

Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 2 - Dispensational Premillennialism

Our Guide

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Our Goal

An accurate, clear description of the major views, so we can process what we hear from popular teachers and what we see in our world.

God's Purpose

"To provide the encouragement we need to endure faithfully our present days on earth with confidence in God's eternal promises."

Our Starting Point

The last days began with the first coming of Jesus and will conclude with the second coming of Jesus.

Big Views on History

Lutheran

Dispensational

Covenantal

Big Views on Revelation

Near

Long

Future

Symbolic

1 - Dispensational premillennialism divides human history into distinct periods of time.

2 - Dispensational premillennialism says God has two separate and distinct programs for rescuing people from the corruptions of this world: one for Israel and one for the church.

3 - In Dispensational Premillennialism, the Old Testament prophecies must be interpreted literally, not symbolically.

^ Daniel 9

The Sequence

Rapture

Alliance

Control

Agreement

Peace

Antichrist

Judgments

Temple

Return

Battle

Kingdom

Culmination

4 - In Dispensational Premillennialism, the founding of the political nation of Israel is a watershed event.

Four Major Criticisms

1 - Dispensational Premillennialism divides what the New Testament unites.

2 - Dispensational Premillennialism conflates ethnic Israel and political Israel.

3 - Dispensational Premillennialism underestimates the symbolic nature of apocalyptic literature.

4 - Dispensational Premillennialism is built upon unsustained and unprovable assumptions.

+ Matthew 24:36-42

+ 1 Corinthians 15:23-24

+ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18