

VI. Dispensationalism's Teaching

- A. Rightly dividing the dispensationalists
 - 1. Classics
 - 2. Ultras
 - 3. Neo-Classics
 - 4. Progressives

- B. The major tenets
 - 1. What is a dispensation?
 - 2. A literal interpretation of the Bible
 - 3. A distinction between Israel and the Church
 - 4. A distinction between law and grace
 - 5. Pre-tribulational rapture
 - 6. A Jewish Millennium
 - 7. The carnal Christian teaching
 - 8. Non-Lordship teaching

VII. A Critique of Dispensationalism (Q and A)

- A. The strengths of dispensationalism

- B. The weaknesses
 - 1. An Israel-centered hermeneutic, instead of a Christ-centered hermeneutic.
 - 2. Promotes Antinomianism
 - 3. Promotes Escapism
 - 4. Promotes Theological Novelty
 - 5. Makes a mess of the Bible
 - 6. Misunderstanding and misrepresentation of covenant theology and amillennialism

Recommended reading

Crenshaw and Gunn, *Dispensationalist Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow*

This work is OP and polemical, but very well done in addressing the major issues.

Mathison, *Dispensationalism, Rightly Dividing the People of God?*

Excellent work exposing the fallacious dichotomy between Israel and the Church.

Robertson, O.P. *The Israel of God* (Presbyterian and Reformed).

Very good book on Israel with outstanding expositions of Heb. 7 and Rom. 11.

Poythress, *Understanding Dispensationalism*

Warmly written, peaceable in spirit, showing the interpretative problems with the system.

Fuller, *Gospel and Law*

A classic work on hermeneutics.

Gerstner, *Wrongly Diving the Word of Truth*

Polemical, A-bomb type of destruction of dispensationalism.

Bahnsen and Gentry, *House Divided*

A polemical work on the break-up of dispensational theology.

Continuity and Discontinuity

A valuable book of essays written by covenant theologians (continuity) and progressive dispensationalists (discontinuity).

A Bibliography on Eschatology

Hoekema, Anthony. *The Bible and the Future* (Eerdmans).

Best book on the whole subject of eschatology.

Ladd, George. *The Blessed Hope* (Eerdmans).

Debunks the pre-trib rapture myth.

Ladd, George. *The Presence of the Future* (Eerdmans).

Classic work on the already-not yet paradigm of eschatology.

Riddlebarger, Kim. *A Case for Amillennialism* (Baker/IVP).

Venema, Cornelius. *The Promise of the Future* (Banner of Truth).

Very well written, may be as good as Hoekema's.

Waldron, Samuel. *The End Times Made Simple* (Calvary Press).

Debunks dispensational eschatology and simply presents biblical eschatology.

The Book of Revelation

Poythress, Vern. *The Returning King* (Presbyterian and Reformed).

Johnson, Dennis. *The Triumph of the Lamb* (Presbyterian and Reformed).

Hendricksen, William. *More Than Conquerors* (Baker).