## Important Events in the Formation of Dispensationalism

- 1. John Nelson Darby
- 2. The Brethren Movement
- 3. The Bible Conference Movement
- 4. The Bible Institute Movement
- 5. The Scofield Reference Bible
- 6. Dallas Theological Seminary

## Foundational Features of Dispensationalism

- 1. A hermeneutical approach that stresses a literal fulfillment of OT promises to Israel
- 2. A belief that the unconditional, eternal covenants made with national Israel (Abrahamic, Davidic, and New) must be fulfilled literally with national Israel
- 3. A distinct future for national Israel
- 4. The church is distinct from Israel
- 5. Multiple senses of "seed of Abraham"
- 6. Philosophy of history that emphasizes both the spiritual and physical aspects of God's covenants

## **Variations of Dispensationalism**

- 1. Classical Dispensationalism
- 2. Revised or Modified Dispensationalism
- 3. Progressive Dispensationalism