

THINKING DISPENSATIONALLY ABOUT THE NEWS

NOT EVERYTHING IN THE BIBLE IS HAPPENING NOW

"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:"

~ Colossians 1:26

1. Dispensational Thinking

- a. Most do not have a Biblical worldview... but being Biblical is just the start of truth.
 - i. It is not enough to be Biblical, you must be dispensational.
- b. Not everything in the Bible is happening now.
 - i. God has an eternal purpose that is playing out – Eph 1:9-10, Eph 3:11
 - ii. God does not do the same thing on every page of the Bible – Heb 1:1
 - iii. God's interventions affect the world, and how we should operate.
- c. If you want to understand "how the world works" you must think dispensationally
 - i. The only time "dispensation" is in the news is when church is cancelled.

2. Dispensationally, Signs are Not for These Times

- a. Every generation prophecy 'experts' claim the "stage is set" and the "time is ripe"
- b. Dispensationally, we do not live in the times for the signs (of the end) – 1 Cor 1:22
 - i. What is happening today was secret from prophecy – Rom 16:25, Eph 3:9
- c. CNN, Fox, CBN, (your favorite podcast/YT channel) not prophesied here - Mt 24:14
- d. This does not mean that Revelation describes the news today → Rev 22:19
- e. Signs of his coming are for Israel acc. to prophecy not mystery – Lk 21:28, 1Th 5:9
- f. Stop scouring headlines for something that matches what God is not doing.

3. Dispensationally, God is Not Building Countries

- a. God is building something, but it is not an earthly kingdom or country – 1Cor 3:9-11
 - i. He is edifying (building) the Body of Christ today – Eph 4:12, Gal 6:15
- b. Dispensationally, God's means of ministry is here → 1 Cor 1:18, 1Ti 3:15
 - i. The ballot box is man's means. We can compete, but as ambassadors. 1Ti 2
 - ii. The good fight to fight is of faith (church worse off in America) – 1Tim 6:12
- c. Church is not Israel; USA ≠ church. We have our own constitution - Ro16:25
- d. The news will use "religion" and "God" to recruit you to die in the wrong battle.

4. Dispensationally, We Do Not Live in Paradise

- a. Genesis 2 was paradise... but it was lost. Revelation 2:7, 21:4-6, 22:3 is not yet.
 - i. Dispensationally, we live in a present evil world – Gal 1:4, 2Ti 3:1,3:13
- b. The multiplying of the loaves was a miracle for the kingdom – Mt 6:10-11, Jam 4:13
 - i. Dispensationally, if you don't work you don't eat – 1 Th 4:11-12, 2 Th 3:10-12
- c. A group heading to a kingdom → Lk 18:22, Mt 19:27, Acts 2:45, 4:34-35
 - i. Dispensationally, faith teaches you to provide for your own – 1 Tim 5:8
- d. The news acts like the Bible never happened, and God never gave instructions.