

A Dispensational Approach to the New Testament

Gospel Period	Acts Period	Post-Acts Period	<i>Publications which deal with these subjects</i> (book chapters in brackets)
Matthew Mark Luke John	Hebrews James 1,2 Peter 1,2,3 John Jude Revelation	Galatians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Corinthians Romans Acts	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians Titus 1,2 Timothy
Almost exclusively Jewish	Jews still dominant, in first place	Jewish & Gentile Christians equal	<i>Approaching the Bible</i> (3,4,5) <i>God's Grand Design</i> <i>Israel in the New Testament</i> <i>The Miracles of the Apostles</i> (2; Appendix 1) <i>Think on These Things</i> (3; Appendix 1)
Abraham - 34 references	Abraham - 40 references	Abraham - 0 references	
Moses - 43 references	Moses - 54 references	Moses - 1 ref. (2 Tim 3:8)	
Mosaic Law for Jews, including Christ	Mosaic Law for Jews, Christian and non-Christian; no Mosaic Law for Gentiles	No Mosaic Law for Jews and Gentiles	<i>Paul's Three Ministries</i> <i>40 Problem Passages</i> (6,16,23)
Mosaic food Law for Jews	Mosaic food Law for Jews, Christian and non-Christian; certain food regulations for Gentiles (Acts 15:20)	No food Laws or regulations for either Jews or Gentiles	
Circumcision for Jews	Circumcision for Jews, Christian and non Christian; no circumcision for Gentile Christians	No circumcision Jewish Christians no circumcision Gentile Christians	<i>Approaching the Bible</i> (12) <i>40 Problem Passages</i> (30) <i>Paul's Three Ministries</i>
Sabbath for Jews	Sabbath for Jews, Christian and non-Christian; no Sabbath Gentile Christians	No Sabbath for Jewish Christians; no Sabbath for Gentile Christians	
Old & New Covenants	Old & New Covenants	No covenants	<i>40 Problem Passages</i> (4) <i>Think on These Things</i> (4) <i>The New Covenant</i>
Christ's second coming could follow soon after His first	Christ's second coming could be soon	Christ's second coming no longer imminent	
Instant & complete healing for Jews and an 'odd' Gentile or two	Instant & complete healing for Jews and a few Gentiles	No instant & complete healing ministry for either Jews or Gentiles	<i>Approaching the Bible</i> (14) <i>Miracles of the Apostles</i> (11) <i>Think on These Things</i> (3)
No tongues	Speaking in tongues as a 'sign' to Israel of unbelief (1 Corinthians 14:22)	No tongues	
Many 'definitive' prayers; i.e. 'will' receive	Jewish letters: many 'definitive' prayers. Paul's letters: many 'petitionary' prayers; i.e. 'may' receive	Most prayers 'petitionary'; i.e. 'may' receive	<i>40 Problem Passages</i> (34) <i>Unanswered Prayer</i> <i>The Place of Prayer in an Age of Grace</i>
One baptism in water by men	Two baptisms (a) in water by men (b) in Spirit by Christ Water baptism necessary for Jewish Christians to receive Spirit. Water baptism not needed for Gentiles to receive the Spirit.	One baptism in Spirit by Christ. Christians receive the Spirit upon believing the gospel of salvation. Water baptism not necessary	
Leaders appointed by Christ	Leaders appointed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28)	Leaders appointed by men (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1:5-9)	<i>Christian Leadership</i> <i>40 Problem Passages</i> (39)
Evil spirits - 9 references	Evil spirits - 5 references	Evil spirits - 0 references	
Demon possession 32 references	Demon possession 1 reference	Demon possession 0 references	<i>Miracles of the Apostles</i> (17) <i>Think on These Things</i> (3)
Demons - 37 references	Demons - 9 references	Demons - 1 reference; (1Tim 4:1)	