

The Rapture and The Reign???

Part 1

Doctrine of Premillennialism

A doctrine whereby Jesus will come and take away the righteous (rapture), leave the unrighteous in tribulation for 7 years, returns with the righteous, establish an earthly kingdom, and reign on David's throne for 1000 years in Jerusalem.

(Multiple variations of the doctrine)

Three Questions To Determine if Premillennialism is True or False?

- Does the Bible Teach That Jesus Christ Would Sit On David's Throne?

YES

– **Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Acts 2:29-30**

- Does the Bible Tell When Christ's Reign on David's Throne Would Begin?

YES

– **Acts 2:31-46; Mark 9:1, Daniel 7:13-14; Acts 1:9**

- Does the Bible Tell When Christ's Reign On David's Throne Would End?

YES

– **1 Corinthians 15:22-26; Acts 2:35**

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Why Millennialism Can't Be True!

1. Premillennialism teaches, the establishment of an earthly kingdom (new heaven, new earth (2 Pet. 3:13)) when Jesus returns the 2nd time!

• Jesus' kingdom is spiritual, not physical!

– John 18:36, “My kingdom is not of this world”

– 1 Corinthians 15:43, 50, “There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body...flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God”

– 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, “the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

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2. Premillennialism teaches, Jesus came to establish an earthly kingdom but God changed His mind when the Jews rejected Him!

• Jesus' death & the church (KINGDOM) Has Been God's plan for eternity!

– God is omniscient! He Knows All!

• Isaiah 53:3, “He is despised and rejected of men”

• Ephesians 3:10-11, “wisdom of God might be made known by the church...according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord”

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3. Premillennialism teaches, righteous raised up 1000 yrs. before the wicked!

– **Revelation 1:7**, “he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him”

– **John 5:28:29**, “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”



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4, Premillennialism teaches, during the 7 years following the rapture, there will be great tribulation on the unrighteous.

- **Matthew 24:21**, “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”
 - Millennialists use **Matthew 24** & passages like **Daniel 9:24-27, etc.** to make their point.

The Rest of The Story

- These passages of prophecy were all completed with destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

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5. Premillennialism uses symbolic, figurative, obscure proof texts to prove doctrine true.

- **Remember the Rule**

- Obscure and figurative passages always must be interpreted in light of the plain & literal passages!

- **John left a clear warning**

- **Revelation 22:18-19**, “If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

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- **Much of Revelation language is symbolic, figurative, obscure, like **Revelation 20:1-6****
 - Souls (not bodies) who “**were beheaded for the witness of Jesus**” (not us) and these souls “**lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**”
 - **Passage also figuratively mentions...**
 - A bottomless pit, a chain in the angel's hand used to bind a dragon, a beast, etc.
 - **The passage, unclear and obscure to us today!**
 - Never says if this reign was or is to be.
 - Mentions neither Jerusalem, nor the earth.

2 Peter 3:1-18, Plain Passage

- Be mindful of the words spoken by the Prophets, Apostles, & Christ
- Scoffers will come in last days in their own lust
 - Vs. 4, “Where is the promise of his coming?”
 - They forgot the world perished with the flood
 - Vs. 7, “the heavens and the earth are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”
- Time, is little to God, He will fulfill His Promise
 - Vs. 8, “Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”
 - Vs. 9, “Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise”

2 Peter 3:1-18, Plain Passage

- **What will occur?** (cont.)
 - **Vs. 10**, “the Lord will come as a thief in the night.”
 - **Matthew 24:36**, Only God the Father knows
 - **Vs. 10-11**, “heavens will pass away with a great noise, and elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up... all these things will be dissolved”
 - **Matthew 24:35**, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”
 - **Vs. 13**, “we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, to dwell in righteousness.”
 - **John 14:3**, “I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself”

Why Millennialism Can't Be True!

1. Jesus has been sitting on David's throne since the since Pentecost in **Acts 2**.
2. Jesus will continue to reign over His kingdom (the church, **Matthew 16:18-19**) until He returns **ONE TIME** and all are raised.
3. Jesus' kingdom is spiritual, not physical.
4. Jesus' death & the church (KINGDOM) has been God's plan for eternity!
5. All shall be raised at once on His only return.
6. **NO** rapture, **NO** tribulation for 7 yrs, **NO** 1000 yr. reign w/righteous, & **NO** multiple comings!

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