

## Questions of Concern for Dispensationalist

1. Why does dispensationalism teach a third coming of Christ when the night before His crucifixion, Jesus told His apostles that He would return implying only a second coming?

- *John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come **again** [singular not plural comings], and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*
- *Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall **he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.*

2. Why do dispensationalism teach a silent secret coming of Christ for His saints?

- *Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*
- *1 Thessalonians For the Lord himself shall **descend** from heaven **with a shout**, with **the voice of the archangel**, and with **the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

3. Why does dispensationalism teach [without one single Scripture reference that clearly sets forth this major doctrine in simple language] that when Jesus comes in the Rapture (which is not a biblical term but from the Latin, *rapturo*) Christians will disappear to heaven for seven years?

4. Why does dispensationalism never talk about greeting the Lord at His Second Coming as would be proper to escort the coming King?

- *1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [Gk. har-pa-gee-só-me-tha, catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force)] with them shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet [Gk. apantesis (ap-an'-tay-sis); greet] the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

5. Why does dispensationalism teach multiple resurrections?

- *John 5:28-29 [Jesus said] Marvel not at this: for **the hour** [singular] is coming, in the which **all** [without exception] that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

6. Why does dispensationalism teach something so new that no one for one thousand eight hundred and thirty years every “saw” in God’s Word this major, major doctrine?

- ❑ *In the Apostles Creed [c. AD 250] the teachings of dispensationalism are not found.*
- ❑ *In the Nicene Creed [A.D. 381] the teachings of dispensationalism are not found.*
- ❑ *In the Athanasian Creed [c. AD 293-373] the teachings of dispensationalism are not found.*
- ❑ *In the Baptist Confession of 1689 the teachings of dispensationalism are not found.*
- *Jude 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and **exhort you** that ye should earnestly **contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.***
- *Rev 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:** 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

7. Why does dispensationalism

- **teach that this System is the historic faith of the Church—as Charles Ryrie does in his writings—**
- **and then dismiss the historic evidence *contrary* to that assertion**
- **in order to assert that it does not really matter what the Church has consistently believed? Is it wise to dismiss so great a cloud of witness (Heb. 12:1) as**
  - ❑ *The Council of Chalcedon* AD. 451
  - ❑ *The Council of Orange* AD 529
  - ❑ *The Second Council of Constantinople* AD 553
  - ❑ *The Third Council of Constantinople* AD 681
  - ❑ *The Augsburg Confession* AD 1530
  - ❑ *The Belgic Confession* AD 1561
  - ❑ *The Canons of Dort* AD 1619
  - ❑ *The Westminster Assembly* AD 1646
  - ❑ *The First London Baptist Confession* AD 1646
  - ❑ *The Baptist Confession* AD 1689

**8. Why does dispensationalism teach that a great revival is going to take place after the Holy Spirit, who indwells the saints who make up the Church, is removed?**

- *Romans 8:9 Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

**9. Why does dispensationalism**

- **degrade the present day Church**

- **by viewing it as an apostate organization of the Laodicean age?**

- *Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall **not prevail** against it.*
- *Eph 5:25-27 Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

**10. Why does dispensationalism deny that the Church is also the true Israel of God (Rom 9:6 For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel), which is spiritual in nature?**

- *Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

**11. Does dispensationalism not understand that there are three “Israels” taught of in Scripture?**

- **Racial Israel—those who have the genes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in their body**

- **Religious Israel – consisting of all who converted to the Laws of Judaism**

- **Regenerate Israel which is the only true Israel of God of which the Church is included?**

- *Rom 4:3-5 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*
- *Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

- *Gal 3:26 For ye [Jew and Gentile alike] are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

**12. Why does dispensationalism teach that God does not keep His word with regard to time when He says that one-year will follow the next?**

Daniel 9:24-27 is of particular concern for the System teaches that the 490 consecutive years given to Daniel did not follow one after the other as God said they would.

The System argues that a period of seven years has become suspended in a cosmic time warp and is going to be inserted into a Jewish time line in the future. But why teach this when it is not taught in Scripture?

**13. Why does dispensationalism teach that God has two people (Israel, the Church), two program, and two destinies for these two distinct entities? What if God has only one people (the Church) and one plan for His people?**

**14. Why does dispensationalism teach that Israel is the “wife” of God while the Church is the “bride” of Christ? Is God a polygamist? Is a “bride” not a wife and is a “wife” not a bride?**

**15. Why does dispensationalism as a System insist on a future great tribulation period that is different from the one historically fulfilled in AD 70 having been foretold by Christ prior to His death in Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21? In other words where is there the right to teach that certain New Testament passages have a “dual fulfillment”? Who gives this right to make prophetic utterances based upon a principle of “double fulfillment”?**

**16. Why does dispensationalism deny that when John was told that he would see things that must shortly come to pass he was “really” being shown things that would not come to pass for 2,001 years— if then?**

- *Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must **shortly come to pass**; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*
- *Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for **the time is at hand**.*

**17. Why does dispensationalism teach that the saints of the church are not to be found in chapters 4-19 in the book of the Revelation? Are not the same words for the Church in the Epistles applied to the believers in the Revelation?**

- **Saints.** Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

*Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- **Fellowservants.** Revelation 6:11 *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their **fellowservants** also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

*Colossians 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my **fellowworkers** unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.*

- **Brethren** Revelation 6:11 *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their **brethren**, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

*1 Thessalonians 1:4 Knowing, **brethren** beloved, your election of God.*

- **People washed in the blood.** Revelation 7:14 *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

- **Called, chosen by God, faithful.** Revelation 17:14 *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are **called, and chosen, and faithful.***

*Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath **chosen** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

- **The dead who died in the Lord.** Revelation 14:13 *And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which **die in the Lord** from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring with him.*

- **His servants.** Revelation 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of **his servants** at her hand. 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

*Ephesians 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the **servants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart;*

- **Prophets.** Revelation 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and **prophets**, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

*1 Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily **prophets**, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.*