

INTRODUCTION

- * Over the past seven weeks we have been considering a system of interpretation referred to as Dispensationalism. Dispensationalism is distinguished by its four primary distinctives: the use of a literal interpretation, the recognition of God's use of progressive revelation in communicating to man; the glory of God as the unifying purpose of the Bible, and a clear distinction between the church and the nation of Israel.
- * Over the past 3 weeks we have been examining the 7 most commonly accepted Biblical dispensations. During each of the periods of time that we have covered, we have seen that there is a beginning event, a responsibility/test for man, a failure of man toward that responsibility, and a final event.
- * Today, we come to the final "classical" dispensation - the Stewardship of the Kingdom. However, prior to that we must consider what is commonly referred to as "the Tribulation Period."

INSTRUCTION

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| I. DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIVES | A. A Literal Interpretation
B. Progressive Revelation | C. The Purpose of God is Doxological
D. A Clear Distinction Between Israel and the Church |
| II. DISPENSATIONAL DEFINITIONS | A. The Basic Definition: A System of the Regulations of Government
B. The Biblical Definition: A Stewardship of the Revelation of God | |

III. DISPENSATIONAL DELINEATION

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| A. The Stewardship of Innocence (Genesis 1 - 3)
B. The Stewardship of Conscience (Genesis 4 - 8:19)
C. The Stewardship of Government (Genesis 8:20 - 11:32) | D. The Stewardship of Promise (Genesis 12 - Exodus 18)
E. The Stewardship of Law (Exodus 19 - Matthew 27)
F. The Stewardship of Church (John 20:1 - Revelation 10:11) |
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F/G. The Final Week of Daniel's Vision (cf. Daniel 9: 24-27; Revelation 11:1-11; Revelation 13:1-18)

1. THE INITIAL EVENT (Revelation 10:7; 11:1-6):

2. THE RESPONSIBILITY/TEST (Revelation 20:4):

3. THE FAILURE (Revelation 13:11-18; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4):

4. THE FINAL EVENT (Revelation 19:11-21):

G. The Stewardship of Kingdom (Revelation 20:1-10)

1. THE INITIAL EVENT (Zechariah 12; 14:1-15; Revelation 16:13-16; 17:14; 19:11-21):

2. THE RESPONSIBILITY/TEST (Zechariah 14:16-19):

3. THE FAILURE (Revelation 20:7-10):

4. THE FINAL EVENT (Revelation 20:11-15):

The Implications of a Dispensational Approach

I. Literal Interpretation

II. Progressive Revelation

III. Glory of God (Revelation 11:13; 14:7)

IV. Distinction between Israel and the Church

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT WHAT GOD HAS DECREED WILL TAKE PLACE?

- * ARE THERE PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW WHO DO NOT KNOW CHRIST ... AND WHO WILL EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD?

HAVE YOU SOUGHT TO SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH THEM?

- * ARE YOU COMMITTED TO THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST AND READY, IF NECESSARY, TO BE SACRIFICED FOR HIM WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR YOU?

- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How does/should Biblical prophecy affect our worldview and our participation in the affairs of the state?

- * How can we, as a body, truly engage our culture and community with the message of truth?