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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions

- 1) Who wrote it? Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? <u>An Apostle</u>
- 3) To whom was it written? <u>Timothy</u>
- 4) When was it written? <u>A.D. 67</u>
 5) Where was it written from? <u>Rome</u>
- 6) Why was it written? <u>Timothy's timidity</u>
- 7) What is it about? <u>Perseverance</u>
- 8) What is inside (outline)? <u>4 part outline</u>
- 9) What makes the book different? Paul's final word

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- 1. General call to faithful endurance in the ministry (chapter 1)
- 2. Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
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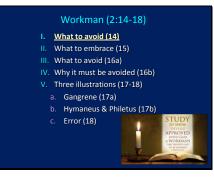
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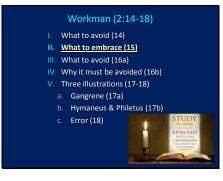
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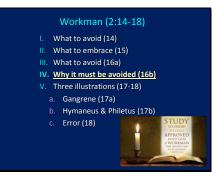




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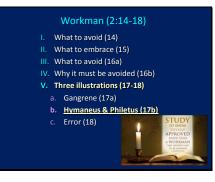
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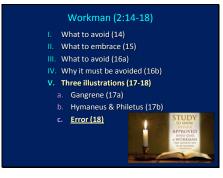
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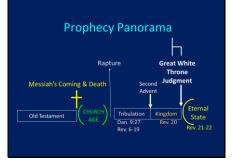


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Justin Martyr

"But I and every other completely orthodox Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and enlarged city of Jerusalem as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others."



Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, 80.

"The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age (A.D. 100–325) is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, that is the belief of a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment. It was indeed not the doctrine of the church embodied in any creed or form of devotion, but a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, and Lactantius."

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"When the <u>plain sense</u> of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary. <u>ordinary,</u> <u>usual, literal</u> meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise."

David L. Cooper, The World's Greatest Library Graphically Illustrated (Los Angeles: Biblical Research Society, 1970), 11.

"When the plain sense makes good sense seek no other sense lest you wind up with nonsense."

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- Eternal (Dan. 7:27)
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- Earthly (Zech. 14:9)
- Land promises realized (Gen. 15:18-21)
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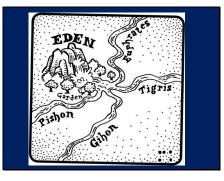
Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the *sine qua non* (lit. "without which is not"):

- 1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
- 2. Which reveals that the Church is distinct from Israel;
- God's overall purpose is to bring glory to Himself (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dr. Charles Ryrie, Dispensationalism, pp. 38

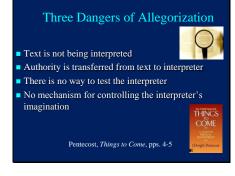
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"He (or she) who spiritualizes tells spiritual lies."

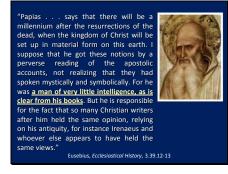
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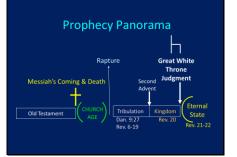


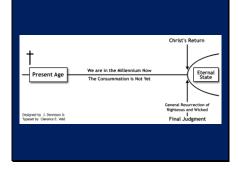
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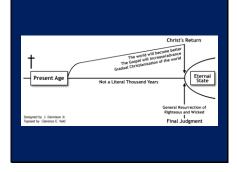
Clarence Thomas

"He is the <u>dumbest</u> Justice to ever sit on the bench...He waits to see how Scalia votes, and he votes the same. He rarely issues comments or engages in questions during any Supreme Court hearing...He rarely grants media interviews (because <u>he knows he will</u> <u>look stupid</u>). He rarely writes opinions. He believes in a narrow interpretation of the Constitution. He is an idiot."





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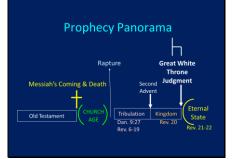


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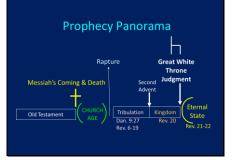
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SLBC Position Statements – No. 4 DISPENSATIONS – A Dispensation is a specific manner in which God governs during a particular period of time. We are a dispensational church. That is, we believe that God has chosen to administer or govern His purpose on earth through man under varying dispensations. These changes in government are a result of God's choice, and do not indicate that His character ever changes. At least three of these dispensations are mentioned in the Bible and are the subject of extended revelation, viz.: the Dispensation of the Mosaic Law, the present Dispensation of Grace, and the future Dispensation of the Millennial Kingdom. In interpreting the Bible, we believe that these are distinct and should not be intermingled or confused.

