


THE SHAM DOCTRINES of "HYPER or ULTRA DISPENSATIONALISM"

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Please contact us if you have any further queries about the above material. As noted already not everything can be covered in this one small exposé booklet. We have not really dealt with other teachers than Bullinger; the teachings of Stam are similar, as noted and are just as confusing.

We can offer you a bigger A3 chart of the following extract from Charles Larkin's material.

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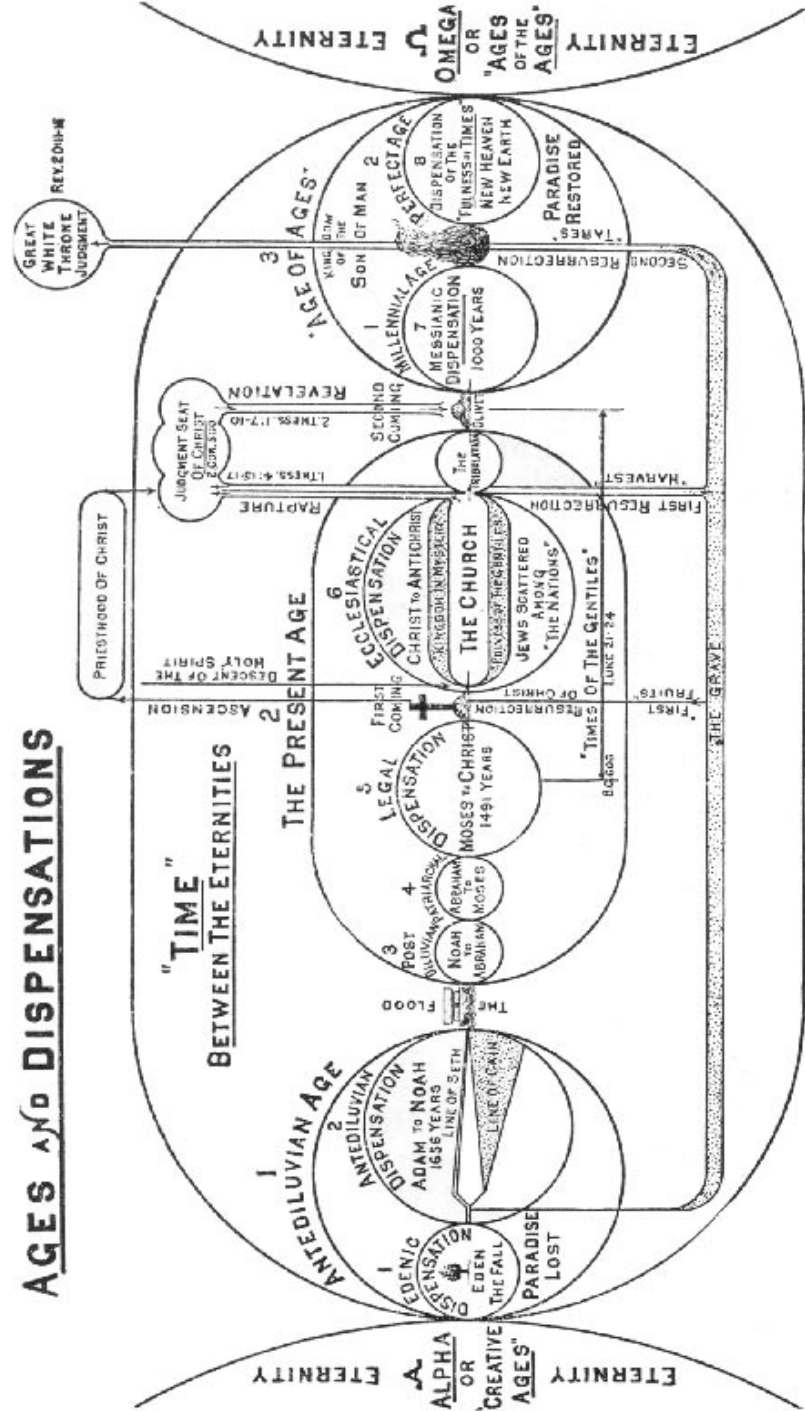
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The Endtime Church of Jesus Christ has been facing so many fake doctrines, silly fads and utter shams that the mind boggles at the extent of it all. We are certainly in the last of the Last Days with all the accompanying spiritual traps that Jesus Christ warned us of in God's Word. The Antichrist system is being established before our startled eyes, and Satan himself is bringing in powerful LIES, both in the world at large and in the very churches that profess to serve Jesus Christ. "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders," 11 Timothy 2:9. Be on your alert, Christian, this flood of lies and deceptions has not ceased yet, he that thinks he stands safe and sound in doctrine, be careful that he doesn't fall into error through self confidence! Depend on Christ at all times, keep close to God in obedience, study His Word diligently. "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Corinthians 10:12.

