

Destroying the Myths About Dispensationalism

- **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 _____
 - A corollary of this charge is that dispensationalism is intrinsically _____

- **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 _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - It is the _____ that matters and it is fairly _____ in time

- **Myth # 16** – Dispensationalism is a belief in _____ or in _____ dispensations
 - Although dispensationalism gets its name from the word _____, the concept of dispensation is not the centerpiece of dispensationalism
 - Every _____ theologian since Calvin has believed in the concept of _____
 - Dispensationalists practice _____ and taking the Bible at face value, even the _____
 - As a result, we hold to a _____ between Israel and the Church

- **Conclusion: Dispensationalism Matters**
 1. It takes God at _____
 2. It practices _____ Bible study
 3. It allows the OT _____ for its own interpretation
 4. It honors the _____
 5. It allows you to understand the _____ through his multi-faceted plan through history