

PREMILLENNIALISM EXPOSED

Lesson One: THE RUPTURE OF THE RAPTURE

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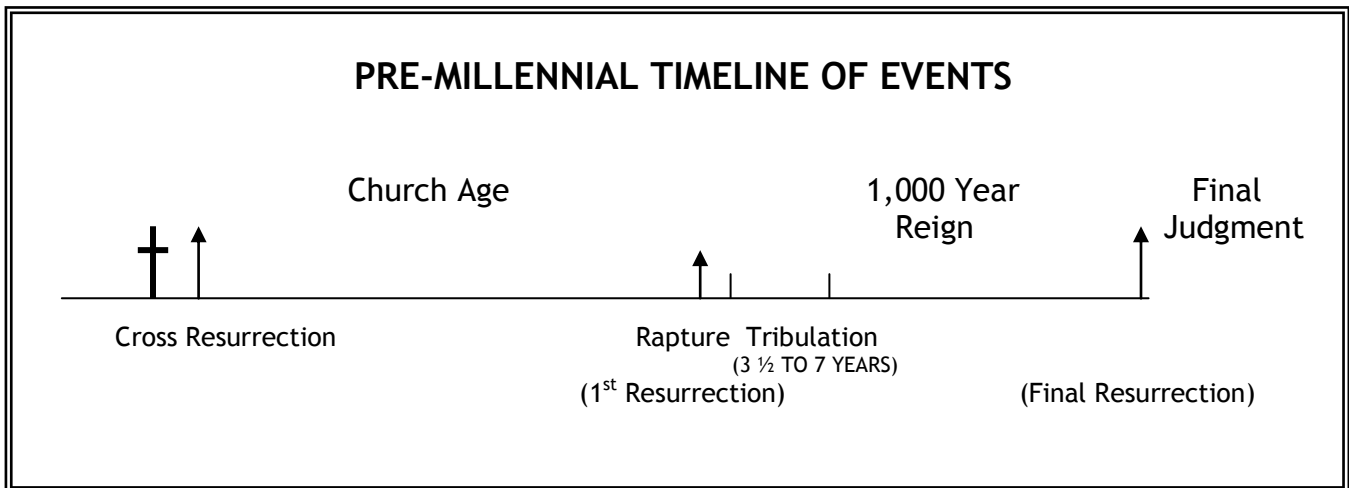
What is Pre-millennialism?

Pre = _____

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Pre-millennialism is the doctrine that Christ will rapture (call up) his saints to heaven for a period of time and then return to the city of Jerusalem to reign as an earthly king for one thousand years before judging the world and taking the saints to heaven for eternity.

Scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Pre-millennial Belief Concerning this Passage: The word rapture comes from the Latin translation of the words found in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (caught up). The doctrine of the rapture is that there will be two resurrections. One in which the faithful saints will secretly disappear and later return with Christ for a thousand year reign. The other resurrection will be of the wicked after the thousand year reign has been completed.

Note the teaching of this passage:

- They feared that those who had died could not go to _____, 1 Thess. 4:13-14
- Paul is not teaching that there will be _____ resurrections, he is emphasizing that the dead will rise and the living will be changed, 1 Thess. 4:15-16
- Paul wants us to realize that we will be with _____, 1 Thess. 4:17

Revelation 20:1-6

Pre-millennial Belief Concerning this Passage: The thousand years in this passage is a literal period of time that Christ will reign as king. It refers to the time after the tribulation that Christ will reign on earth as a king in the City of Jerusalem. At the end of that time, the battle of Armageddon will be fought, the wicked will be raised and judged and the righteous will go to heaven.

Note the teaching of this passage:

Revelation is a book written in _____, Revelation 1:1-2

The term 1,000 is used in Revelation over twenty times, always as a symbol of _____, not as a number to be taken literally.

Revelation 20:1-6 is written in contrast to Revelation 6:9-11 to show the vindication of those who keep their _____ in Christ.

*It is certainly a strange interpretation which contends that a **figurative** serpent was bound with a **figurative** chain and thrown into a **figurative** abyss which was locked with a **figurative** lock that had a **figurative** key, to be confined for a _____ thousand years!.*

Problems with the Rapture Doctrine:

1. This doctrine teaches that Jesus will secretly rapture his saints in the near future.
 - a. But his return will be _____ (1 Thess. 4:16) and _____ (Heb. 9:28)
 - b. This teaching does not fit the _____ of 1 Thessalonians 4
2. This doctrine teaches that Christ will return to earth as king for a thousand years.
 - a. Rev. 20:1-6 is symbolically teaching Christ's power and reign in the _____.
 - b. The only passage that mentions the one thousand year reign shows that this reign is in _____, not in Jerusalem.
3. This doctrine teaches that there will be at least two different resurrections from the dead: one at the beginning of the millennium and one for the wicked at the end.
 - a. The Bible teaches that all will be raised at the same _____, John 5:28-29
 - b. The Bible teaches that God will _____ the just and the wicked, Acts 24:15

Lessons in the Following Weeks:

October 14: *What Happened to the Nation of Israel?*

October 21: *Thy Kingdom Come*

Answers:

What is Pre-millennialism: Before, One Thousand, Year, Doctrine

Scriptures: Heaven, Multiple, Christ, Symbolism, Completeness, Faith, Literal

Problems: Audible, Visible, Context, Church, Heaven, Hour, Raise

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Lesson Two: **The Fate of Israel**

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Pre-millennialism is the doctrine that Jesus will return to this earth and reign over the physical nation of Israel. It includes the idea that Israel will return to the Old Covenant and then be converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God's Promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

The land promise: the land of Abraham's children

The spiritual promise: the seed for all nations

Fulfillment: Joshua 21:43, 1 Kings 4:21, Nehemiah 9:7-8

God's Promise to Israel

Deuteronomy 28-30

The Blessing, Deut. 28:1-14

The Curse, Deut. 28:15-68

The Promise, Deut. 30:1-10

Moses' Promise cannot refer to the modern state of Israel because:
A New Covenant has been established

The Nation of Israel was abolished in 70 AD

Modern Israel will not and cannot return to the Old Covenant

Moses' Covenant with Israel was fulfilled in the Old Testament.