A destructive SHAM entered the scene many, many years ago; it is false doctrine that often appeals to Bible believers who are fundamental and sound. Good old fashioned believers are often those who fall prey to this sham. It seems to promise deeper and more scholarly understanding of the scriptures. The deception I refer to is HYPER-DISPENSATIONALISM. You may have encountered this false interpretation method, or it may well have attacked you already and you have succumbed, have fallen? If the latter is the case, please read on with much prayer for wisdom and truth, depending only on the Holy Spirit. Do not defend this ramshackle method of Bible study, do not become distressed because you have been deceived – come back to the Truth of God's Word in humility, He will set you free: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

John 16:13.

That giant of the Christian Faith, **Harry Ironside**, once asked what a foremost Greek scholar in America thought of Hyper Dispensationalism. It was asked in reference to his evaluation of one of the CHIEF HERETICS who were spreading Hyper Dispensationalism, **Dr. E.W. Bullinger**, and in regard



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ending up lost in the wilds of Africa!

The curse of **Revelation 22:19** should be seriously considered before the Lord, all those who are involved in Hyper-Dispensationalism, as you are removing portions of the Word of God, His prophetic book, as being not applicable to the Church of Jesus Christ: *“And if any man shall take away from the words*

of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

APPENDIX.

The Biblical Study system called “**Dispensationalism**” should not be confused with **HYPER**-Dispensationalism. It is legitimate and sound to *properly* divide the Word of God for clarification and as an aid to grasping the more complex subjects of Scripture. If any Dispensational teaching brings the instruction that there are **various ways** of salvation taught by God in the different dispensations, then the student of God’s Word should reject this error as being unscriptural. There is only **ONE WAY** of SALVATION in every dispensation – **Christ Jesus and His death on the Cross**. This sacrifice of God’s Son is PREFIGURED in the Old Testament in the blood of animals given for the sins of the people. No one has ever been saved by the keeping of the Law, not in any dispensation.

* Study Hebrews chapters 9 and 10 for these doctrines.

* Take note of Hebrews 9:22:

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission [of sin].”

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,” 1 Peter 1:18-20.

A CHART FOLLOWS OF PROPER DISPENSATIONAL TEACHING!

to **Bullinger’s “private translation”** of the New Testament. Below is the conversation between the two men, **Dr. A.T. Robertson** and **H.A. Ironside**, Litt. D., as recorded in Ironside’s book, *“Wrongly Dividing the Word of God”*: **(IRONSIDE)** I said, *“Doctor, would you give me in a few words your estimate of this work, and give me the privilege of quoting you as occasion may arise?”*

He **(ROBERTSON)** replied, *“I can give it to you in two words, Piffle and Puffle, and you may tell any one that that is my estimate of this vaunted translation.”*

We agree that Hyper-Dispensationalism is indeed Piffle and Puffle, as are the doctrinal efforts of Bullinger!

Hyper-Dispensationalism can look innocent enough at the start, but will result eventually in an almost complete departure from **“the faith once delivered to the saints”**. BEWARE. Despatch is totally against Hyper-Dispensationalism, it is a disaster. Sadly, there seems to be a growth in this deception happening in our midst in 2005, this is why we must warn our readers. We have encountered a number of groups in recent months.

WHAT ARE THE BASIC TENETS OF HYPER-DISPENSATIONALISM?

