide Paul's gospel is what they preach.

4- Colossians 1:25- Whereof I am made a minister, according to the **dispensation of God** which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

Why are there dispensations?

1- To reveal or emphasize an attribute of God.

- Every dispensation reveals a different part of Gods nature.

Example- The Law is holy and just. The law showed the Justice of God and the Holiness of God.

Hebrews 2:2- ... every transgression and disobedience received a <u>just recompence</u> of reward;

Our dispensation is Grace- So Grace is emphasized and the Patience and long suffering of God.

- Noah's day it was the Long Suffering of God.

One of Gods characters is over emphasized above the others to show that specific trait.

Gods wrath is in this age, but the main thing is Grace.

Tribulation reveals the wrath of God.

Millennium reveals the Righteousness of God.

- **Heb. 1:8**- But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: <u>a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom</u>.

No king has ever ruled in Righreousness. Jesus will in the Millennium.

Today a man can spit and cuss God and 10 years later the man gets saved. That's the grace of God. In the Old Testament God would of killed him on the spot.

<u>One Law</u>- <u>Don't eat</u> the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Gods Attribute- Goodness

Gen. 1:4,10,12,18,21,25- It was good

Ps. 33:5- He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

<u>Mans test and failure</u>-

Gen. 3:1-7- Man has a free will

Gen. 3:1,2,6- Yea, hath God said

Satan- he always speaks positive- Yea - Yes

Positive thinking ruined mankind.

3:6- good for food- <u>positive</u>
pleasant to the eyes- <u>positive</u>
desired to make one wise- <u>positive</u>

Question- What's wrong with something that is 100% positive?

Nothing according to the news media or college education.

The problem is God said No- <u>Thou shalt not</u>

Be careful with positive thinking most of the time it is against God.

Next in this passage of scripture we will look at the first attempt to destroy the Word of God.

1- **<u>The Dispensation of Innocence</u>**

Gen.1:26- Begins

1:26- Let <u>us</u> make man in <u>our</u> image.

Trinity- Godhead

Image - Jesus Christ

2Cor.4:4-

Col. 3:10-

Heb. 1:3-

Gen. 2:7- Dirt- we have all the same elements.

- dust of the ground- - Physical Nature

- breath of life - - Spiritual Nature

- living soul- - Soul

God - Body - Jesus
Soul - Father
Spirit - Holy Spirit

Man is like God, and the trinity.

<u>Mans responsibility</u>

Gen. 2:8-9, 16-17- Garden

Gen. 2:15- Dress it and take care of it.

He can eat the tree of life.

Old Testament- Law- The Law is Justice.

<u>Why Dispensations.</u>

1- To reveal an attribute of God.

2- It is to treat and deal with man in various ways to provide God a way to be just in mans salvation and damnation.

- The dispensations are to prove that man doesn't keep them no matter how God does it.

- Eden- Don't pick the fruit- man picks it.

- Law- Keep the commandments- man doesn't

- Grace- Believe only- man refuses to believe its that simple.

- Millennium- 100% works - a man would say if I only could of believed by faith I would of done it.

Men will always make excuses why they can't do it.

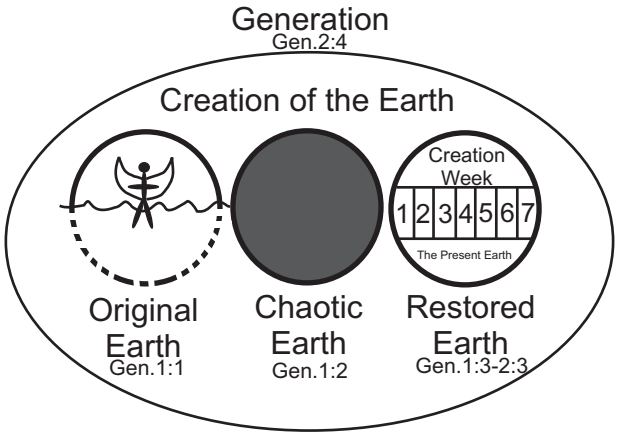
The Dispensations are to show us we can't keep them.

3- To reveal the approved and the heretic.

2Tim. 2:15- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1Cor. 11:19- For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

The New Earth | Renovation by Fire | 1000 year Reign of Christ | 7 year Tribulation | Grace | Law | Promise | Human Government | Conscience | Eden | Recreation Gen.1:3-2:3 | Gen.1:2 | Gen.1:1



1Cor. 9:17- God is dispensing.

Eph.1:10- Time is full or complete.

Eph. 3:2- Jew and Gentile in 1 body.

Col. 1:25- Stewardship

<u>Reasons for Dispensations</u>

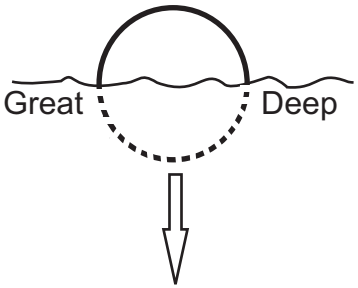
1- To reveal specific attributes of God.

