

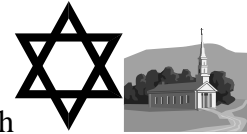
Key Characteristics of Dispensational Theology¹

“The essence of Dispensationalism, then, is the distinction between Israel and the church. This grows out of the dispensationalism’s consistent employment of the normal or plain or historical-grammatical interpretation, it reflects an understanding of the basic purpose of God in all His dealings with mankind as that of glorifying Himself through salvation and other purposes as well.”²

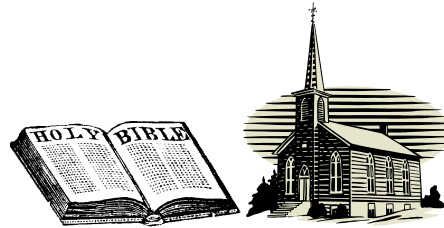
1. A rigidly applied literalism in the interpretation of Scripture



2. A clear and eternal dichotomy between Israel and the Church



3. A restricted view of the Church



4. A Jewish concept of the Kingdom



5. A planned and prophesied postponement of the Kingdom
6. A distinction between law and grace that creates a multiple basis for God’s



dealing with man 

7. A compartmentalization of the Scripture



8. A pre-tribulation Rapture



¹ From The Historical Development of Dispensational Theology within Biblical Fundamentalism, Matt Castella, Foundation Magazine, January – February 2002, pp. 29-30

² Dispensationalism, Charles Ryrie, Moody Press, 1995, p.28

9. A primarily Jewish purpose for the Tribulation

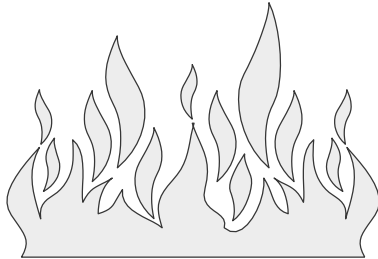


10. A literal Jewish Kingdom headed by the Lord Jesus Christ for a thousand



years

11. A literal view of the eternal state with a literal Heaven and a literal Lake of Fire



12. A firm belief in the apostate nature of Christendom and the decline of the spiritual quality of the professing church toward the end of the age



“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15