These are some of the recognized false teachers of Hyper or Ultra Dispensationalism:

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• This system of study and application of God’s Word limits the Scriptures that apply to the Christian Church of the New Testament. Thus the proponents of Hyper-Dispensationalism, believe that only the writings of **PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES** are applicable to the Christian Church, and only these writings can be used for doctrine, exhortation, church discipline and practical living instruction et al. Hyper-Dispensationalism teaches that Paul’s revelation is entirely different to even the other Apostles’ teachings in

the New Testament. The belief is that all the books and teachings of Scripture other than Paul's are to be rejected as pertaining to the Church's doctrines and instruction in righteous living from God.

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- Hyper-Dispensationalism shows that the Four Gospel books are Jewish and have no teaching in them for the Christian Church. This is an awesome error, for it repudiates the very authority of the Gospels of Christ themselves!
- The Book of Acts is likewise rejected for the Church as being mostly Jewish.
- Hyper-Dispensationalism teaches that the gospel preached by Peter in the Book of Acts is another gospel entirely from the gospel preached by Paul. If this were the case then either Peter or Paul must have a curse upon them, one or the other should be excluded from Scripture, for the Bible states: *"As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."* Galatians 1:9. There is only ONE Gospel recognized by the Lord.

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- The writings of Paul are seen as mysteries given to Paul for the Church Age, but Baptism and the Lord's Supper are seen as being given to Paul *before* the Church Age revelations were shown to him by God. So, Baptism and the Communion are rejected as being not for the Church. (HyperDis. believers differ here, some reject both Baptism and Communion, others one or the other). The Hyper-Dispensationalism belief is that Paul did not receive his especial revelations for the Church until he was imprisoned in Rome. So that the only portions of Scripture given to the blood-bought members of Christ's Body are the prison epistles – all other writings of Paul's, other than the prison epistles and the general epistles, are seen as being just instructions for the Jewish church of that period of history.
- How impossibly limiting this is!

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- HyperDis. brings a wholly unacceptable division between the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and the ministries of the Apostles. Then it goes further and makes untenable division between Paul's teachings, Peter's teachings and the teaching of all other Apostles. It projects invalid distinction that is destructive, thus bringing confusion and loss of priceless, precious Scriptures to the victims of the sham. It is a system that should be rejected utterly, lest great harm be done to individuals and fellowships.

Christian Church. The many references to water baptism and the keeping of the Lord's Supper in the New Testament ALL have to do with the Church as a whole. There is **NO NEW** ministry to Paul after the 28th chapter of the Book of Acts; baptism marks out the born-again believers who have accepted Christ as Saviour; the Lord's Supper is their remembrance of His death for them.

* Read Romans 6 and Colossians 2:12 carefully.

* Read 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34 – this is the ordinance for the Church of Jesus Christ.

To not obey God in this observance is defiance against God's Word.

* Consider, if there were any Gentile Baptisms in water at all in Scripture, then these disprove that the ordinance was for Jewish believers only, as a legal observance. See the Ethiopian being baptized in water in Acts 8:26-40. This man was a Gentile, as far as history shows, one who was on a pilgrimage searching for God - we need nothing more. Gentiles are baptized in water.

"STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD,
A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED,
RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH."

11 Timothy 2:15.

- Do we want to be ashamed before God, Christian? Of course not. **Then be careful NOT to wrongly divide the sacred Word of Truth.** It is a serious matter to do so, and to teach others to do so is *extremely* serious:

"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Hebrews 5:12.

"Preach the word [the whole Word]; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." 11 Timothy 4:2.

There are many other strange teachings of Hyper-Dispensationalism which can also go along with the doctrines of the late Dr. E.W. Bullinger, such as Soul-sleeping and Annihilation (conditional immortality). Be warned, Christian, false doctrine can go deeper and deeper once the plunge into these odd departures has been embarked upon. Rather like going for a bush walk, and

Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3, 4.

This is speaking of the ordinance of baptism which shows in a figure that we died with Christ and have risen to new life in Him. Holy Spirit baptism is not about this, it is about being baptized in spiritual life and fire. Not a literal fire, but a holy fire of spiritual power and transformation.

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through faith..." Colossians 2:12.

This is also is not about the "fire" of the Holy Spirit baptism, it is about the symbol of going down in the water, and rising to new life in water baptism.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Galatians 3:27.

When we are baptized in water we are showing the reality in the Spirit of being PUT INTO Christ *"in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"*, identification with the Trinity and all that this stands for.

