Premillennialism Part 4

Adam Willingham · Series: **Premillennialism**

INTRODUCTION

- The basic idea of the doctrine is that Christ's return will be pre or before he sets up a millennial or thousand year literal reign in Jerusalem on earth.
- I'm wanting you to understand the doctrine because we're surrounded, we're immersed with it.

1 The Reoccupation of Palestine by the Jews

Joshua 21:43–45; Genesis 13:15; Genesis 17:8

- So the Lord gave Israel all the land which he had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it.
- Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed. All came to pass.
- But what they fail to realize is that retaining the land was conditional upon their faithfulness.
- So the return to the land already occurred. Therefore, no future return of the Jews to their land is prophesied.
- It bears no semblance to the nation that we read about in the Bible.
- All three of the Abrahamic promises, land, nation, and seed being Jesus Christ, have been fulfilled.

2 What About the Temple and Animal Sacrifices

Ezekiel 40; Hebrews 10:11–12; Hebrews 8:7

- The so-called millennial temple, and that's not a scriptural term, is actually a symbolic temple.
- So there's no future temple. The church is the temple. We are the temple today.
- You go from the real thing and go back to the model that only represents the real thing.
- Christ's sacrifice voided animal sacrifices for all time.
- He having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time sat down at the right hand of God.
- Since the one that we are now under is faultless, there is no occasion sought for a third.

3 What About the Battle of Armageddon

Revelation 16:12–16; Revelation 19:19–21; Revelation 14:20

- Armageddon, the word or Harmageddon, which is only in one verse in the Bible, means hill of Megiddo. So Armageddon is a place.
- These things from Revelation are all symbols of spiritual realities.
- It's revelation. We're dealing with symbols. We're dealing with apocalyptic language, which is not to be taken literally.
- It has to be a spiritual battle between good and evil, between Christ and Satan, and Christ's followers and Satan's followers.

- And so the message is listen, Rome and this emperor worship is going to be defeated by Jesus Christ.
- Is there a spiritual war going on now? Between good and evil? Yes.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to live victorious lives, not defeated, not downcast, but hopefully. Even in the midst of great trial and tribulation, like the first century saints were going through.**

MY NOTES