Problems With Premillennialism

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INTRODUCTION

- That he was not part of a coup, he wasn't trying to take over Rome or Jerusalem even, but rather he lived for a higher purpose.
- My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews.
- Many who have a premillennial mindset make the problem of either saying Jesus' kingdom is of this world, or that there are two kingdoms, both conclusions of which are not supported by Scripture.

1 The Idea That God's Power Is Limited

Mark 1:14–15; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:6–8

- The time is fulfilled. And the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.
- There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.
- Mark 9 1, Jesus says, the kingdom will come with power. Acts 1, power will come with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2, the Holy Spirit came with power.
- The premillennial theory relies upon the idea that the world was too wicked for Jesus.
- The problem with that is that limits God's power. Are we really saying that God can't foreknow that?

2 Teaches Jesus Is Not Currently Reigning

Zechariah 6:12–13; Acts 2:29–36; Hebrews 8:1

- And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the council of peace shall be between them both.
- Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.
- We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the majesty in heaven.
- Both in prophecy and in present day, current fulfillment, Jesus is reigning as king.

3 The Idea That a Material Kingdom Is in Mind

Revelation 3:21; John 18:36

- The idea that Jesus would come back to the earth and set up shop in Jerusalem in Israel is the same problem the Jews of Jesus' day were making.
- Here's the problem with finding a material kingdom in the future. It's not there.
- The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne. As I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.
- A material kingdom is not what Jesus is talking about.

4 The Church Is No Longer Part of God's Great Plan

Ephesians 3:8–11; Matthew 16

- One of the problems with premillennialism is the church is no longer part of God's great plan. It's considered a substitute in God's plan.
- So that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
- Is the church a substitute? No. Is the church part of God's eternal plan? Absolutely.
- You have the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Jesus spoke of the kingdom.

5 The New Testament Authors Are Clearly Confused

Colossians 1:13–14; Revelation 1:5

- God has taken us from the domain of darkness and transferred us where? Into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- Paul didn't say, hey, that's coming later. He says, you can have that now.
- Jesus reigns as king is critical to a New Testament Christian's faith.

6 Changes the Purpose of Our Crucified Lord's Death

Isaiah 53:3–11; Acts 2:22–24

- The idea of premillennialism changes the purpose of our crucified Lord's death.
- Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him.
- This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **This morning, repent, for the kingdom of God is here. Repent, because our king is wonderful and mighty.**

MY NOTES