

LESSON 4

HISTORY.

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What is Premillennialism?

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

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

- TEST EVERYTHING.
- YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO EACH PERSON.
- BUILD OUR FAITH.
- ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF HOLY SPIRIT.

What is the first 5 Pillars of Premillennialism?

#1 Rejection.

#2 Parenthesis.

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

#4 The Return of Israel.

#5 The Throne of David.

What is the next 5 Pillars of Premillennialism?

#6 Rapture.

**#7 Revival of Roman Empire, the
Anti-Christ, the False Prophet.**

#8 The Great Tribulation.

#9 Armageddon.

#10 The Millennium.

What are the 5 key scriptures used by PM
to support their doctrine?

Gen. 12:1-7.

Dan. 9 & 11.

1 Thess. 4.

Matt. 24.

Rev. 20:1-15.

What happens during the 7 year tribulation period?

The church will be raptured, the Holy Spirit will be removed, outbreak of evil and tribulation such as the earth has never known will begin.

CHART ON DISPENSATIONALISM

7 DISPENSATIONS

1. INNOCENCY - Gen. 1:18 - 3:13
2. CONSCIENCE - Gen. 3:27
3. HUMAN GOV'T - Gen. 8:20
4. PROMISE - Gen. 12:1
5. LAW - Exodus 19:8
6. GRACE - Cross
7. KINGDOM - Second Coming

6th DISPENSATION

CHURCH AGE
or
AGE OF GRACE
(This period is NOT
the subject of Old
Testament Prophecy)

SECOND COMING (Invisible)

Rise of the
ANTICHRIST
who breaks
his covenant
with the Jews

**GREAT
TRIBULATION
PERIOD**

SECOND COMING (Visible)

MILLENNIUM

**1000 YEAR REIGN
OF JESUS ON EARTH IN
THE CITY OF
JERUSALEM**

- (1) Jews are to be head of
THE NATIONS
- (2) Temple to be Rebuilt
and Mosaic Sacrifices
Reinstated (Ezek. 40-48)