Rejection by Man and By God

Matthew 23

The Messiah (Jesus) came to this earth as a fulfillment of the Old Testament,
Matthew 5:17, Luke 24: Luke 24:44

Yet, the Jews (for the most part) rejected the Messiah and crucified him on the cross

Because of this, Israel was rejected, Matthew 23:35-38

Will All Israel Be Saved?

Romans 9-11

The Theme of the book of Romans is the Righteousness of God.

Chapters nine through eleven deal with God's promise to the nation of Israel.

Paul makes clear that faith trumps flesh in regards to God's promise.

Paul makes note of God's Remnant promise to Israel

Romans 11:25 cannot mean that the entire nation of Israel will be saved, but instead refers to the salvation of a remnant who are truly faithful to God.

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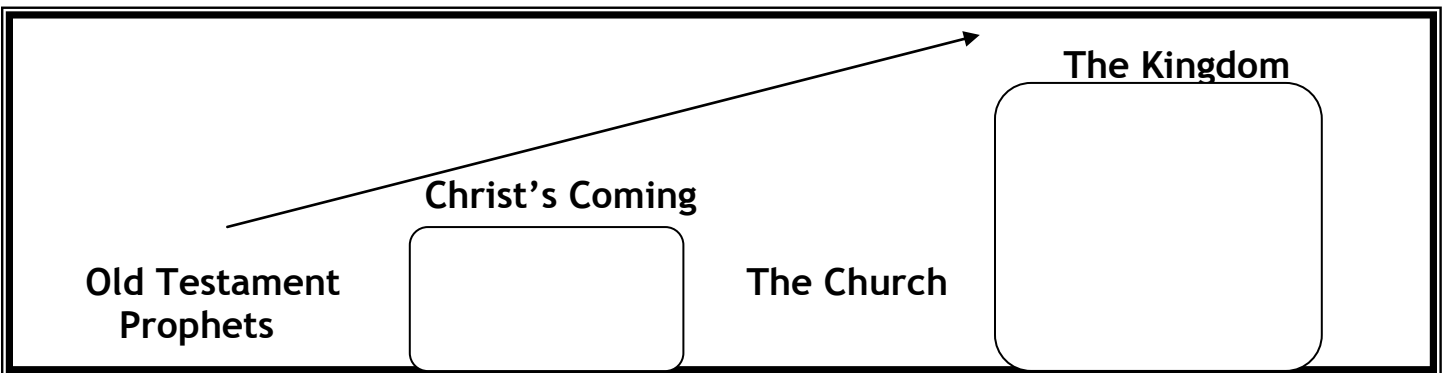
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Lesson Three: **Thy Kingdom Come**

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Pre-millennialism is the doctrine that Christ will establish an earthly kingdom in the city of Jerusalem. Christ intended to establish it during his first coming (Matthew 4:17) but was postponed because of rejection. Therefore Christ will wait to establish the kingdom until he returns.

A Common View of the Church's Relationship to the Kingdom of God



The Double Mountain Theory states that the Old Testament prophets and the people of Jesus' day did not recognize the Church because they were looking forward to the Kingdom. The church operates as a 'stop gap' method of salvation until Christ will return to establish his true Kingdom.

What Sort of Kingdom Did Christ Desire to Establish?

Pre-millennial view: Christ desires an earthly kingdom based in Jerusalem. Since he could not establish this kingdom his first time, he will establish it when he returns.

- Christ rejected the opportunity to be an _____ king, John 6:15, 27, 63
- Christ maintained that his Kingdom was _____ in nature, John 18:36, Luke 17:20-21
- Christ's Kingdom cannot be _____ in one earthly city or one nation, Acts 7:47-50

When Would This Kingdom Be Established?

- Daniel 2 It would be established in the days of _____, Daniel 2:44
- Isaiah 2 It would be established in Jerusalem when all nations were _____
- Joel 2 It would be established with mighty _____ of the Holy Spirit, Joel 2:28-32
- Jesus also said it would happen in the _____ generation, Mark 9:1, Matt. 3:2, 4:7.

For What Purpose Did Christ Come?

*Did Jesus Come to This Earth To Reign As An Earthly King,
Or Did He Come To Save Mankind and Establish His Heavenly Reign?*

Jesus' Birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
Jesus' Death	Isaiah 53:8-9	Acts 8:28, 32-35
Jesus' Burial	Psalms 16:9-10	Acts 2:24-32
Jesus' Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:24-32
Jesus' Ascension	Psalms 24:7-10	Acts 2:33-34
Coronation as King	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 1:19 Colossians 1:13

Dangers of the Pre-millennial Theory of an Earthly Kingdom

- This Doctrine denies that Christ now _____ as King, Revelation 1:5-6, Hebrews 1:1-3
- This Doctrine denies that God possesses _____ of man's activities
- This doctrine belittles the church as a last minute _____, Ephesians 3:9-11, 5:25-33, Acts 20:28
- This doctrine denies that the Kingdom and the Church are _____, Matthew 16:18-19, Hebrews 12:23, 28
- This Doctrine makes the first coming of Christ a _____, John 17:4

Answers:

Sort of Kingdom: Earthly, Spiritual, Contained

When Kingdom Established: Rome, Present, Works, Present

Dangers of Pre-Millennialism: Reigns, Foreknowledge, Substitute, One, Failure