

## Parts of Premillennialism Exposed

Rapture! AntiChrist! Tribulation! Signs of the times! The millennial kingdom! Words like these strike terror into the hearts of many, but one thing that I have learned from time and experience is that the foundation for fear is ignorance. Many have seen the Left Behind movies or read the books. John Hagee gets up of a Sunday morning and preaches this doctrine. Many believe this, but have done little study on it. We need to answer four questions in this article. What is the Rapture? Who is the AntiChrist? Will there be a millennial kingdom?

### What is the Rapture?

The Rapture, by premillennialist definition is the saved being caught up into the air when Christ secretly and silently returns while leaving the wicked on earth. The proof text that they use is 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." They speak of Christ coming secretly, however the noise that will come with His second coming will literally wake the dead. This is based on a gross misrepresentation of 2 Peter 3: 10, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." This speaks of the suddenness of Christ's coming. There will be no "Rapture." When the Lord comes, everything will be destroyed. There will be no earth remaining, period.

### Who is the AntiChrist?

The word "AntiChrist" can be found in only four passages of the Bible. They are 1 John 2:18-19, 1 John 2:22-23, 1 John 4:2-3, 2 John 1:7. For the sake of space, we will only look at one passage of great significance. That is 1 John 2:18-19, "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us." Premillennialism says that the AntiChrist is coming. However, two main points are lacking from their argument. Look at the passage. AntiChrists have already come. AntiChrist will come. To put it simple, AntiChrist is exactly that; anyone who is AntiChrist opposes Christ.

Break down the word and it is simple. We easily see that there is no one AntiChrist, but rather anyone who goes around telling everyone Jesus was merely a legend.

Will there be a millennial kingdom?

Before Christ died, the kingdom was in prophecy. Look at Mark 9:1, "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." After Christ died, the kingdom was spoken of in fulfillment. Colossians 1:13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Revelation 1: 9, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Either the kingdom has been established or it has not. Either Paul and John are telling the truth or they are lying. Which is it? The obvious answer is that Premillennialism is false.

With even a basic study of Premillennialism, we see the lies that many have fallen for. Premillennialism is nothing more than a false doctrine that will send souls to hell. It denies the power of Christ, the Bible, and the church. Those that believe this without studying it are truly pitiable. We pray that those that have fallen for this lie will study, know the truth, repent, confess, and be baptized into the kingdom that God established nearly 2,000 years ago.