



Zion's Hope

WHY I AM A PREMILLENNIALIST PART 1

Links between Jesus's Victory and Satan's Binding

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Premillennialism

At Jesus's future second coming the righteous will be delivered and the ungodly judged.

Then the righteous will enter into a period—the millennium—of peace and righteousness where Jesus establishes on earth his physical rulership over the nations—including a restored nation of Israel who recognizes him as the Messiah.

Amillennialism

Amillennialism, on the other hand, does not believe in a future millennial kingdom of peace and righteousness.

Rather this view understands the church age, right now, as experiencing the kingdom of peace and righteousness in some sense. The millennium, it is argued, began at Christ's First Coming arguing that the binding of Satan of Revelation 20 took place.

Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism teaches that the binding of Satan began at Christ's First Coming or at some point during the church age.

Similar to Amillennialism, the return of Christ will occur at the end of the millennium. However, they believe that before Jesus returns there will be a golden age of Christianity for 1,000 years or longer.

Thematic Millennialism

Thematic Millennialism denies a time period for the millennium. The millennium, instead, is considered only a symbol meaning “the *victory* for the saints” when Jesus returns.

Amillennialism, Postmillennialism, and Premillennialism hold to a temporal framework. Thematic Millennialism does not.

What the Millennial Debate Is Not About

The millennial debate is not about the length of the millennium, even though it has often been framed that way.

Two Points Premillennialists Can Agree with Amillennialism and Postmillennialism

- There is a temporal period between the binding of Satan and his ultimate destruction.
- The millennial period begins with the binding of Satan.

What the Millennial Debate Is About

The millennial debate is about when the binding of Satan occurs.

Read the Bible with Permanent Sharpies!

- The millennial passage does not begin at Revelation 20!
- Modern chapter divisions were first devised by the early 13th Century Archbishop of Canterbury Stephen Langton
- Revelation 19:11—20:6 is a unified, cohesive passage

Context, Context, and . . . you guessed it, Context

In Revelation 19:11–19 there is a description of the victory of Jesus.

Then in verses 20–21 there is the description of the consequences of that victory.

The Three Adversaries Function as a Unit in the Book of Revelation

- The three adversaries in Rev 12–13 solidify the world's allegiance and go after God's dissenting remnant.
- Their second phase in Rev 16:12–16 show them preparing the armies of the nations to go after God himself.
- The final phase then depicts them in Rev 19:21—20:6 as well as 20:7–10 culminating in the aftermath of the battle with their consequent punishments.

Three Phases of the Unholy Trinity

- Scheming (Rev 12–13)
- Summoning (Rev 16:12–16)
- Sentencing (Rev 19:21—20:6)

5 Key Links within Revelation 19:11—20:6

Cohesive links create threads connecting different parts together in the text, which establishes a degree of cohesion.

The Downward Movement Link

Begins at a point of origin in heaven (19:14)

Then moves to midheaven (19:17)

Then moves to earth (19:19)

And finally the abyss (20:1–3)

The Judgment Link

- In 19:20 the beast (along with the false prophet) are (1) seized, (2) given indictments, (3) thrown, (4) “into,” (5) incarceration in the lake of fire.
- In 20:2 Satan is (1) seized, (2) given indictments, (3) thrown, (4) “into,” (5) incarceration of the abyss.

The Worshiping Beast Link

Now the beast was seized, and along with him the false prophet who had performed the signs on his behalf—signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who WORSHIPED his image. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulfur. (Rev 19:20)

I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. These had NOT WORSHIPED the beast or his image and had refused to receive his mark on their forehead or hand. (Rev 20:4)

The Deceive Link

Satan uses the beasts to deceive the world through taking the mark and worshiping his image. (Rev 19:20)

The angel then threw him into the abyss and locked and sealed it SO THAT he could not deceive the nations until the one thousand years were finished (Rev 20:3)

“The Rest” Link

The rest were killed by the sword that extended from the mouth of the one who rode the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh” (Rev 19:21)

The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were finished (Rev 20:5)

Conclusion