

We can be sure that the future includes many details that would be quite meaningless to us since there will be factors involved of which we know nothing. Suppose that a hundred years ago someone had heard that the time would come when a man could have breakfast in London, lunch in New York, and dinner in San Francisco. He would immediately have declared that any one who expressed such a foolish idea was surely insane! It would have been impossible to imagine any way in which such a prediction could possibly have been fulfilled. Yet today it is commonplace.

We can be sure that God will do what He chooses in the future. He has revealed a few important facts to us but most of the details are beyond our understanding, since there will doubtless be many factors that we cannot even imagine with our present experience.

The ascertainment of extensive details about God's plan for the future does not therefore impress me as being of great importance. What does impress me as important is the fact that these two great hopes are both clearly taught in Scripture and that anyone who explains away either of them introduces principles of hermeneutics that could just as easily explain away the bodily resurrection of Christ or any other great doctrine. It is for this reason that I consider premillennialism to be of great importance. I find it difficult to think that anyone who can explain away the two central facts of premillennialism, both so clearly taught in the Bible, can be dependable in his interpretation of other biblical doctrines.

Surely every Christian believes in dispensations. Charles Hodge has a section on the four dispensations. I believe he was wrong in not including the millennium as a fifth one. Some think there are seven. Actually the number is somewhat uncertain but there would seem to be little doubt that the four mentioned by Hodge are clearly taught in Scripture, as is also the millennium....

Augustine was a great philosophic thinker and a great Christian. In many ways he had a very good influence on the Christian church. He was hardly a great exegete, but was in some ways a child of his time....

Tyconius's seventh rule seems to be that when the Bible is not speaking about Christ it must be speaking about the devil and his followers. It illustrates the error, into which so many fall, of