

Period 6

Modern Denominationalism (1648- 1880)

Lesson 25 The Plymouth Brethren & Dispensationalism

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1. References:

- Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **20** For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost. **2 Peter 1:20-21**
- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

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2. Essential Theory, Belief or Practice:

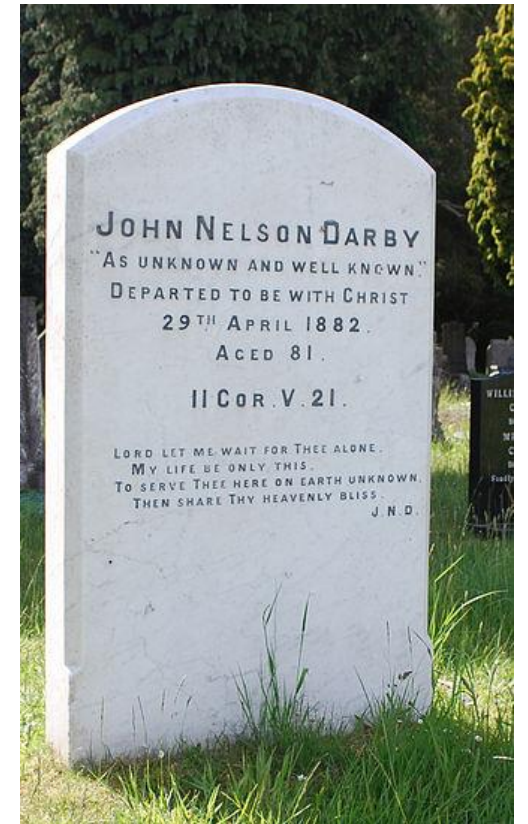
1. That there are seven distinguishable economies in God's redemptive purpose (Dispensationalism).
 1. Paradise 2.Noah 3. Abraham 4. Israel 5. Gentiles 6. the Spirit 7. the Millennium
2. There is a distinction between Israel and the Church. 1 Cor. 10:32
3. That Christ's second coming will occur prior to His Millennial Kingdom 1 Th. 4:13-18, Rev. 20:1-7(Premillennialism).
4. That Daniel's 70th Week has yet to be fulfilled Dan.9:20-23 (Futurism).
5. That the notion of a clergyman was a sin against the holy Spirit – ye are brethren (Matt. 23:8).

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3. Principle Character:

John Nelson Darby (Nov 1800-Apr 1882)

- Westminster School, London & Trinity College, Dublin. Studied law, then became an Anglican Priest
- Pastored for 2 years in Dublin, Ireland
- 1827 - Formed the Plymouth Brethren
- Father of Modern Dispensationalism & Futurism
- Pioneered the teaching of the Rapture (1 Th. 3:14-18)



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4. Scriptural Refutation:

- If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. **Rom. 12:18**
- Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Eph. 4:3**
- Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **Eph. 4:13**