

## Dispensationalism Reading list.

### Foundational Books

\*Chafer, Lewis Sperry. *Dispensationalism*. Dallas, Texas: Dallas Seminary Press, 1951.

\*Fruchtenbaum Arnold G., *Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology*, rev. ed. (Tustin, Calif.: Ariel Ministries Press, 1993).

\* Larkin, Clarence. *Dispensational Truth, or "God's Plan and Purpose in the Ages"*. Philadelphia, PA: Clarence Larkin, 1918. An older work, but still has value. He builds a case for an old-earth, gap view, with which I disagree, and has some rather odd ideas about the great pyramid of Giza, but otherwise much of this work still has value. For an updated chart book though, I highly recommended

LaHaye, Tim, and Thomas Ice, *Charting the End Times: A Visual Guide to Understanding Bible Prophecy* (Tim LaHaye Prophecy Library), 2001. This comes with a CD which has all of the charts in it. Highly recommended.

\*Ryrie, Charles Caldwell. *Dispensationalism*. Rev. and expanded. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1995. If only one book is read, this should be it. Almost everything since its first publication in the sixties interacts with this foundational book.

\*Showers, Renald E. *There Really Is a Difference! A Comparison of Covenant and Dispensational Theology*. Bellmawr, N.J.: Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, 1990. Excellent, basic development of dispensationalism versus covenant Theology.

\*Trahan, Kerry. *A Complete Guide to Understanding the Dispensationalism Controversy*. Port Neches, TX: Disciple of Jesus Ministries, Inc., 2007. This was Trahan's doctoral dissertation at Louisiana Baptist Seminary. Fairly extensive.

Sauer, Erich. *The Dawn of World Redemption*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1955. Old Testament biblical theology at its finest by a German dispensationalist.

———. *From Eternity to Eternity*. London: Paternoster, 1954. The history of salvation unfolded in the progress of revelation. An excellent apologetic for dispensationalism.

———. *The Triumph of the Crucified*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1952. New Testament biblical theology at its finest by a German dispensationalist.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Charles Caldwell Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, Rev. and expanded. (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 1995), 254.

## **More Advanced**

\*Cone, Christopher. *Prolegomena: Introductory Notes on Bible Study & Theological Method*. Ft. Worth, TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2009.

## **Prophetic Studies**

Benware, Paul N. *Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach*. Chicago: Moody, 1995. A well developed explanation of biblical prophecy from a dispensational perspective. In many ways an update of Pentecost's, *Things to Come*.

Cone, Christopher, ed. *Dispensationalism Tomorrow & Beyond: A Theological Collection in Honor of Charles C. Ryrie*. Ft. Worth, TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2008.

McClain, Alva J. *The Greatness of the Kingdom*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1959. A dispensational, premillennial eschatology by the former president of Grace Theological Seminary.

\*Olander, David. *The Greatness of the Rapture: The Pre-Day of the Lord Rapture*. Edited by Kenneth R. Cooper and Christopher Cone. Ft. Worth, TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2009.

\*Peters, George N.H. *The Theocratic Kingdom*. Peters wrote the ultimate work on Premillennialism, but he was not Pre-Trib.

\*Showers, Renald E. *Maranatha Our Lord, Come!* Bellmawr, NJ: The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., 1995.

Ryrie has an annotated bibliography at the end of *Dispensationalism* which gives more information.

\*Most of these are or have been available in Logos Bible Software.