FINAL JUDGMENT

HEAVEN or HELL

7 YEAR PERIOD

70th Week of Daniel 9

7th Dispensation

Revelation 4-19

3 1/2 years

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RAPTURE

**PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STOPS**

**PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STARTS (again)**

**RESURRECTION
of the
RIGHTEOUS**

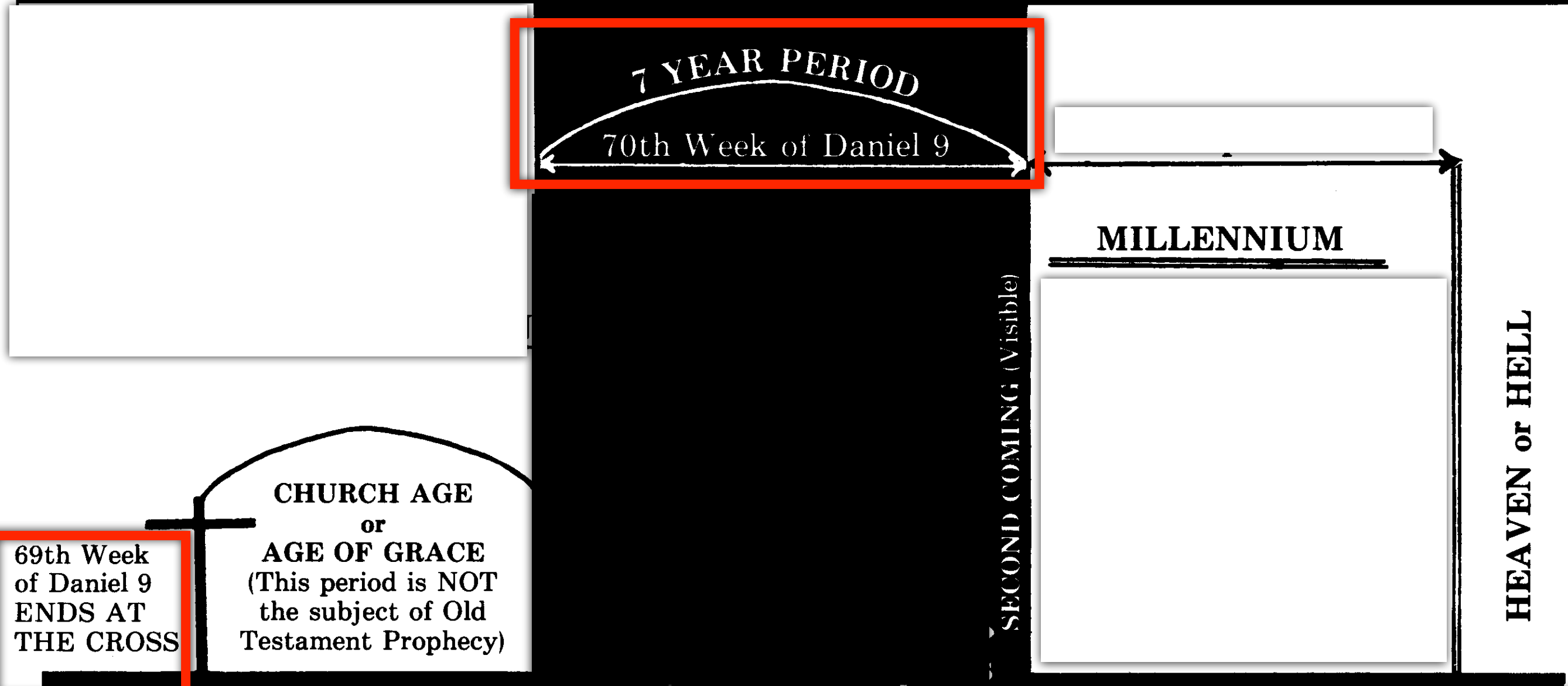
**BATTLE
of
ARMAGEDDON**

**RESURRECTION
of the
TRIBULATION
SAINTS**

**BATTLE
of
GOG & MAGOG**

**RESURRECTION
of the
WICKED**

CHART ON DISPENSATIONALISM



69th Week of Daniel 9 ENDS AT THE CROSS

CHURCH AGE or AGE OF GRACE (This period is NOT the subject of Old Testament Prophecy)

7 YEAR PERIOD
70th Week of Daniel 9

MILLENNIUM

HEAVEN or HELL

SECOND COMING (Visible)

PROPHETIC CLOCK STOPS

PROPHETIC CLOCK STARTS (again)

RAPTURE



Dan. 9:26

(PM: 2k+ yrs)

69th Week

"Then after the sixty-two weeks the
Messiah will be cut off and have
nothing, and the people of the prince
who is to come will destroy the city
and the sanctuary....

70th Week

Objectives

UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY OF HOW THIS DOCTRINE CAME INTO BEING.

Time Periods Examined.

- THE JEWS IN THE BIBLE.
- JEWISH - 1ST CENTURY.
- PATRISTIC AGE – 1ST TO 3RD CENTURY.
- 4TH – 5TH CENTURY.
- MIDDLE AGES AND THE REFORMATION.
- THE 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES.
- THE 19TH CENTURY TO PRESENT.

The Jews in the Bible.

1). What kind of a kingdom were the Jews in the Bible expecting, John 6:15, Mark, 11:9-10, Acts 1:6?



AN EARTHLY KINGDOM LIKE THE KINGDOM UNDER DAVID.

Jewish - 1st Century.

- SOME JEWS BELIEVED IN A TEMPORARY EARTHLY MESSIANIC KINGDOM.
- SOURCE: BOOK OF ENOCH.
- A TEMPORARY MESSIANIC KINGDOM IN 4 EZRA.
- OTHER EARLY JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS.
 - 90 A.D. ELEAZAR BEN HURCANUS CLAIMED THAT THE MESSIANIC REIGN WOULD LAST 100 YEARS BASED ON PSALM 90:15.
 - VARIOUS RABBIS CLAIMED MESSIANIC REIGN WOULD LAST 2000.
 - SOME SAID NO MESSIANIC REIGN AT ALL.

Patristic Age – 1st to 3rd Century.