Hyper-Dispensationalism teachers insist that both baptism in water and the Lord's Supper are LEGAL observations under the Jewish law. They may use Hebrews 6:1, 2 to prove this assumption; however Hebrews 6:1, 2 has to do with Judaism and the washings under the Law, **NOT** to Christian baptism. There is nothing legal at all in water baptism, it is an expression of the delight and thankfulness of the believer in his new life in Christ Jesus, it is about identification with Him in that WE die in Him, WE were buried in Him, WE rose again in Him. It is **NOT** about Jewish legalism, it is about God's GRACE in the Age of Grace. Likewise Hyper Dispensationalism teachers may see something "Jewish" in the Lord's Supper, and insist that Christians should have no place for *"outward observances"* at all. This is unreasonable, for the inward life of a Christian must always involve some areas of "outward" expression; we live in a real world of material expression. We meet to pray and worship, we have outward observance in many ways of witness, we have patterns of expression in the way we conduct the proper order of church services. It is not **"higher spirituality"** to bypass the ordinances of the Christian Church shown in water baptism and observance of the Holy Communion; **IT IS DISOBEDIENCE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD TO DO SO.**

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM began with the resurrection of Christ Himself; it figures the very rising of our Lord from the death of the Cross.

THE LORD'S SUPPER began with the death of Christ on the Cross; it is a remembrance of His superb sacrifice for the sinners of this world. There is **NO** suggestion in the Bible that Paul had any **NEW** ministry to the Church after he was imprisoned, and therefore only his prison epistles are for the

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- The errors of the core teacher of Hyper-Dispensationalism, E.W. Bullinger, are enormous; he was a man of division, inaccuracy and of arrogant pride. By their fruits we may know these teachers. Does Bullinger pour forth a fountain of purity? Hardly, brackish, dirty water cannot bring forth the pure, sweet water of God's Word.

- Here is what Ironside had to say of Bullinger:

"Having had most intimate acquaintance with Bullingerism as taught by many for the last forty years, I have no hesitancy in saying that its fruits are evil. It has produced a tremendous crop of heresies throughout the length and breadth of this and other lands, it has divided Christians and wrecked churches and assemblies without number; it has lifted up its votaries in intellectual and spiritual pride to an appalling extent, so that they look with supreme contempt upon Christians who do not accept their peculiar views; and in most instances where it has been long tolerated, it has absolutely throttled Gospel effort at home and sown discord on missionary fields abroad. So true are these things of this system that I have no hesitancy in saying it is an absolutely Satanic perversion of the truth. Instead of rightly dividing the Word, I shall seek to show that these teachers wrongly divide the Word, and that their propaganda is anything but conducive to spirituality and enlightenment in divine things."

The reader can write for more on this subject from Ironside, ask for *"Wrongly Dividing the Word of Truth"*, by H.A. Ironside, Litt.D. Cost including postage, \$10.

SHALL WE PROCEED?

What is needed is armour that protects from this deception; it is yet another deadly trap that threatens God's people today. **What is that armour?** We need the pure Word of God and instruction in its Truth; truly the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual, to the pulling down of strongholds:

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with TRUTH, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:14.

ARE PAUL'S TEACHINGS THE ONLY ONES FOR THE CHRISTIANS?

No, for Paul's teachings are the same message that the other Apostles taught, all based firmly on the same Jesus Christ and His teaching. The Holy Spirit inspired ALL of the books of the Bible, and the New Testament revelation is for all of us, not divided into spurious sections and called falsely "**dispensations.**"

There are indeed Biblical dispensations, but these are simply sound distinctions between, for example,

- **the Age of Law** (Old Testament)
- **the Age of Grace** (New Testament).

Example follows:

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:" Ephesians 1:10.

- Can we see from Scriptures any clear indication that Hyper-Dispensationalism is not correct?
- How can the average Christian answer the false teachers of Hyper-Dispensationalism.?

A) *"ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"*

11 Timothy 3:16.

It clearly states above that ALL Scripture is profitable for the Church of Jesus Christ, is given by God for doctrine, reproof [reprimand], correcting of lives and instruction in righteous action and behaviour. It is not just Paul's teachings that are for the Church's growth, instruction and spiritual development.

- Can one imagine a Christian life without the book of Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, without the glorious epistles of John?
Yet, this is what Hyper-Dispensationalism creates.

