

Premillennialism

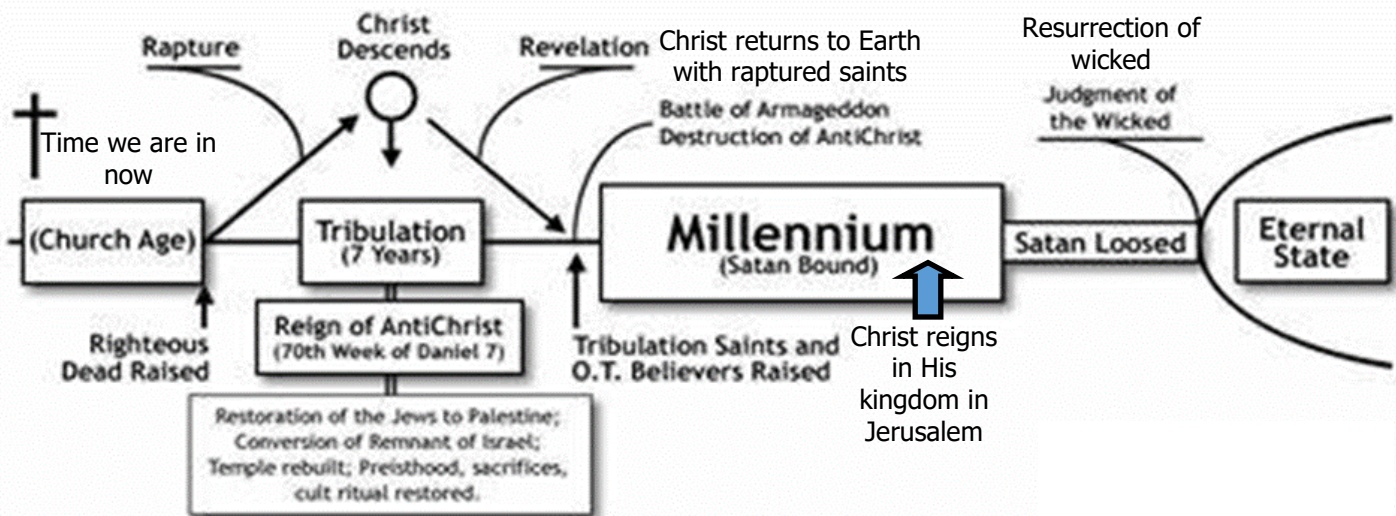
The concept of Premillennialism, drawn from Revelation 20, is a major doctrine in most churches today. Built into this idea is the rapture, the literal battle of Armageddon, the return of Jesus to earth and a literal 1,000 year reign of Christ.

Premillennial: **Pre** (before) - **millennial** (thousand) is the idea that Jesus will return before the 1,000 year reign. A major component of Premillennialism is "Dispensationalism."

Dispensationalists generally maintain beliefs in premillennialism, the future restoration of the nation of Israel, and a rapture that will happen before the second coming of Christ, typically seen as occurring before the tribulation.

Dispensationalism maintains that history is divided into multiple ages or "dispensations" in which God acts with humanity differently.

Dispensationalism is the belief that between creation and the final judgment, there would be seven distinct eras of God's dealing with man and that these eras are a framework for synthesizing the message of the Bible. Mainly through the influence of Scofield's Reference Bible notes, many fundamentalists in the United States adopted a dispensational theology.



Involved in the Premillennial idea Concept:

- (1) the Jews rejection of Jesus being the king forced God to establish the church
- (2) multiple resurrections take place
- (3) rapture of the righteous (based upon 1 Thes 4:17)
- (4) the ruling of the antichrist in the last days
- (5) the literal 1,000 year reign of Christ in Jerusalem
- (6) land promise to Abraham was never fulfilled

YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

On the back of this page, list passages and thoughts that show that Premillennialism is not a Biblical concept. Use the six steps or the conclusions to help you.

Conclusions based upon those six principles:

- The church was never planned or prophesied
- The kingdom and the church are not the same
- The kingdom is not in existence today
- Jesus never completed what He came to do
- We are not in the 'last days'