- CHRISTIAN ESCHATOLOGY WAS GENERALLY CHILIASTIC.
- CHRISTIAN INTERPRETERS APPLIED JEWISH IDEA OF A TEMP. MESSIANIC KINGDOM TO THEIR INTERPRETATION OF REV. 20.
- JUSTIN MARTYR, IRENAEUS, AND TERTULLIAN MADE REFERENCES TO A THOUSAND YEAR EARTHLY KINGDOM AT CHRIST'S COMING.
 - JUSTIN MARTYR: "I ... ASSURED THERE WILL BE A THOUSAND YEARS IN JERUSALEM, WHICH WILL THEN BE BUILT".
 - IRENAEUS: "THE PROMISE REMAINS STEADFAST . . . A THOUSAND YEARS IN JERUSALEM, WHICH WILL THEN BE BUILT."
 - ORIGEN: OPPOSED TO PREMILLENNIALISM.

4th – 5th Century.

- AUGUSTINE WAS AN ADVOCATE OF IT FOR SOME TIME.

- “THE EVANGELIST JOHN HAS SPOKEN OF THESE TWO RESURRECTIONS IN THE BOOK WHICH IS CALLED THE APOCALYPSE...THE APOSTLE JOHN SAYS IN THE FORESAID BOOK, ” AND I SAW AN ANGEL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN. . . . BLESSED AND HOLY IS HE THAT HAS PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION: ON SUCH THE SECOND DEATH HAS NO POWER; BUT THEY SHALL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS. ”

Middle Ages and the Reformation.

- INFLUENCE OF AUGUSTINE.

- "ALL MEDIEVAL THEOLOGY IS 'AUGUSTINIAN' TO A GREATER OR LESSER EXTENT.", OXFORD THEOLOGIAN, ALISTER McGRATH.

- AUGUSTINE DIVIDED HISTORY INTO TWO SEPARATE DISPENSATIONS, FIRST THE CHURCH AGE, AND THEN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

- AUGUSTINE CONVERTED FROM PREMILLENNIALISM TO AMILLENNIALISM .

Middle Ages and the Reformation.

- AUGUSTINE'S AMILLENNIAL VIEW LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THE MIDDLE AGES WHICH PRACTICALLY ABANDONED PREMILLENNIALISM.
 - THE LUTHERANS FORMALLY REJECTED CHILIASM IN THE THE AUGSBURG CONFSSION.
 - THE SWISS REFORMER, HEINRICH BULLINGER "WE ALSO REJECT THE JEWISH DREAM OF A MILLENNIUM", OR GOLDEN AGE ON EARTH, BEFORE THE LAST JUDGMENT."
 - JOHN CALVIN WROTE IN INSTITUTES THAT MILLENNIALISM IS A "FICTION".

The 17th and 18th centuries.

- MILLENARIANISM GAINED ACCEPTANCE AMONG THE PIETISTS OF GERMANY.
- DANIEL WHITBY, JOHANN ALBRECHT BENDEL, JONATHAN EDWARDS: FUELED MILLENNIAL IDEAS.
- THESE MEN CONCLUDED THAT THE DECLINE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD MAKE WAY FOR THE CONVERSION AND RESTORATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

The 19th century to Present.

- PREMILLENNIALISM TRACES ITS ROOTS TO JOHN NELSON DARBY (1800-1882), A CALVINIST THEOLOGIAN AND A FOUNDER OF THE PLYMOUTH BRETHREN.
- IN US, PREMILLENNIALISM WAS PROPAGATED THROUGH THE SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE.
- PREMILLENNIALISM WAS A POPULAR VIEW AMONG ENGLISH EVANGELICALS.

The 19th century to Present.

- IN THE 19TH CENTURY, PREMILLENNIALISM CONTINUED TO GAIN WIDER ACCEPTANCE IN US AND BRITAIN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE IRVINGITES, PLYMOUTH BRETHREN, JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, CHRISTADELPHIANS, CHURCH OF GOD, AND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.
- IN 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES, PREMILLENNIALISM CONTINUES TO BE POPULAR AMONG EVANGELICAL, FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIAN AND LIVING CHURCH OF GOD .
- DISPENSATIONALISM HAS BEEN POPULARIZED THROUGH HAL LINDSEY'S 1970S BESTSELLER, THE LATE, GREAT PLANET EARTH.