

## “SIGNS OF THE TIME - DETERIORATION OR RESTORATION? - Conclusion [Part VIII]” (1Thess. 4:13-18)

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### ***I. What was the historic church's view before dispensational eschatology became so popular, & how & when did dispensational eschatology begin and spread so rapidly?***

• Imminent Rapture -> 7-Year Tribulation on earth -> 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ -> Literal 1,000-year earthly millennium

#### **HISTORY OF DISPENSATIONAL ESCHATOLOGY:**

1. Martin Luther, the reformers, & Roman Catholicism.
2. Francisco Ribera (a Jesuit Priest) and futurism.
3. John Nelson Darby [1800-1882] & C.I. Scofield.
4. Edward Irving [1792-1834] & Margaret McDonald?
5. The Scofield Reference Bible & Theological Seminaries.
6. Hal Lindsey & Tim LaHay.
7. The Holocaust & Dispensationalism.

### ***II. What will yet happen in the future & how will it all end?***

1. We will make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20)!
2. We will preach the gospel with power (Matt. 10:7-8)!
3. We will overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21)!
4. We will put the devil under our feet (Lk. 10:19; Ja. 4:7)!
5. We will live as overcoming conquerors (1Jn. 5:4; Rom. 8:37)!
6. We will experience restoration of all things (Acts 3:20-21)!
7. All Christ's enemies will be defeated (Heb. 10:12-13)!
8. The earth will be filled with God's glory (Num. 14:20-21)!
9. You will die unless Christ comes first (Heb. 9:27; Phil. 1:21).
10. Jesus will come back for His church (1Thess. 4:13-18)!
11. There will be a resurrection (Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29)!
12. There will be a final judgment (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:11-15; Rom. 14:10-12; 2Cor. 5:10)!
  - A. The unrighteous – a judgment of sins for punishment.
  - B. The righteous – a judgment of works for rewards.
13. God's kingdom will prevail (1Cor. 15:24; Rev. 11:15)!
14. The devil will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10)!
15. A new heaven & earth (2Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1)!
16. We will enter the Eternal State (Rev. 21-22)!