

TH-200

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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**Dispensationalism:  
Heresy or Help?**  
Understanding Theology Series

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**DISPENSATIONALISM 1**  
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**WELCOME**

Welcome to our course, **Dispensationalism 1**. The **Internet Bible Institute** serves as a media for helping the modern student to understand God's Word, the Bible. We at **iBi** believe in the Holy Scriptures, accepting fully the writing of the Old and New Testament, the sixty-six canonical [John 16:13] books of the Bible, as the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible rule and absolute authority of faith and practice.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will enable you to understand the distinctions between Covenant and Dispensational Theology. It will demonstrate that the differences are not superficial but fundamental. The Bible offers a systematic interpretation of history. "It covers the entire scope of history from beginning to end, including the what and why of the future. It presents a unifying principle which ties together and makes sense of the whole gamut of events, distinctions, and succession." Consequentially, it is imperative for every Christian to have a grasp of how to interpret or "rightly divide" the Word of God.

This course provides a valuable resource for those who are not theologians, by teaching in clear, readable language, and demonstrates the practical necessity of knowing what you believe.<sup>1</sup>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

The following syllabus is given to you to assist you in understanding this important topic of the Bible. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask us either via the Internet, phone, or by notes turned in with your assignments. We are only too happy to answer your questions.



**PLEASE REMEMBER: the only "dumb" question  
is the one you do not ask!**

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from the *Foreword* of Dr. Renald Shower's book, *There Really is a Difference*.

You should read the assigned textbook and Scriptures readings before each lesson. As you listen to the lecture by Dr. Showers, follow along in this syllabus and fill in the worksheets to assist your understanding and to help you in doing the homework assignments. Upon completion of the lesson, only the homework sheets need be turned in for assessment/grading.

### **COURSE TEXTBOOK**

Renald E. Showers, *There Really Is A Difference*. Published by The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., Bellmawr, New Jersey, 1990. ISBN 0-915540-50-9

*Recommended Additional References:*

Alva McClain, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*. Published by BMH Books, Winona Lake, Indiana, USA, 1974. ISBN 0-88469-011-3

### **ASSESSMENT/GRADING**

Grading is based primarily upon your understanding of the material and ability to communicate that understanding. Answers to your homework questions will constitute 65% of your total grade; reading assignments, including the Bible reading will represent 10%, and the examination will constitute the remaining 25%.

Grade Scale:

A = Outstanding	= 92-100
B = Excellent	= 85-91
C = Average	= 77-84
D = Below Average	= 70-76
F = Failing	= 69 and below

### **COURSE CREDIT**

Successful completion of TH-200 earns 4 Credit Units at the Internet Bible Institute.

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