

LESSON 2

PREMILLENNIAL DOCTRINE (PART 1).

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What are 4 reasons we should we study Premillennialism (PM)?

- **TEST EVERYTHING.**

-1 Thess. 5:21-22 (NIV), Acts 17:11, 1 John 4:1.

- **YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO EACH PERSON.**

- Col. 4:6, 1 Pet. 3:15.

- **BUILD OUR FAITH.**

-Rom. 10:17.

- **ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF HOLY SPIRIT**

-Eph. 4:3-4.

What are the 3 parts of the word
“Premillennialism” and what do they mean?

Pre | millennial | ism

1. Pre = “before”.
2. Millennium = 1000 years.
3. ism = a distinctive doctrine, theory, system, practice, devotion or adherence.

What is Premillennialism?

Doctrine that Christ's second coming will come **before** 1000 year reign of kingdom on earth.

What is Eschatology?

From the Greek term “eschatos”, meaning last. This is the study of the doctrine of the last things.

Objectives

**UNDERSTAND THIS DOCTRINE BY
EXAMINING THE 10 ELEMENTS OF PM.**

#1 Rejection

THIS THEORY SAYS THAT CHRIST CAME TO SET UP AN EARTHLY KINGDOM BUT HE WAS REJECTED BY THE JEWS AND PUT IT OFF.

1). What parts of this statement can you agree or disagree with?



Agree: rejected by Jews. Disagree: Kingdom put off, Earthy Kingdom.

#1 Rejection

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2). If God's plan for Christ to set up a kingdom failed, what does that say about God?

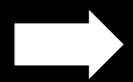
→ God's power is limited or He failed.

#1 Rejection

“THE PURPOSE OF THE WRITING OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW WAS TO RECORD THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS CHRIST AS MESSIAH (1:1-11:1), TO TRACE THE OPPOSITION TO HIM AND HIS OFFERED KINGDOM BY THE NATION(11:2-16:12), AND TO RECORD THE OFFICIAL AND FINAL REJECTION OF THAT KING AND KINGDOM BY ISRAEL(16:13-28:20).

#1 Rejection

3). Why was the Gospel of Matthew written 1:1, 16:13-28?



Written to Jews to show that Jesus is Son of David, Son of God, Foundation of Church, going to die, save Mankind from their sin.

#2 Parenthesis

AS A RESULT OF THE REJECTION OF JEWS OF CHRIST'S EARTHLY KINGDOM, THE CHURCH WAS SUBSTITUTED AS AN ENTIRELY NEW CONCEPT GIVEN TO MAN, NOT FOUND IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. THUS, THE PM REFERS TO THE CHURCH AGE AS A PARENTHESIS, (___): A MYSTERY GAP THAT MUST RUN FROM THE COMING OF CHRIST TO THE SECOND COMING WHEN THE KINGDOM WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

#2 Parenthesis

4). Even though the word “church” is not found in the OT, is the concept present in Old Testament, Gen. 12:3, Gal. 3:8?



Yes. All families of earth will be blessed i.e. justified — part of Church (Body of Saved People).

#2 Parenthesis

“BECAUSE THE NATION HAS REJECTED HIM, THE LORD ANNOUNCES THE SEVERANCE OF EVERY NATURAL TIE BY WHICH HE WAS BOUND TO THE NATION (MATT. 12:46-50). FROM THIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LORD CONCERNING THE REJECTION OF THE NATION, DEFINITE MOVEMENT MAY BE TRACED IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OFFER OF THE KINGDOM. IN THE PARABLES (MATT. 13:1-50) THE LORD OUTLINES THE PROGRAM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THEOCRATIC KINGDOM DURING THE PERIOD OF THE KING’S ABSENCE, ...

#2 Parenthesis

“...AND ANNOUNCES THE INCEPTION OF AN ENTIRELY NEW, UNHERALDED, AND UNEXPECTED PROGRAM – THE CHURCH (MATT. 16:13-20). HE PREPARES THE DISCIPLES FOR A LONG DELAY IN THE KINGDOM PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO ISRAEL (LUKE 19:11-27). HE PROMISE THE SECOND ADVENT AT WHICH TIME THE KINGDOM PROGRAM WITH ISRAEL WILL BE RESUMED (MATT. 24:37-51), AND GIVE THE NATION SIGNS THAT WILL HERALD HIS SECOND ADVENT (MATT. 24:4-26).”

#2 Parenthesis

5). Does Luke 19:11-27 provide support that Jesus was preparing his disciples for a delay in the kingdom? Provide information supporting your answer.



It is a parable. Meaning not provided. Need to interpret. Those willing to receive Jesus as King will be blessed, those who do not will be condemned. Interestingly, in parable noblemen does receive the kingdom.

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

- ONE OF THE MOST BASIC FEATURES OF PM IS THE CONCEPT OF THE UNCONDITIONAL AND “ETERNAL” COVENANT MADE WITH ABRAHAM.