- Can one imagine what a Christian life would be without the Gospels and the authority of Christ's Divine parables?

Matthew 6:24-34 is a passage that is yours and mine, how monstrous to rob Christians of such miracle words.

HYPER DISPENSATIONALISM DOES NOT BELIEVE IN BAPTISM AND COMMUNION.

Although all Hyper-Dispensationalism teachers do not reject water baptism for the believer and the keeping of the Lord's Supper, most do. This is simply a distressing shame, a dreadful blunder, to actually reject the pure and holy Christian ordinances as being of a Jewish legalism that is contrary to the Age of Grace is scandalous! Yet, this is the stand that some Christian are taking in their folly. Then the question must be answered firmly and succinctly:

- *"has the Christian Church any manifest instruction in God's Word re the baptizing of believers and the keeping of the Lord's Supper?"*

* Consider this verse below on the Holy Communion:

Jesus said – **DO THIS UNTIL I COME AGAIN!**

*"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death **til he come.**"* 1 Cor. 11 :26.

The **commandment** is that the Church of Jesus Christ keep on with the Lord's Supper until Jesus Christ returns to this earth.

The answer to the question above is an unqualified "yes."

- Are these instructions only in areas of the Scripture that relate them to the Jewish nation?

No, indeed not.

Let us examine before God the evidence that this is correct.

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:5.

ALL who have accepted Christ have ONE Lord, Whom we have accepted as our very Life; ONE faith in the truths of the Word and the Person of Christ as Saviour and Lord; ONE baptism in water in which we take part to show our partaking in His death and burial and resurrection. A baptism in Christ Jesus is neither Jewish nor Gentile, it is to do with the NEW CREATION where there is no old creation with its national barriers and its exclusivity. The Jewish nation certainly cannot be said to have excluded the Gentiles from participation in water baptism.

There has been dispute because the various Scriptures that speak of baptism do not always clearly define whether the "baptism" referred to means water baptism or Spirit baptism. These Scriptures include Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2; 12; and Galatians 3:27. If one looks at these Scriptures carefully it is easy to see that water baptism is indeed what is indicated:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raise up from the dead by the glory of the

“And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the KINGDOM OF GOD, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.”

There are **NO** different Gospels and different churches that separate the prison epistles of Paul from the rest of the New Testament. See Paul still bringing forth the wonders of the kingdom in 11 Thessalonians 1:5, 6, to the Christian Church no less:

*“So that we ourselves glory in you in the **churches of God** for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the **kingdom of God**, for which ye also suffer:”*

PETER AND PAUL AND THEIR GOSPELS.

Hyper-Dispensationalism contends that the Gospel of Paul is exclusively the Gospel for the Church, and that Peter preached another Gospel to Paul.

- Is this so? Certainly not, there is only ONE Gospel, there is only ONE Saviour. The Gospel in its simplicity is for all peoples, there is neither Gentile nor Jew in the Gospel, as Galatians 3:26-29 shows:

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

This is a statement of the absolute unity of all those who have been baptized into Christ, every possible distinction is done away with in the Gospel of Christ and in His sacrifice for mankind. There are no “Jewish” Gospels and “Paul” Gospels and “Peter” Gospels. There is ONE Gospel that joins all and abolishes all divisions.

This is clearly taught in God’s Word, believe it, this is the Truth:

“For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain ONE NEW MAN, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.” Ephesians 2: 14-18.

B)

- Is Paul an authority in himself that we must go to, and only he has doctrine for the Christian Church?
- Did Paul say he was the only teacher for the Church Age?

No he did not; this is what he said about the Church, the household of God. He said it was built upon **ALL** of the apostles and prophets, **NOT** just his own teachings, he was only a saved sinner and Christ Jesus is the chief corner stone. Jesus Christ and the Gospels are the chief corner stone on which the foundation stands:

“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;” Ephesians 2:20.

C)

- Did the other apostles recognize that only Paul should teach the Church?

It seems not to be the case. Peter did not differentiate between the teaching of the other apostles and Paul’s teachings.

* Read carefully and prayerfully 11 Peter 3:1-2; 15-16.

* Notice that all Apostles are included in the teaching for the Church.

