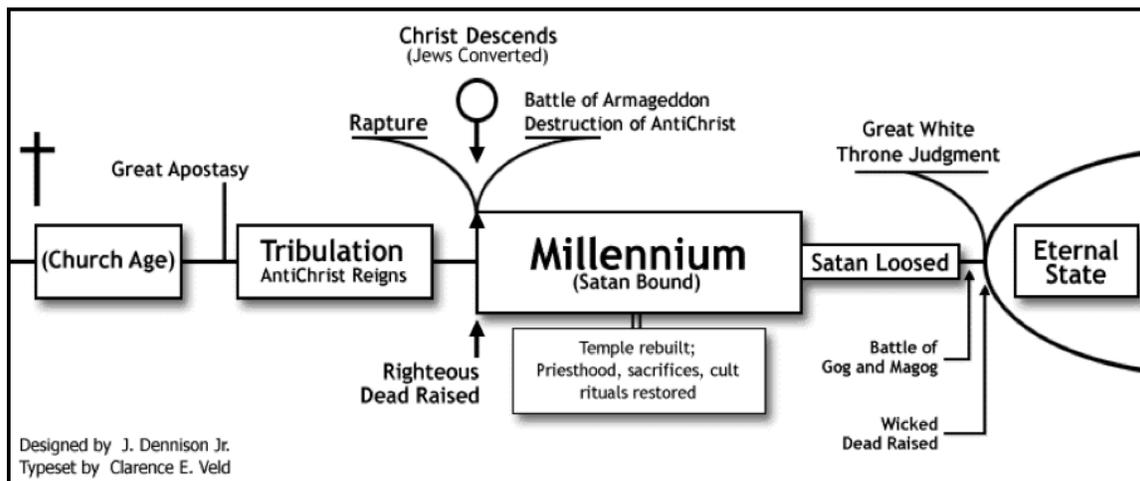


Lesson #12: Biblical Truth versus Premillennial Theory

Introduction: The doctrine of Premillennialism always seems to find its way into the headlines whenever some major disaster occurs. Whether it is a devastating natural disaster or an occasion\ of upheaval on the part of man, such events bring would be prognosticators of the "end times" to the surface by the scores. Those who hear them and give them credence fail to realize that hundreds just like them have said the same things on dozens of occasions in the past when the same type of disasters occurred. Further, they fail to see what miserable failures were those who preceded their current generation of prophets of doom. Current premillennial prognosticators will likewise fail in their attempts to predict the end of the world and the establishment of "Christ's earthly kingdom."

How can this be said with certainty? Because the Bible does not support th theory nor maintain the doctrine of Premillennialism. It simply cannot be found in Scripture. In fact, if the doctrine of Premillennialism is true, there are many passages of Scripture that are false. In our study, we have refuted and examined some of these in this light and determine if Premillennialism or Scripture contains the truth. **What do you believe?**

Dispensational Premillennialistic View:



Premillennialism Contrasted With the Biblical View:

<i>Premillennialism</i>	<i>Bible</i>
1. God's promises to Abraham and Israel were unconditional.	Scriptures tell of conditions God attached to all of them.
2. Israel has never yet received all the lands God promised her.	Solomon ruled over the entire territory God promised.
3. Israel would repent after God should have restored them to their own land.	God promised restoration to their land after they should repent.
4. God never kept His promise to regather the Jews from the Assyrio-Babylonian dispersion.	He did regather them. History shows they once enjoyed more than 100 years of independence before forfeiting their land again.
5. God promised Israel that after their repatriation they should rule the world.	He told them if they did not remain faithful they should be dispersed again. They were.
6. After "time of the Gentiles" God will restore the tabernacle of David.	Restoration of David's tabernacle had to precede "times of the Gentile".

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7. Christ will take the Church up to Heaven seven years before His second coming.	Christ will take the Church up when He comes to claim all the righteous.
8. Jesus predicted seven years of Tribulation before His return.	Jesus forecast tribulation of unspecified duration to accompany destruction of Jerusalem.
9. Tribulation years will constitute the “70 th week of Daniels prophecy about the Jews.	Time frame of Christ’s crucifixion accurately fulfilled Daniel’s prophecy.
10. Antichrist will terminate the Mosaic Sacrifices.	Jesus terminated Mosaic sacrifices.
11. These things will happen in the days of the restored Roman Empire.	Daniel’s prophecy pertained to things that happened in the days of the third empire following Nebuchadnezzar’s, not a replica of that empire it 2000 years later.
12. Christ will set up His Kingdom when He returns.	Several followers of Christ were said to be in it in first century A.D.
13. Christ will accede to David’s throne after His second advent.	Raised up to sit on David’s throne no later than Pentecost.
14. Christ will reign of Earth when He returns.	Christ reigns from Heaven now.
15. The Jews will be ruling aristocrats in Christ’s Kingdom.	There is no discrimination in Christ’s Kingdom.
16. Christ’s Kingdom on Earth will last precisely 1,000 years.	Christ’s Kingdom on Earth has already lasted nearly 2,000 years.
17. The dead shall be raised in three increments, within a seven year period.	All the dead will be raised on the same day.
18. There will be eight separate Judgments within the same seven years.	Jesus comes again to execute one final judgment.
19. Some of Earth’s people will be judged twice.	No evidence.
20. Some of Earth’s people will go to Heaven twice.	No evidence.
21. Some of the citizens of Christ’s Kingdom will be mortal and some immortal.	No evidence.
22. Christ will receive his sceptre of office when he comes again.	He will give it back to his Father “at His coming”. He already has received the scepter when ascended the Throne before Pentecost.

Questions for Discussion (Biblical Position):

1. Name 10 elements of Premillennialism. How do these impact political and religious groups?
2. What are the implications of Premillennial theory? Think about: False prophecies / announcements of Christ return, reinstating the Old Testament system of sacrifices, denial of the resurrection of the good / bad the same hour, church age, temporary nature of the church, and distinction between Jew and Gentile.
3. What are 5 key verses used by Premillennialist to prove their point? Explain the proper context of these verses.
4. What are the implications if someone believes in the PM Doctrine?
5. Prove that the scripture plainly teach that when Jesus comes again: a. Time will end. b. All the dead will be raised at the same time. c. The judgment will occur. d. Eternity will commence.