

Critique of Dispensationalism
(cf. Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future*, ch. 15)

“When our future perspective becomes chronological instead of theological, then faith is endangered. The more detailed one attempts to map out the future, the more inferences one must make which are not explicit in Scripture. Therefore, the tendency of the imagination to fill the gaps increases and the probability of erroneous calculation grows.” – John Piper

- 1. Dispensationalism fails to do full justice to the basic unity of biblical revelation.**
- 2. The teaching that God has a separate purpose for Israel and the church is in error.**
3. The Old Testament does not teach that there will be a future millennial kingdom.
4. The Bible does not teach a millennial restoration of the Jews to their land.
5. Dispensational teaching about the postponement of the kingdom is not supported by Scripture.
- 6. Dispensational teaching about the parenthesis church is not supported by Scripture.**
7. There is no biblical basis for the expectation that people will still be brought to salvation after Christ returns.
8. The millennium of the dispensationalists is not the millennium described in Revelation 20:4-6.

Errors and Retractions:

- There is much debate regarding early dispensationalism and whether or not it allowed for two ways of salvation as described in the class. (Cf. *Understanding Dispensationalists* by Vern Poythress)
- Moody Bible Institute was founded in the late 1800's.