2- To deal with men in different situations so God can be just in dealing with men.

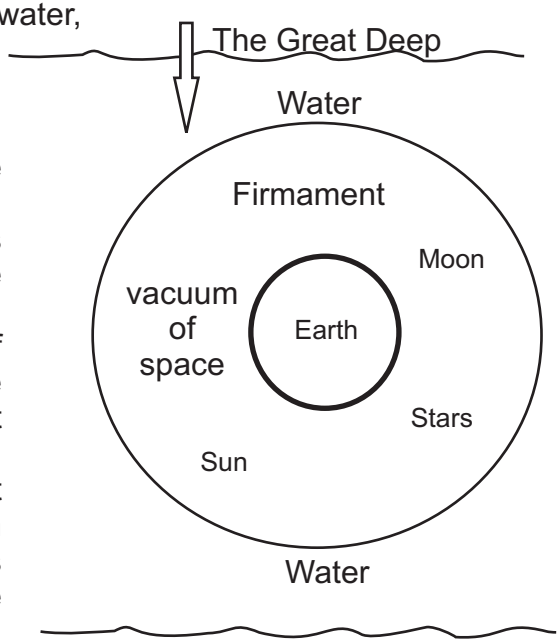
3- Who is approved and Heretic

2Tim. 2:15- There is only one way to get the bible correct, Rightly Dividing.

2Pet 3:5- ... the earth standing out of the water and in the water:



2Pet. 3:6- Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.



The earth was floating like a ball in water in Gen. 1:1 satan rebels and God sinks the earth down through the water (the great deep 1:2). The earth is in the midst of the great deep and the Lord creates a firmament in the midst of the deep. With water all around that would make a vacuum around the earth. That is exactly what outer space is.

So this takes us from creation to recreation

The next page we will begin or first dispensation.

The Dispensation of Innocence.

2Pet. 2:4- Their spirits are chained in hell now.

Jude 6- They will come up at the White Throne Judgement.

We Become the Sons of God

Jh. 1:12- New Sons of God.

1Cor. 6:3- We will judge angels- fallen sons of God.

Reasons why there are 2 Creations

1- God doesn't create anything without form and void.

2- Gen. 1:28 Replenish

Gen. 9:1- Noah

Uniformamaterialism - Everything is the same since creation- No

2Pet 3:3-7- Context Creation 3:4

Gen. 1:1- Satan ruling and falls Eze. 28

Gen. 1:2- The Earth sunk down through the Great Deep this is the Chaotic Earth.

Gen. 1:6- Firmament in the midst of the waters.

Gen. 1:8- Firmament - Heaven

- Outer space is a perfect vacuum

Generation

Gen. 1:1- Original creation

- No men or people

- Angelic beings

Gen. 1:2- Earth without form and void.

Adam- was created full grown.

- If you saw Adam you would of thought he was born and then a baby and teenager, but he never was.

- God gave him a history he did not have.

- Full grown tree- cut it down- 50 rings inside, you would of thought it was 50 years old; it wasn't, only one.

God played a trick on the scientist he created the universe with an apparent history it does not have. A scientist will look at a star and say it took 50 billion years for that light of the star to get to earth. No God created the star with the light already here to make it look like it took 50 billion years to get here. Just to mess up the scientist.

Rom. 1:21-22-
Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Gen.1:1- First Earth
1:2- without form and void
1:3- Recreation

Gen. 1:4- It was good- starts with recreation.

Ezekiel 28:15- Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

God creates everything perfect. Even Satan the Anointed Cherub.

Man was created perfect- He chose to fall.

That's Freewill.

Gen.1:2- Earth without form and void;

Void= To make empty
To Evacuate
To Discharge

Implying something previously.

Without Form= Orderly arrangement

1**Cor.14:40**- decently and in order

1Cor.14:33- God is not the Author of Confusion

Job 38:1-7- Morning Stars

Sons of God

Rev. 1:20- Stars = Angels

Ps. 82:6-7- Only 2 things in the OT called Sons of God.

1- Adam- **Lk. 3:38**

2- Angels

No person in the OT is a son of God

No one is born of God until after the Resurrection.

Rom. 8:29- ...firstborn among many brethren.

1Pet. 1:3- ...begotten us.... By the resurrection of Jesus Christ

- OT. Sons of God = Angels

- Foundation of the Earth was laid.

- Angelic population on Earth

Isa. 14:12- Satan and Angels Rebel

Eze. 28: 13-15- Satan played the music when the Morning stars sang together.

Satan Fell

Earth- without form and void.

What happened to the Sons of God?

Ps. 82:6- Ye are gods
children of the most high

Ps. 82:7- But ye shall die like men,

Gen. 6:2- sons of God

Gen. 6:13- And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through **them**; and, behold I will destroy **them** with the earth.

- drown like men.