

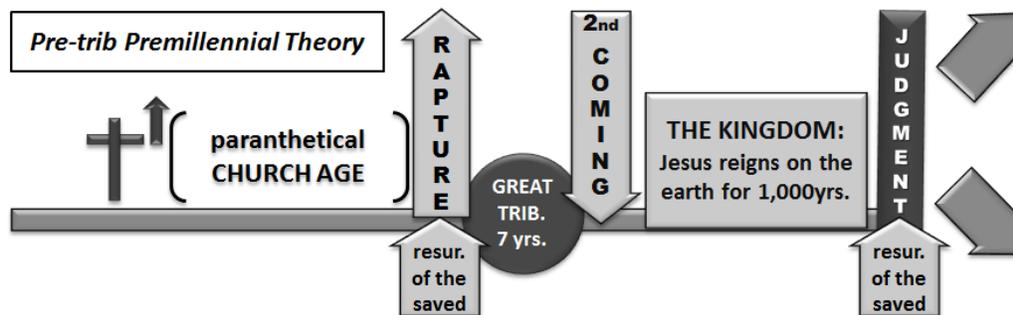
LESSON 10. Resurrection & Judgment

1. On what day did Jesus say believers will be raised? John 6:39-40
2. When did Jesus say the wicked would be raised? John 5:28-29
3. What did Jesus say would happen when he comes? Matt. 25:31ff
4. From where does Jesus reign? Psalm 110
5. What did Jesus say about the nature of his kingdom? John 18:36
6. When are Jesus' enemies defeated: after, or before his reign? (Ps.110/ 1Cor.15)

There has been much confusion and speculation on end time events from the rather popular, but deeply flawed, theory of **Premillennialism**.

Much of this is due to taking Matt. 24 and Revelation out of context. Matt.24 deals with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD (cf. Luke 21:20-24). Revelation deals with a tribulation then occurring (Rev. 1:9) under persecution from Rome (Rev. 17:1-6; and verses 9 & 18). See also Rev. 1:3. Misunderstanding these texts and misunderstanding the nature of the kingdom have led to numerous unbiblical speculations.

The most common form of Premillennial theory (pre-trib. premillennialism) looks like this:



Some of the problems with this theory:

- a.) What did Jesus say was coming in the first century? (Mk. 9:1)
- b.) When did Jesus say he would raise the believers? (John 6:39)
- c.) When would the unbelievers be raised? (John 5:28-29)
- d.) What did Jesus say would happen when he came? (Matt. 25:31ff)
- e.) What were the saints in Colossae already part of? (Col. 1:13)
- f.) What were the saints of Asia and John already part of? (Rev. 1:9)
- f.) What did Jesus tell Pilate about the nature of his kingdom? (Jn. 18:36)

In light of these texts, compare the chart above to the chart below.



Discussion:

Read through 1 Corinthians 15, an entire chapter on the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the saints. Discuss this important chapter together.

Conclusion:

"The end of the matter...Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil."
Eccles. 12:13-14