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Emergent: Kingdom

"The <u>Kingdom</u> of God is a <u>central</u> conversation in emerging communities... And let me tell you 'Kingdom of God' language is <u>really bia</u> in the emerging church" (Italics added).



Emergent: Kingdom

"If Revelation were a blueprint of the distant future, it would have been unintelligible to its original readers...In light of this, Revelation becomes a powerful book about the kingdom of God here and now, available to all.



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Kingdom



Rick Warren, cited in Oakland, Kindle edition.

"I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do <u>whatever it takes to establish</u> <u>God's Kinadom "on earth</u> as It is in heaven. What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, "We are yours?" What kind of politikud neutrologia will negue?" spiritual awakening will occur?"

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"The locus of the kingdom of God in this age is within the church, where Jesus rules as king. As we live our lives together, we see the transforming power of the gospel and the in breaking of the future kingdom."

Justin Taylor, "An Interview with Russell Moore," www.thegospelcoalition.org.

- Partial Preterism's View of Revelation

 Written in mid A.D. 60's
- Mostly fulfilled in A.D. 70
- Predicts A.D. 70 sacking of Jerusalem as God's divorce and judgment of adulterous Israel
- Rev 20 describes a future bodily return of Christ



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R.C. Sproul

Last Days According to Jesus, p.140.

"If the book [of Revelation] was written after A.D. 70, then its contents manifestly do not refer to events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem – unless the book is a wholesale fraud, having been composed after the predicted events had already occurred."

Four Views of Revelation, p. 38.

"...the preterist view does understand Revelation's prophecies as strongly reflecting actual historical events in John's near future, though they are set in apocalyptic drama and clothed in poetic hyperbole."



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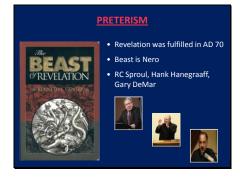
He Shall Have Dominion, 421-22.

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"In Revelation 12 John backs up chronologically in order to show the 'mother' church in Jerusalem, which was being protected from Satan inspired resistance. This would cover the time frame from Christ's ministry through the Book of Acts up until the destruction of Jerusalem." (emphasis mine)

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Nero's Numbers						
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Problems With Neronian Calculation

- Inconsistent use of numbers
- Transliteration from Greek to Hebrew
- Not suggested by the ancient commentators
- "Cherry picking" to fit an ordained outcome

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Nero Does Not Fit the Facts of Revelation 13

- Nero did not:
 - Usher in persecution for exactly 42 months (13:5)
 - ◆ Control the entire planet (13:7; 5:9)
 - Force people to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead in order to participate in the global economy (13:16-18)

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- Nero did not:
 - Coerce the entire world to worship a singular image of him (13:15)
 - Resurrect from the dead (13:14)
 - Associate with a miracle working false prophet (13:13, 15)
 - Receive global veneration (13:8)

Confident Preterist Assertions

"I am convinced *beyond any doubt* that this Harlot is first-century Jerusalem." (italics added).



Gentry, He Shall Have Dominion, 392.

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"What has puzzled me over the years is not the identity of 'the great prostitute,' but how so many could mistake her historical identity.... In biblical history only one nation is inextricably linked to the moniker 'harlot.' And that nation is Israel!"



Hanegraaff, The Apocalypse Code, 118-19.

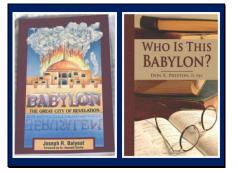
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Jerusalem Advocates

- Recent Commentators
 - R.C. Sproul
 - N.T. Wright
 - Scott Hahn
 - Massyngberde Ford
 - David Chilton
 - Hank Hanegraaff
 - Kenneth Gentry



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Dominoes in a Row



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Christian Anti-Semitism

"First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds..."

Christian Anti-Semitism

"...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans..."

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Christian Anti-Semitism

"Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let the earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system..."

Martin Luther, Concerning the Jews and Their Lies, cited in Michael Brown's Our Hands Are Stained with Blood, pp. 14-15.

