

## Simplified Definitions: Dispensationalism

### The purpose of introducing this rogue theological system

The key purpose was centred in the global elite's strategy to convince the Protestant church to support Jews and Israel in order for the elite to further their plans to establish the State of Israel and work towards world empire. It could not achieve societal change in the west without Christians supporting Israel.

### Origins

Futurism, proposed by Jesuits Francisco Ribera [1537-1591] and Robert Bellarmine [1542-1621]. Antichrist prophecies fulfilled in a future seven-year period (to avoid focusing the Antichrist as the pope). Jesuit Manuel de Lacunza [1731-1801] reworked this in the late 1700s, published in the 1820s, which influenced Protestant millennialists. This was adopted by heretic Edward Irving and the Catholic Apostolic church in London in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. The secret rapture theory originated in a vision by a sick, deluded teenage girl called Margaret Macdonald in 1830. All the originators were heretics. Esteemed Brethren writer Tregelles states that the pre-tribulation secret rapture teaching was supplied in about 1832 by demonic sources to justify errors regarding the Second Coming that had recently arisen. [*The Hope of Christ's Second Coming*, Samuel Prideaux Tregelles (1864) - Chapter 9 and footnotes - The 'Secret Rapture': Its Origins.]

### Original salient points

- The fundamental teaching is the focus upon Israel. God's purposes are centred upon Israel and the church is a mere interlude. This results in a division in the Bible: that which refers to the kingdom and that which refers to the church. Apostolic NT teaching is degraded; OT prophecies are centred on.
- It relies on a literal interpretation of OT prophetic scriptures. This results in multiple errors.
- History is divided into dispensations (usually seven) that end in failure and judgment.
- There are a number of covenants, dispensations, judgments, two second comings and two peoples of God (Israel and the church). This utterly perverts Biblical theology and distracts from Christ.
- Jesus comes twice separated by 7 years. a) 'Parousia' (a secret coming) to appear in the air to meet saints. The righteous dead are raised, living saints are changed. They celebrate the wedding of the lamb and are forever with the Lord. This is called the 'secret rapture'. b) Interval of 7 years (the 'Great Tribulation'). Christ, the church and the Holy Spirit are gone from the earth. Gospel preached by a believing remnant of Jews. Large conversions. Jews converted. Then terrible tribulation, Antichrist revealed. The vials of God's wrath poured out. c) 'Revelation': the coming of Jesus, not 'for' but 'with' the saints. Nations judged (sheep and goats). Saints killed in the tribulation are raised. Antichrist destroyed. Armageddon fought. Satan bound for a 1000-years. This is Pre-tribulationism (Christ / rapture comes first before the Tribulation).
- The millennial kingdom is established: a material, terrestrial kingdom of the Jews. The theocracy of Israel is again established. David's kingship is re-established. The saints reign with Christ (Jews are natural citizens, Gentiles are adopted citizens). The throne of Christ is established in Jerusalem. The temple is rebuilt, the altar, sacrifices (even sin-offerings) are introduced. Sin and death still operate but there is prosperity and prolonged life. In this time the world is converted. This is blasphemy.
- After the millennium: Satan is loosed. Hordes of Gog and Magog attack Jerusalem but are destroyed by fire from heaven. Satan is cast into the bottomless pit with the beast and the false prophet. The wicked dead are raised. Judgment. New heaven and earth
- There are several variations of this! Notably Pre, Mid and Post Tribulationism (when Christ returns). Today Dispensationalism has fragmented in several major forms that often disagree with each other.

### Advocates

JN Darby, William Kelly, CH Mackintosh, EW Bullinger, (most Brethren), RA Torrey, AT Pierson, Harry Ironside, Arno Gaebelein, FE Gaebelein, Scofield Bible, Hal Lindsey, Charles Ryrie, LS Chafer, John F Walvoord, Norman Geisler, Henry Thiessen, J Dwight Pentecost, Charles Swindoll, Dave Hunt, Jack Van Impe, Chuck Smith. Pre-Tribulationists include: John F Walvoord, Leon Wood. Mid-Tribulationists include: Gleason L Archer. Post-Tribulationists include: Robert H Gundry, Alexander Reese. 'Reformed' teachers that are Dispensational include John MacArthur.