

PREMILLENNIALISM

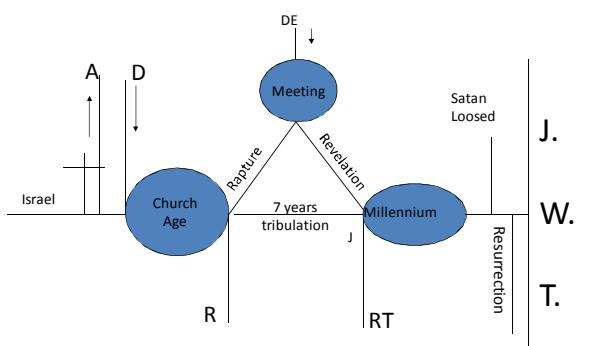
Introduction:

Lesson 1

WHAT IS PREMILLENNIALISM?

GENERAL DEFINITION: It is fundamentally the idea...

1. That Jesus came into the world to set up his kingdom among men, but the Jews rejected Him, thus he set up His church as an alternate plan and went back to heaven from which he will come again to set up His kingdom.
2. That there will be a literal one thousand year period during which Jesus Christ shall occupy this earth and reign in Jerusalem on David's literal throne...
3. That the Jews will return to Palestine and Christ will rule over them in a material kingdom...
4. That this thousand years stands between the second coming of Christ and the final judgment of all.



CONSEQUENCES OF PREMILLENNIALISM

Denies that Christ is reigning now.

1. We are now a kingdom of priests. Rev. 1:5-6.
2. We are now reigning on the earth. Rev. 5:9-10.
3. The reign of Christ is present and continuous. I Corinthians 15:24-26.
 - a. Death not destroyed until all dead are raised. cf. Isaiah 25:8; Hosea 13:14.

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Annuls the gospel dispensation ... the Last Days.

1. Dispensation: sometimes used in the sense of a system of principles and institutions that belong to an age of time. cf. Ephesians 1:10.

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2. N.T. teaches that the present age is "the last days" and is the last dispensation of time.
 - a. Hebrews 1:1-2
 - b. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16-17; cf. 2 Peter 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 4:1
 - c. cf. Last day of John 5:28-29; I Thessalonians 1:4-10.

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Makes God false to his promise.

1. The kingdom was promised at a certain time and was so announced and preached by John and Jesus.
 - a.O. T. Prophecies of Isaiah 2 and Daniel 2.
 - b. Prophecies of John...Mt. 3:1-3; Jesus Mt. 4:17; apostles Matt. 10:5-7; 70 disciples Luke 10:9
 - c. The time is fulfilled. Mark 1:14-15; Mark 9:1; Luke 24.