

After the 1970s, interest in dispensationalism began to decline within the mainstream of conservative evangelicalism. Along with this de-emphasis on the teaching of the rapture and Bible prophecy in general, a paradigm shift took place in many churches and Bible schools. Many pastors became more “sophisticated” in their preaching. Prophecy was out, and psychology was in. The teaching of doctrine was replaced by sermons on current social issues and the emotional life of the believer. Although it is difficult to establish what was the cause and what was the effect, many dispensationalists would argue that either way the result was a loss of clear biblical teaching.