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Preface

This book contains numbers of chapters that have been taken from the magazine articles, “Elements of Dispensational Truth,” in Thy Precepts. There are additions to some of those chapters now incorporated into this book. However, almost half of this book, namely Part 3 and Part 4, have not appeared in print before.

SCOPE OF THIS BOOK

Part 1 deals with passages of Scripture that have to do directly with the pretribulation rapture.

Part 2 considers the doctrine of the two resurrections, particularly “the first resurrection.” A chapter has been added to the original series on this subject, concerning some “ultradispensational” views.

Part 3 is about Matt. 24 and 25. A treatment of the subject of the pretribulation rapture would be too incomplete without it. The idea that the church is found in Matt. 24:1-44 is rebutted. Moreover, not only posttribulationist project the parable of the 10 virgins into the future, but gradually more and more Scofieldian Age-ists have done the same. And so Matt. 24:45 - 25:30 is examined also. A chapter on “partial-rapture” is also included in Part 3.

Part 4 shows that the Scripture doctrine of the godly Jewish remnant during Daniel’s 70th week it is important to a more complete understanding of the pretribulation rapture, and the nature and calling of the church and its hope. The review of this subject is provides an occasion to examine some teachings of B. W. Newton, who is the father of numerous posttribulationist teachings, including the notion of two remnants during Daniel’s 70th week. It is also shown how his teaching regarding one of those remnants, the Jewish remnant, which he said had no life from God, and Christ’s connection with that remnant, was the root of his fundamentally evil doctrine of “Christ’s unspeakable circumstantial distance from God.”

A Subject Index and a Scripture Index have been generated in order to make this book useful as a reference to these matters.

COMPLEMENTARY BOOKS

There are some books available from Present Truth Publishers to which the reader is directed as complementary to the one in the reader’s hands. They are:

1. a three volume set called Precious Truth Revived and Recovered Through J. N. Darby. Vol. 1 covers the early years of the recovery of truth -- up to 1845. Vol. 2 highly documents the evils of B. W. Newton and the reason for the Plymouth and Bethesda divisions. Vol. 3 covers the sufferings of Christ controversy, which has to do with the Jewish remnant; and it contains appendices on various persons, along with 15 pictures.
2. J. N. Darby’s Teachings Regarding Dispensations, Ages, Administrations, and the Two Parentheses, is an exposition of his teaching regarding these matters.
3. Daniel’s 70 Weeks and the Revival of the Roman Empire.
4. Future Events.
5. The Mystery; and, The Mystery and the Covenants.

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ELEMENTS OF DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH, VOL. 3

A Part that deals with the church in the millennium and in the eternal state is ready for print, but was not included in this book because of its size. This, among other subjects, awaits vol. 3, if the Lord will.

THE END OF THE TESTING OF THE FIRST MAN

The reader is hereby reminded that it was shown in Elements of Dispensational Truth, vol. 1, that the testing of the first man ended at the cross. The effect of this is that all dispensational systems that carry testing beyond that point in time are false systems. The second edition of that book has a chapter on Rom. 5:12ff which further shows what is entailed in the testing of the firsts man and its end at the cross. The end of the testing of the first man at the cross is basic to a correct grasp of dispensational truth.

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