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Dear Dr. Ryrie:

Thank you for your response to my letter. I'm sorry if some of it sounded stronger than I intended; I did not mean any of it to sound like a challenge. Actually, I assumed the truth of dispensationalism for years before I started looking up verses to see what Scripture said. When I did, I was disappointed to find there actually were not very many verses cited for most of the points theologians usually list, and many of those verses that are used are easily questioned. So when I ask for additional support, it's with the assumption there are more verses available, and that some of those may be stronger than the ones cited. In some cases I may come to a different conclusion than you have, but even in those cases, I'm not stating a differing possibility because I'm assuming you're wrong and want to convince you of that, but because other people may get stuck at the same points I have, and you may have other references or a different line of argument that can make something clearer. I thought there might be areas you would delete or modify if your thinking has changed since you originally wrote the book, but I'm familiar enough with your writings that I thought it more likely that any modifications would be strengthening your points, so for the most part I was just suggesting that possibility.

Style issues: Yes, we cap deity pronouns. I am moving parenthetical citations of books cited to endnotes and making lengthy quotations into block quotes. When a Scripture reference is to a book of the Bible that has not been mentioned in the current paragraph (or when the previous mention was the last reference in a parenthetical series) I am putting the complete reference in the text (i.e., Gen. 1:1, not v. 1 or 1:1); that should aid clarity. Typos and other small errors should ideally be caught by me; if any slip past, we will have several proofreaders on the book (and of course you will also see proofs). Copy editing has been minimal on this book, since not much was needed. Thank you for the errors you flagged; I will verify I have caught them and change those I had not.

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Yes, I have been looking up references (that was what I worked on the week I worked at home). Whenever I suspected the reference was in error, I first checked what I had against the published version to be sure it was not a typo; some were weeded out that way (for example, a missing hyphen makes 1-3 look like 13). This book will go to production Thursday (7/30); I'm out of the office Friday. (After that I should be around for a while; I've been involved with Vacation Bible School and church camps a good bit of this month.) None of these is urgent; you can send me a list, and I can make corrections on the proofs, or you can make the corrections directly on the proofs, which should come sometime after the second week of August. Here are the Scripture reference errors I have been unable to resolve or the ones where I have changed the reference and need to verify that my correction was the right guess. (I am citing only questioned references, not all the ones in any given list. Some of the ones I had were on your list of corrections; I am dealing with those.)

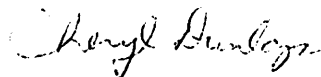
- sec. II, ch. 4, p. 27--commands in Scripture to know Him (Rom. 6:16) *OK*
- sec. II, ch. 6, p. 40--daily living (Eph. 1:9--possibly correct, but I'd guess not) - 1:19
- sec. II, ch. 8, p. 51--Other passages (Deut. 32:29) . . . insist on Israel's loyalty . . . *OK*
- sec. III, ch. 14, p. 99--seven years of famine (2 Sam. 24:13)--some versions *change to three*
(like NIV) have the corrected three years
- sec. III, ch. 15, p. 108--witness of the apostolic period (Col. 4:16 doesn't call Paul's writing Scripture, and it mentions the letter to the Laodiceans, which *is not probably Ephesian.*
- sec. IV, ch. 21, p. 131--E. They Will Be Involved . . . (1 Thes. 4:1) *Change to 4:16*
- sec. V, ch. 23, p. 144--2. I will raise my throne . . . (Rev. 22:16--this refers to Christ, not angels) *You're wrong. Delete reference.*
- same page, point 4. I will ascend . . . (Rev. 19:1--clouds not mentioned in *Gen. 19:1* versions I checked)
- sec. VI, ch. 27, p. 161 (2 uses)--James 2:19 says demons know the plan of salvation; this particular verse only refers to monotheism. *Change to They believe in monotheism (James 2:19).*
- sec. VI, ch. 28, p. 167--Verses cited to support . . . (1 Sam. 16:13-14 seems like it should just be v. 14; 2 Cor. 11:14 should probably be v.4)--changes made. *Yes.*
- sec. VII, ch. 30, p. 185--A. Arguments for Solar Days, point (1)--2 Chron. 21:19--*Heb. word "day" in does not use "day," at least in NIV or KJV* *well here, perhaps meaning 2 years of days so translation have understood it as years. leave ref. →*
- sec. VII, ch. 32, p. 198--C. Heart, point 1. source of evil thoughts and actions (Matt. 15:19-20) *Scripture correct to me.*
- sec. VIII, ch. 34, p. 211--K. Paraptoma--Matthew 18:35. *The word is in some ms. Best to delete this ref.*
- sec. VIII, ch. 35, p. 214--F. Pride--Luke 7:14 - *Should be Luke 14:7-11.*
- sec. VIII, ch. 35, p. 217--A. The Basis of Forgiveness (I believe Matt. 26:29 *if* should be v. 28. Change has been made.)

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- sec. X, ch. 48, p. 278--"the other is, ^{preaching a gospel other than the gospel of the grace of God.} not preaching the Gospel of-grace (Gal. 1:6-9)." This verse speaks of a positive action (preaching another gospel) not a negative (not preaching the true Gospel).
- sec. X, ch. 51, p. 292--Apolutrosis . . . non-Christian release (Luke 11:35) *Hebrew 11:35*
- sec. X, ch. 52, p. 301--2. Its accompaniments . . . (as in Gal. 6:5)--*It's correct.*
- sec. XI, ch. 60, p. 346--"Seven verses speak of . . ." (Job 27:3 doesn't seem to speak of this)--*through "breath" refer to Spirit. Did we ever? Isa 40:73. Amold in 40:12-14.*
- sec. XI, ch. 60, p. 348--1. He [the Holy Spirit] was in certain ones. (Daniel 6:3 says "an excellent spirit," KJV, or "exceptional qualities," NIV) *Definitely but leave it.*
- sec. XI, ch. 65, p. 370--B. Prepare Yourself--only one spiritual gift mentioned in preparation. Is it OK to modify sentence thus: "If one suspects, for example, that he has the gift of giving, then he will work on being a good steward in all areas of life (1 Cor. 4:2; see also Rom. 12:8)"? *fine.*
- [I have not yet Scripture checked section XII.]
- sec. XIII, ch. 92, p. 519--A. For the Unredeemed--"both the righteous (Gen. 35:37) . . ." *37:35.*

If you have any other questions about what is being done with style or any other issues, feel free to call me at (312) 329-2124.

Sincerely yours,



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