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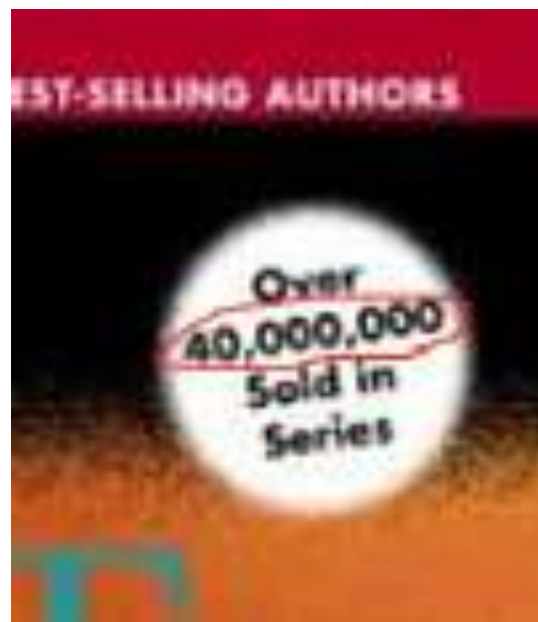
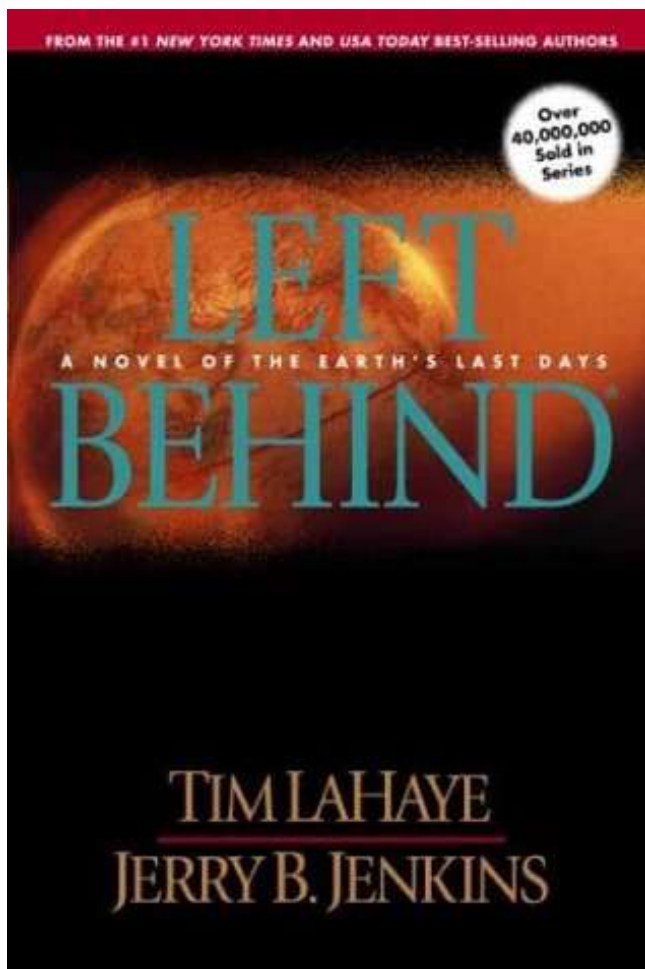
# Dispensational Perspectives on Israel: A Friendly Critique.

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# 1. Defining Dispensationalism.



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Dispensation: A dispensation is a distinct period of time – distinct because during that period of time God governs men in a certain way. One dispensation ends and a new one begins when God changes the way He governs men.



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Dispensationalist: A Christian who believes in the basic distinctives of the prophetic systems of J.N.Darby and C.I.Scofield.

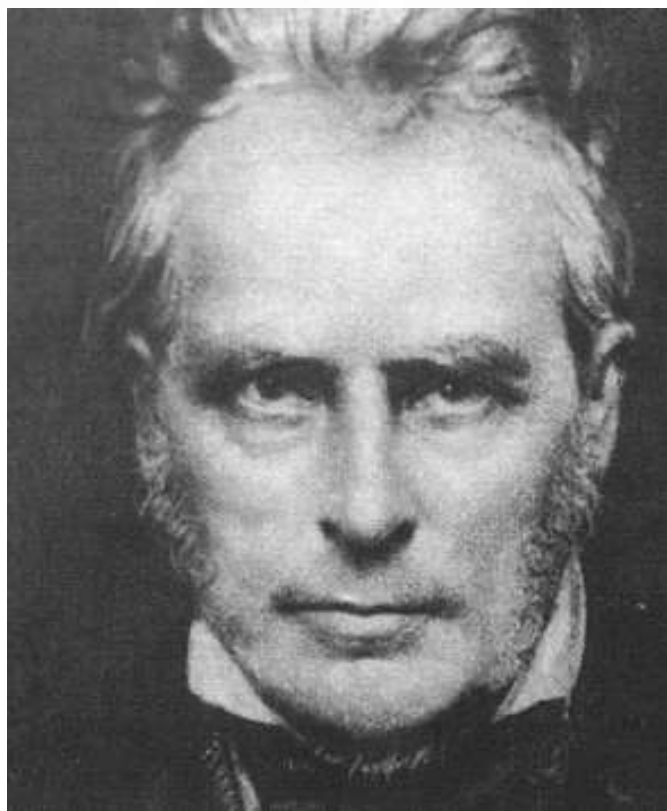


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J. N. Darby (1800-1882).

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“There are two great subjects which occupy the sphere of millennial prophecy...: the church and its glory in Christ; and the Jews and their glory as a redeemed nation in Christ: the heavenly people and the earthly people; the habitation and scene of the glory of the one being the heavens; of the other, the earth. Christ shall display His glory in the one according to that which is celestial; in the other, according to that which is terrestrial – Himself the Son, the image and glory of God, the centre and sun of them both.”

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C. I. Scofield (1843-1921).



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“Comparing then what is said in Scripture concerning Israel and the Church, we find that in origin, calling, promises, worship, principles of conduct and future destiny – all is contrast.”

– C. I. Scofield

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John F. Walvoord



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# **THE FIVE POINTS OF DISPENSATIONALISM...**



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- Isaiah 19:23-25; Zac 9:6-7
- Gen 12:2-3; Gal 3:29 – promise to bring in the Gentiles



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- 4. The present Church age is a parenthesis during which God has temporarily suspended His primary purpose with Israel.**

Pentecost: “The Church is manifestly an interruption for God’s program for Israel” – J. Dwight Pentecost



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## **5. The Church, or Body of Christ, therefore does not include Old Testament believers.**

“Nevertheless, dispensationalism insists that the people of God who have been baptized into the Body of Christ and thus form the Church, are distinct from saints of other days or even of a future time.” – Charles C Ryrie



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*And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*