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

- “THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT IS CONDITIONAL OR UNCONDITIONAL IS RECOGNIZED AS THE CRUX OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM RELATIVE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT.

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

- **WHEN IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT IS AN UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT MADE WITH ISRAEL, AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE EITHER ABROGATED OR FULFILLED BY PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE NATION OF ISRAEL, IT IS SEEN THAT ISRAEL HAS PROMISES REGARDING A LAND AND A SEED WHICH DETERMINE THE FUTURE PROGRAM OF GOD.”**

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

6). Was the covenant to Abraham unconditional?



No. Specific Scriptures discussed latter in course.

#4 The Return of Israel

- **PM BELIEVES THAT ISRAEL MUST RETURN TO ITS LAND AND BECOME A GREAT NATION.**

#4 The Return of Israel

- “THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT REQUIRED THAT ISRAEL CONTINUE AS A NATION FOREVER IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE EVERLASTING COVENANT (GE. 17:7) AND IN ORDER TO HAVE THE LAND AS AN EVERLASTING POSSESSION (GEN. 17:8).

#4 The Return of Israel

- ALL THE FACTS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, TO THE POINT THAT ISRAEL CONTINUES AS A NATION FOREVER, POSSESSES THE LAND FOREVER IS NOT DISINHERITED, IS NOT SUPPLANTED BY THE CHURCH, AND THAT ISRAEL'S BASIC COVENANTS ARE DEPENDENT UPON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS ALONE FOR FULFILLMENT, COMBINE TO REQUIRE ISRAEL'S RESTORATION AFTER THESE CENTURIES OF DISPERSION AND CHASTENING.

#4 The Return of Israel

- **THE CONCLUSION THAT ISRAEL HAS A FUTURE RESTORATION IS BASED UPON THESE FACTS ALONG WITH THE VOLUMINOUS TESTIMONY OF THE PROPHETS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S COMING GOLDEN AGE.”**

#4 The Return of Israel.

7). When the Bible uses the words “everlasting” or “forever”, how does one interpret its meaning, 1Ki. 8:12-13, Ps. 21:4?



BIBLE INTERPRETATION TIP:

ABSOLUTES IN THE BIBLE ARE NOT

ALWAY ABSOLUTES. MANY TIMES

LIMITED BY CONTEXT OR CONDITIONS.

#5 The Throne of David

- CHRIST WILL RETURN TO EARTH WITH THE RAPTURED SAINTS, CALL THE JEWS BACK TO PALESTINE (THEY WILL BE IN THE PROCESS OF RETURNING, BUT THIS WILL COMPLETE THE RETURN), RESURRECT THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD, AND SIT ON DAVID'S THRONE TO ESTABLISH THE 1000 YEAR REIGN IN THE MILLENNIUM

#5 The Throne of David

- **“BECAUSE OF AN ANTICIPATED FUTURE LITERAL FULFILLMENT, CERTAIN FACTS PRESENT THEMSELVES CONCERNING ISRAEL’S FUTURE. 1. FIRST OF ALL, ISRAEL MUST BE PRESERVED AS A NATION. 2. ISRAEL MUST HAVE A NATIONAL EXISTENCE AND BE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE LAND OF HER INHERITANCE. SINCE DAVID’S KINGDOM HAD DEFINITE GEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES,**

#5 The Throne of David

- “AND THOSE BOUNDARIES WERE MADE A FEATURE OF THE PROMISE TO DAVID CONCERNING HIS SONS’ S REIGN, THE LAND MUST BE GIVE TO THIS NATION AS THE SITE OF THEIR NATIONAL HOMELAND. 3. DAVID’S SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, MUST RETURN TO THE EARTH, BODILY AND LITERALLY, IN-ORDER TO REIGN OVER DAVID’S COVENANTED KINGDOM.

#6 The Rapture

- THIS THEORY STATES THAT THE SAINTS ON EARTH WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EARTH TO MEET CHRIST IN THE CLOUDS. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION AMONG PM CONCERNING WHO WILL BE RAPTURED AND WHEN. SOME SAY IT WILL HAPPEN AFTER 7 YEARS OF TRIBULATION, OTHERS IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS PERIOD AND THE PREVALENT VIEW IS THAT IT WILL HAPPEN BEFORE THE TRIBULATION BEGINS.

#6 The Rapture

- **“THE THIRD PREVALENT INTERPRETATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE TIME OF RAPTURE IS RELATION TO THE TRIBULATION PERIOD IS THE PRE-TRIBULATION INTERPRETATION, WHICH HOLD THAT THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, IN ITS ENTIRETY, WILL BY RESURRECTION AND TRANSLATION, BE REMOVED FROM THE EARTH BEFORE ANY PART OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF DANIEL BEGINS.”**

#6 The Rapture

- THE MAIN SCRIPTURE SUPPORTING THE RAPTURE ACCORDING TO PM IS 1 THESS. 4:17.