

Oikonomia {Dispensation}:
Economy Drives Government



Revelation 76 All About Oikonomia Stewardship

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Oikonomia – Oikonomos: Law of Identity

(Oikonomia)...”is an administration of a household, whereby a steward is appointed to manage his master’s goods in order to yield a surplus, for which he will ultimately be judged according to his faithfulness as a steward.” {Faithfulness is *currency* of Christ’s Theocracy}

(1Co 4:1-2) {*Discovering Dispensationalism*. Pp. 45.}

(Oikonomia)...”is...theological system which reflects God’s administration over His household whereby a sovereignly appointed steward has administered a divinely apportioned measure of God’s grace; each of these administrations, which have occurred throughout the successive ages, have ended in judgment, and will find their culmination in the...Messianic Kingdom.”

- Dispensation/Dispensationalism is the modern technical term to describe how Christ, as ruler, administers His theocratic administration across Man’s history through people
 - Each *period* had its unique *economy*; however, gospel salvation **always** based on grace, faith and Jesus (Ro 4)

Christ Defines Theocratic Economy: Oikonomia – Oikonomos {Home Law}

- Christ linked His Theocracy with economic stewardship or Oikonomia-Home Law (Lk 19:11-27)
 - Each period-dispensation linked to a *given* economy, gospel task, administered by a steward(s)
 - Man without Christ fails; stewards may or may not succeed and each will be judged on their faithfulness
- Just as the empirical needs energy to occur; governments, including Christ's Theocracy, need economy to function: Mammon vs God – Satan's government or Christ's Theocracy (Mt 6:19-24, 31-33)
 - Christ's Theocracy does not take; Christ source of non-empirical and empirical wealth; but wealth usage demonstrates faithfulness: Use wealth on self or Gospel? (Ge 1:1-2; Ps 50:6-12; Mt 11:28-30; Jn 1:1-5; Ro 8:32; Ph 4:19; Col 1:24-28)
 - God showed Jews who rejected His Theocracy in favor of a King like the Gentiles {Monarchy}, and us, that Man's governments produce nothing; they take to exist: Lost squander on Self passes away (1Sa 8:10-18; Ps 73; 1Jo 2:15-17)

Oikonomia – Oikonomos: Guidelines

- The following are guidelines gleaned from Christ's Stewardship {Dispensation} parable:
 - Stewardship occurs with the management of a *household* {Family, Country, God-defined era}
 - Steward appointed by Christ had no inherent but delegated authority to accomplish the appointed administration of gospel {*Economic*} {Law: Preparing for Jesus as Lamb}
 - Steward dispensed Christ's wealth {Gospel-Salvation} as directed (He 3:1-6)
 - Stewardship is temporary; defined and judged by Christ based on steward's faithfulness
 - Faithfulness of the steward judged according to Father's Ten Words: Basis of His Nature
 - Judgment of the steward occurs when Christ transitions to a new era; or on death of the steward
 - Everyone is a steward, given a task even if only to acknowledge Christ as Lord; even Satan (Is 14:12-15; Ro 14:10-12; Ph 2:9-11)

Oikonomia – Oikonomos: Dispensation - Pre-Theocracy Economy

- Pre-Theocracy: Christ's appointed stewards {Leaders and individuals}
 - Task: Man must Control his Flesh which desires to sin - Fails: Individually and Corporately (Ge 4:6-8)
 - Adam rejected Christ's theocracy to start his own self-based society; repented to be head of eusebeia society
 - God chose Abel to replace Adam but Cain rejected-killed him then established his asebeia society (Ge 4:17)
 - God chose Noah to bring Man through Cataclysmic reset as Man failed; i.e., asebeia swallowing eusebeia society: Nimrod, self-appointed steward, rebelled against God who then *scattered* Man at Babel (Ge 10:8-10; 11:1-9)
 - Christ chose Abraham {Covenant} to bring Jesus as Paschal Lamb via a single people insuring salvation
 - Other Pre-Theocratic Stewards: Job; Isaac; Jacob; Esau; Laban: Assisted by *Melchizedek-type* priesthood (He 4:14-16; 5:5-6)
 - People entered Egypt becoming enslaved: Saved or Lost; individual or corporately – Man failed: Sola Gratia

Oikonomia – Oikonomos: Dispensation – Theocracy-Monarchy Economy

- Theocracy-Monarchy {Law}: Ends w/ Jesus Sacrifice–Fulness of time (Ga 3:23-27; 4:1-7)
 - Task: Society must Control the Flesh - Fails: Theocratic and Monarchial (Ex 24:1-11)
 - Theocracy: Moses-steward with Aaronic priesthood & civil-cultic practices based on Ten Words (Ex 20:1-17; He 3:1-6)
 - Joshua and the Judges: Stewards administering according to nation's faithfulness with several judges falling short such as Gideon and Samson: Nation rejected Theocracy, demanded Monarchy (1Sa 8:4-18)
 - Monarchy: God *allowed* Kings were Stewards with some failing {Saul} and some more faithful; David the King-Steward-type presaging Christ's Millennial Kingdom Theocracy {Son of David} (2Sa 7:8-16; Mt 1:1-17; 22:41-45)
 - Northern Kingdom {Israel}: Failed Stewards-Calf Worship {Ahab-Jezebel : Antichrist-False Prophet} Diaspora
 - Southern Kingdom {Judah}: Some kings *partially* faithful {Hezekiah}; Failed-Babylonia Captivity; but Grace
 - Gentile Kings: Also Stewards: Faithful-Nebuchadnezzar; most followed Satan-Christ always sovereign {Cyrus} (Ps 2; Is 44:24-45:7; Da 2; 4; 7; Hab 1:2-11; Ac 4:16-20; Ro 13:1-7)

Oikonomia – Oikonomos: Dispensations of First Fruits – Millennial Kingdom Economies

- First Fruits: Apostles-Paul, Stewards; {Pastors build on foundation}: (1Co 3:1-15; Ep 4:11-16)
 - Task: New Creation people submit to Christ-Spirit to Control Flesh: Spreads Gospel (Mt 28:18-20; 2Co 5:17)
 - Fails: Gospel generally rejected; Church devolves into Hermetic-Gnostic-Dialecticism (Ro 7:7-8:17; Re 2-3)
- Millennial Kingdom: Christ's Theocracy with vice-reagent King David as steward
 - Task: Nations enter Christ's Theocracy and Israel as priests; to Control their flesh (Is 61:6; Ze 12:10-14; Mt 25:31-46)
 - Fails: Satan's released and majority of peoples rebel attacking Christ-Saved in Jerusalem (Re 20:1-10)
- Each oikonomia builds on other; faithfulness to gospel is the currency and each person will give an account of their stewardship: Lost-Throne; Saved-Bema Seat (Lk 16:1-9; 1Co 4:1-5; 2Co 5:10; Re 20:11-15)