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Christian Anti-Semitism

"...Therefore away with them... To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden-the Jews."

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Purposes of the Local Church

GLORIFY GOD
 Eph. 3:21

EDIFY THE SAINTS

- Eph. 4:11-16

FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION
 Matt. 28:18-20

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Bestselling author Hal Lindsey warned what could happen to the church in the last days if she began to see herself as the establisher of God's kingdom: "The last days of the church on the earth may be largely <u>wasted</u> seeking to accomplish a task that only the LORD Himself can and will do directly."



Hal Lindsey, The Road to Holocaust, 269

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"I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do whatever it takes to establish God's Kinadom "on earth as it is in heaven." What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, "We are yours?" What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?"



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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)



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2 Tim 2:14-26

- Workman (2:14-18)
- Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18) • Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
 - Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
 - Avoidance of "these things" (2:19, 22, 23)
- Servant (2:24-26)
 - Teach with patience (2:24-25)
 - Reason for patience (2:26)

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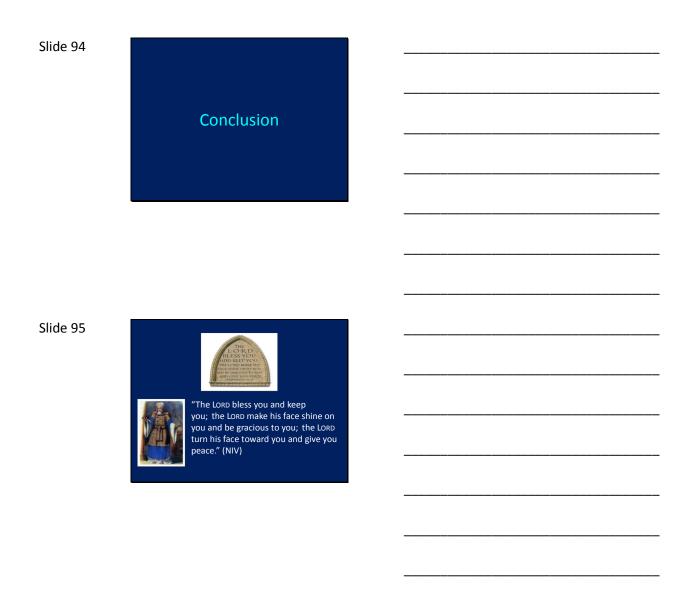
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Dan. 12:2-Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

John 5:28-29-Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, ²⁹ and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of

life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

Acts 24:15-having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

1 Cor. 15:20- But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the <u>first fruits</u> of those who are asleep.

1 Cor. 15:23- But each in his own <u>order</u>: Christ the <u>first fruits</u>, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.

Col. 2:8-See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, ^[h]rather than according to Christ.

Gen. 1:31-God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Rev. 20:4-5- Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of ^[b]their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they <u>came to life</u> and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead <u>did not</u> <u>come to life</u> until the thousand years were completed. This is the first <u>resurrection</u>.

Knight-"Perhaps due to some confusion over the Pauline teaching that believers even now participate in the death and resurrection of Christ (Rom 6:4-5, 8; 2 Tim 2:11), they believed and taught that the resurrection of believers had already occurred in a spiritual sense . . ."

Acts 17:31-32-because He has fixed a day in which He will judge ^[u]the world in righteousness ^[v]through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men ^[w]by raising Him from the dead."³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some *began* to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you ^[x]again concerning this."

1 Cor. 15:35-36- But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

Matt. 6:10-Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

1 Cor. 4:6-13-Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become ^[e]arrogant in behalf of one against the other. ⁷ For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?⁸ You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, *I* wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. ⁹ For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle

to the world, ^[f]both to angels and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. ¹¹ To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; ¹² and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when we are slandered, we try to ^[g]conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, *even* until now.

John 2:15-And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and <u>overturned</u> their tables.

Knight-"That such a mistake could be made may seem strange to us. But the fervency of the first-generation church's hope of Christ's return and certain carryovers from the pagan religions out of which believers came . . . could have led some to the conclusion that all of salvation's blessings were to be experienced now. <u>A modern parallel is what we might</u> <u>describe as Christian triumphalism (or the 'health and</u> <u>wealth' gospel), which tends to present the Christian</u> <u>message as the quick solution to all of life's problems. The</u> <u>same basic mistake seems to be involved</u>."

Numbers 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'