



# School of Prophets

## God’s Plan through the Ages

Professor: Dave James

### Course Purpose

This course is designed to give the student a working knowledge of “God’s Plan through the Ages” within the framework of dispensationalism, being able to trace the flow of God’s plan through history.

This will include being able to think through and defend the dispensational understanding of history, being able to cite how the dispensations correspond to major sections of the Bible - as well as the transitions between dispensations.

### Course Components

**Reading. . . . . 20%**

*What on Earth is God Doing*, Dr. Renald Showers

**Paper (15-20 pages). . . . . 80%**

Using the workbook for *What on Earth is God Doing*, develop a paper in which you consider and in 1-2 paragraphs, interact with 4-6 of the most significant “Thought Provokers” in each of the sections and the corresponding material in Dr. Showers’ book, as well as the things discussed in class. With this format, each of the 11 sections will be approximately 1 ½ - 2 pages each.

When appropriate, be sure to cite relevant biblical passages. For the sections dealing with the dispensation of the church between the end of the first century and the rapture, it would be helpful to incorporate any supporting research material from church history.

### Paper Guidelines

In general you should follow the *MLA Handbook* guidelines (available on internet).

**Paper size/type:** 8 ½ x 11

**Font:** 12 point Times Roman or Arial (or the equivalent of these)

**Margins:** .75" for all margins

**Spacing:** Double-spacing

**Length:** At least 12 pages and no more than 18 full pages (papers which are shorter will receive 1 full letter grade reduction for each page or portion of a page less than 12; longer papers will not receive higher grades or extra-credit.)

**Spelling and grammar:** Correct spelling and grammar are important and mistakes could affect your grade on the paper. Use your spell-checker, and when in doubt, look up the word.

**Citations - Use endnotes (not footnotes) and a bibliography:** If you use sources for your material, they must be

referenced. Endnotes should be used, rather than footnotes - and do not count toward the length of the paper. If you use word-for-word what someone else has written, it must be quoted. If it is longer than two sentences, it should be a block quote. The total of all quotes should not be more than 10% of the paper. You may use abbreviated endnotes for the first citation in the following format:

Abbreviated endnotes: Author's full name, *Title of the book*, pages.

Biblical references: 3-4 -letter book abbreviations - chapter:verse(s)

An abbreviated bibliography in alphabetical order should be included at the end in the following format:

Author's last name, first name. *Book title*. Most recent publish date.

NOTE: Endnotes and bibliography do not count toward the required pages.

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