



## Dispensations and Dispensationalism

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### I. WHAT IS A DISPENSATION?

#### A. Etymology

1. The English Word
2. The Greek Words
3. Conclusion

#### B. Scriptural Usage of the Word

1. Usage
2. The Features Displayed
  - a. The Parabolic Usage and Its Four Features
  - b. Other Usages and Their Six Features

#### C. Definition of a Dispensation

#### D. Characteristics of a Dispensation

1. Primary Characteristics
2. Secondary Characteristics
3. The Steward

## E. The Mark of a Dispensationalist

1. What It Is Not
2. What It Is
3. Conclusion

## II. THE DISPENSATIONS

- A. Innocency or Freedom - Genesis 1:28 - 3:8
- B. Conscience or Self-Determination - Genesis 3:9 - 8:14
- C. Civil Government - Genesis 8:15 - 11:32
- D. Promise or Patriarchal Rule - Genesis 12:1 - Exodus 18:27
- E. The Mosaic Law - Exodus 19:1 - Acts 1:26
- F. Grace - Acts 2:1 - Revelation 19:21
- G. Kingdom or Millennium - Revelation 20:1-10

## III. COVENANT THEOLOGY

- A. Definition
- B. The Covenant of Works
- C. The Covenant of Redemption
- D. The Covenant of Grace
- E. Problems of Covenant Theology

## F. Results of Covenant Theology in Specific Theological Areas

1. Hermeneutics
2. Ecclesiology
3. Soteriology
4. Eschatology

## IV. HERMENEUTICS

### A. Dispensational Position

### B. Non-Dispensational Position

### C. Specific Areas of Criticism

1. Unity of the Scriptures
2. The Sermon on the Mount

### D. The New Testament Quotations of the Old

## V. SOTERIOLOGY

### A. Covenant Theology

### B. Dispensationalism

## VI. ECCLESIOLOGY

### A. Covenant Theology

### B. Dispensationalism

1. The *Mystery* Character of the Church
  - a. The Meaning of *Mystery*
  - b. The Church as a *Mystery*
2. The Church Has a Distinct Time
3. The Church is Distinct from Israel
4. Specific Issues
  - a. The Israel of God
  - b. The Seed of Abraham

## VII. ESCHATOLOGY: DISTINCTIVE ELEMENTS OF DISPENSATIONALISM

### A. Hermeneutics

1. Dispensationalism
2. Covenant Theology

### B. Old Testament Prophecies

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2. Covenant Theology

### C. Israel and the Church

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2. Covenant Theology

## D. Pre-Tribulational Rapture

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## E. The Messianic Kingdom

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