Premillennialism Part 1

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INTRODUCTION

- If the doctrine of premillennialism adds to the word of God or takes away from it, that we do not accept it.
- If it were not for this passage, there would be no premillennialism.
- It's all about a battle. Christ and Satan get into a battle, and Christ wins.

1 Missing Tenets

- Every major tenet of premillennialism is absent from this text, which is the main text.
- There is no bodily resurrection. We have a resurrection of souls. There is no reign of Christ on earth. It's a heavenly reign.
- There is no throne of David. There is no Jerusalem or Palestine mentioned. There is no conversion of the Jews mentioned.
- Two things to remember in biblical interpretation, and that is context and harmony.

2 Is This Passage Literal or Symbolic?

Revelation 1:1; 2 Peter 3:8

- Even the premillennialists cannot be consistent taking everything literally.
- We take symbols symbolically. But we take the thing that the symbol represents literally.
- These things were symbolized to John. So it's symbolic literature. And we need to interpret it that way.
- Ten is a number of completion. Ten times ten times ten is a thousand.

3 When Is the Thousand Year Reign of Christ?

Acts 2; Revelation 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:23–25

- If he's reigning in heaven now, then we're not looking for him to reign later. We're looking for him to continue reigning.
- And saints are reigning with Christ in heaven now.
- He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- When he comes, it will not be to establish a kingdom, it will be to hand over the kingdom.
- It's a symbolic, full period of time, until that time when Satan is destroyed, and the judgment comes.

4 The Binding of Satan

Revelation 20:1–3; 1 Peter 5:8; Hebrews 2:14

- It does not say that he was bound so that he could not tempt anyone ever.
- It says that he was bound for a very specific reason so that he would not deceive the nations any longer.

- Satan being bound and thrown into this abyss is in the revelation is not literal. It's a symbol for a limiting of Satan.
- Satan is not allowed to use a world power to deceive the world. He's been restrained from that.

5 Saints Reigning With Christ; the First Resurrection

Revelation 20:4–6; John 5:28–29

- This is a heavenly reign. This is not an earthly reign. Notice that John does not see bodies, he sees souls.
- All who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come forth those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, and those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.
- So whatever this first resurrection is here in Revelation 20, it cannot be the bodily resurrection.
- These are the martyred souls who came to life in heaven.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You need to come away with this, having a sense of hope about your eternal destiny, and about who is really in control, and that is God and his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.**

MY NOTES