

## Myths About Dispensationalism: Why Dispensationalism Matters

- **Introduction**
- **Myth # 1** -- Dispensationalists only care about \_\_\_\_\_
  - Response
    - Our charts often give the \_\_\_\_\_, not just the end times
    - Dispensationalists care about all of \_\_\_\_\_
    - Dispensationalists champion \_\_\_\_\_
    - I am \_\_\_\_\_ in my theology more than gospel-centered
    - Notice 1 Peter 1:13
- **Myth # 2** -- Dispensationalists like to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Second Coming
  - Response: Four Options with Respect to Time
    - Preterist = \_\_\_\_\_
    - Historicist = \_\_\_\_\_
    - Futurist = \_\_\_\_\_
    - Idealist = \_\_\_\_\_
- **Myth # 3** -- Dispensationalists believe in \_\_\_\_\_
  - Response: Scofield, Chafer, Arno C. Gaebelein
- **Myth # 4** -- Dispensationalists destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible (like higher criticism)
  - Response: Note the two diagrams
- **Myth # 5** -- Dispensationalists believe in “cheap” grace
  - Response
    - Extreme positions exist
    - The charge against us is that we believe that a person can get saved and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (this is a valid concern)
    - On the other hand, the Bible does teach that a true believer can die in \_\_\_\_\_ against God
      - ✓ 1 Cor. 5:1-5 \_\_\_\_\_
      - ✓ 1 Cor. 11:30 \_\_\_\_\_
      - ✓ 1 John 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_
- **Myth # 6** -- Dispensationalists are too \_\_\_\_\_ about social action
  - Dispensationalists are \_\_\_\_\_ about mankind’s ability to overcome social problems like racism because they are sin problems
  - Dispensationalists are \_\_\_\_\_ about God’s plan for history to deal with sin and all the problems that mankind has created (REALISTIC)
- **Myth # 7** – Dispensationalists throw away the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Response
    - All Scripture is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16-17, so we apply the OT as wisdom application and not as a direct law code to our lives
    - Test Case: All 10 commandments are repeated in the NT except \_\_\_\_\_
    - Similar Test Case – 2 Chron. 7:14
- **Myth # 8** – Dispensationalists throw away the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Response
  - Three general views
    - Sermon applies only to those living in the Millennium
    - Sermon applies to both the present and the future

- Most see the Sermon as teaching us how to live in light of God’s coming kingdom (6:10)
- **Myth # 9** – Dispensationalists reject the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Overstatement about John Nelson Darby and the Plymouth Brethren
- **Myth # 10** – Dispensationalists believe the Church is Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - See diagram
- **Myth # 11** – Dispensationalists are the cause of ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ in the Middle East
  - Teaching from Bruce Waltke’s OT Theology (covenant view)
    - The survival of the United States depends upon \_\_\_\_\_ the dispensational understanding of the Land of Israel.
    - Dispensationalists treat the Arabs as \_\_\_\_\_
    - Dispensational support for Israel’s claim to the land leads to \_\_\_\_\_
    - Dispensationalism therefore helped lead to \_\_\_\_\_ and may help lead the U.S. to a \_\_\_\_\_
  - Response
    - Can the Moslems leave Israel alone?
    - What about Arab Israeli citizens?
    - To be fair, if covenant teachers accuse dispensationalists of causing lack of peace in the Middle East, it would be appropriate to charge covenant teachers with fomenting anti-Semitism with their replacement theology
- **Myth # 12** – Dispensationalists \_\_\_\_\_ Palestinian Arabs in the Middle East
  - Response
    - Who is doing the oppressing?
    - 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1976, 1982, 1987, 1993, 2000, 2006, 2008, on and on
- **Myth # 13** – Dispensationalists support an \_\_\_\_\_ imperialistic nation when it supports Israel
  - Response – unbelief of Israel
    - Israel must return in \_\_\_\_\_ for the temple to be rebuilt to follow Mosaic sacrifices
    - Passages suggest the return in unbelief – Zeph. 2:1-2, Ezekiel 20:33-44
  - Response – Israel as imperialistic
    - Is not the land Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Why does no one ask about the imperialism of the \_\_\_\_\_ take over of all of all of \_\_\_\_\_?
- **Myth # 14** – Dispensationalists believe that God’s future kingdom is only \_\_\_\_\_ years
  - John Calvin, *The Institutes*, Book 3, XXV, 5
- **Myth # 15** – Dispensationalism is a rather \_\_\_\_\_
  - That’s what Catholics say about \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that matters and it is fairly \_\_\_\_\_ in time
- **Conclusion**