D) If Paul was suddenly given a new revelation from God in prison, one that was drastically different to his other revelations and inspirations, he would surely record this thrilling happening in his writings, marking down when this happened and how changed things had become.

- Is there any indication in his prison epistles that there is something NEW going on?

Well, search them for yourself, you will find there isn’t the slightest indication that a new and exclusive revelation had been given to him. No new dispensation shown anywhere.

* Start on the book of Philippians, written in prison, search it. Four chapters, not a hint of this so-called passing of the old dispensation, into the new teachings. It is not there because it is not true.

E) It is too ridiculous to believe that anyone could seriously contend that all the books but a few written by Paul in the New Testament should be disregarded by the Christian Church.

Just one instance must do here, to comment on the books that Hyper-Dispensationalism rejects would take a thick volume of complaints.

* Consider the Book of Revelation, rejected by Hyper Dispensationism. This book was written by John, not Paul, addressed to the **CHURCHES** of Asia Minor –

- yet, we are to believe, this book is not a part of the teachings of God for the Christian Church?

It has vital teaching for the Church of 2005; Revelation means “to take the cover off.” *Apokolupsis*, it is the uncovering of the glory of Christ, and of what the future holds for us all on earth. It is filled with divine prophecy that it is imperative that we have and understand.

- Is it not?

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his **servants** things which must come shortly to pass.” Rev. 1:1.

The book slots in with the other writings of John, who wrote John’s Gospel and three epistles, which we are supposed to *NOT* apply to the Church! Nonsense!

WHAT ABOUT THE FOUR GOSPEL BOOKS, THE BOOK OF ACTS, & PETER & PAUL & THEIR GOSPELS?

One would think that this booklet would be entirely unnecessary, how could any Christians actually fall for Hyper Dispensationism? - in these days, anything goes! There *are* groups and individuals out there who are deeply involved in Hyper-Dispensationism.

- How did they get into such a piffle and puffle?

Maybe there is something in a lot of us that likes to have a special understanding of the “truth”, beyond those around us, that embraces novel and academic sounding “deeper” teaching, “*secret men’s business*”!

- What is the answer we can have to the rejection of the four Gospels and the Book of Acts; to the contentions that Peter and Paul taught different Gospels?

Sounds bizarre doesn’t it?

THE GOSPELS.

To imagine that the Gospels which tell the glorious story of Jesus Christ from His birth to His death and resurrection could have no teaching and relevance to the Church is unbelievable. They contain the beauty of

the very words and actions of Jesus Christ as He ministered whilst here on earth, the parables, the prayers, the miracles of our Lord. To say they are entirely Jewish and not for the Church is outrageous.

The book of Hebrews shows us that the Gospel that was preached by the apostles was the very Gospel preached by Jesus Christ. Yes, Jesus Christ spoke to the Jewish nation in different ways than to the Church, because He was leading them into the New Covenant in His Blood, and had not yet been crucified, He had not yet risen from the dead. The book of Hebrews also opens up the New Covenant, but **NOT** exclusively for the Jewish nation as we see in Hebrews chapter one.

* Read this carefully and you will see the opening up of the glory of the Son of God as “*the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person,*” as God speaking to the whole world of His work of “*purging our sins*” in His Blood.

In Hebrews chapter two we see NO disparity between the Gospel preached by Christ and the Gospel preached by the apostles, as the Hyper-Dispensationism teachers claim.

It is the SAME Gospel.

* Read it carefully and you will see this is the case.

No wonder Hyper-Dispensationism rejects the Book of Hebrews as well!

THE BOOK OF ACTS.

The book of Acts was a transition book, it is true, but was not a book that was written just for the Jews, it shows the changes taking place as the Church arose and the New Covenant replaced the Old Covenant. It is not largely Jewish. The Hyper-Dispensationism teachers believe that there are two sharply defined churches in the book of Acts, and that the Pauline Church which Christians belong to did not begin until after Acts 9, 13 or 28. Hyper-Dispensationism imagine that a Jewish “church” differing to the Church of the Christians was shown in most of the book of Acts, a “church” which was an integral part of the kingdom preached in the Gospel. This is then supposed to make the majority of the teachings of Acts not applicable to the Christian Church! However it is plain that Paul preached about the kingdom right the way up in Acts 28:23: