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“Escha-WHAT?”

(Part 2)



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~ *Anonymous*



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Different Views of the Millennium

1. A literal 1,000 year Golden Age of the Jewish nation, after Christ returns: (Dispensational Premillennialism)
2. A Golden Age of Christianity toward the latter part of the Church Age, before Christ returns: (Postmillennialism)
3. The entire Church Age, with Christ reigning from heaven as the gospel goes out to all the earth. (Amillennialism)



Isaiah 2:1-4

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:



Isaiah 2:1-4

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.



The 3 Millennial Camps

1. **Premillennialism** – Jesus will come back before the Millennium, and it will take place on earth.
2. **Postmillennialism** – Jesus will come back after the Millennium, and it will also take place on earth.
3. **Amillennialism** – The millennium is symbolically the time between the 1st and 2nd Coming of Christ, and consists of Christ reigning from heaven with his saints.



Revelation 20:1-10

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Key Events:

- 2 resurrections (vv. 4-5), and 2 deaths (vv. 4, 6)
- Satan is bound for 1,000 years (v. 2)
- Which coincides with 1,000 year reign of Christ (v. 4)
- After which, Satan is released to deceive the nations (vv. 7-8)
- For the purpose of fomenting a final, global assault on the saints (v.9)
- Whom God rescues, destroying all his enemies (vv. 9-10)



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There is only ONE “People of God” that will ultimately be the Bride of Christ, and the New Jerusalem. And it is made up of ALL saved Jewish and Gentile believers throughout history, from both the Old and New Testament.



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3. All the promises were to Abraham and his seed (Jesus). Jesus fulfilled them all. And the conditional promises were nullified by Israel's disobedience, so there is no need for a literal, future, Jewish-state-run millennium.



One Key to Bible Interpretation

God's revelation to man is progressive, becoming clearer and clearer as time goes on. Because the New Testament clarifies the Old, we shouldn't try to force-fit the New back into the Old.



1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,



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3. You've got glorified, immortal believers coexisting with mortals for 1,000 years.



Mark 3:27

But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he **first binds the strong man**. Then indeed he may plunder his house.



Revelation 20:3, 7-8

...so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended.

And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.



Satan is Presently:

1. **Bound** (Mark 3:27)
2. **Restrained** (2 Thess. 2:7-9)
3. **Subjected** (Luke 10:17)
4. **Stripped of all authority**
(Matt. 28:18)
5. **Crushed** (Genesis 3:15)
6. **Conquered** (Rev. 3:21)
7. **Disarmed** (Col. 2:15)
8. **Rendered powerless**
(Heb. 2:14)
9. **Judged** (John 16:11)
10. **Cast out** (John 12:31)
11. **Humiliated** (Col. 2:15)
12. **Overcome** (Rev. 12:11)



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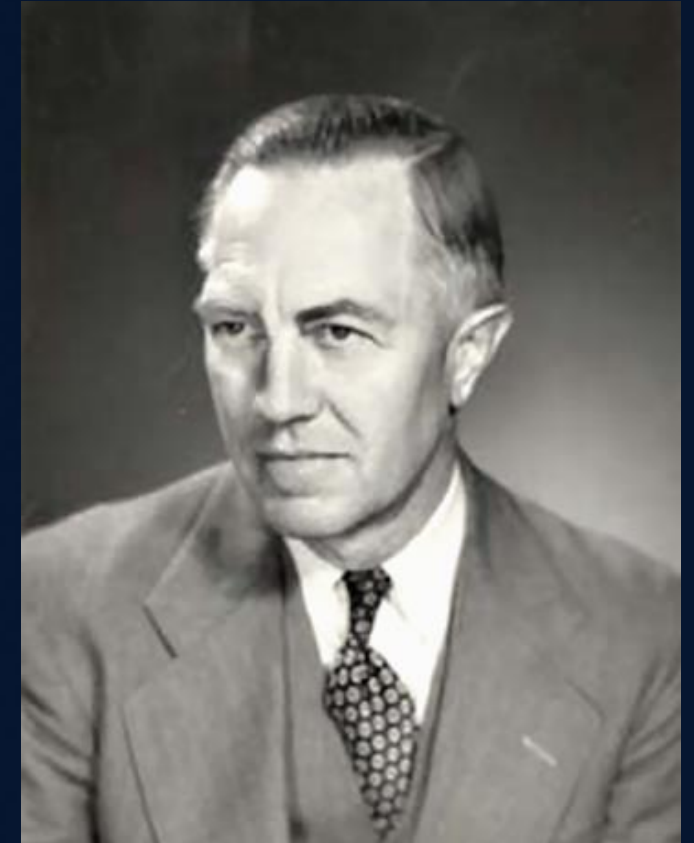


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3. The Final Battle



“Evil, in all its many forms will eventually be reduced to negligible proportions, that Christian principles will be the rule, not the exception, and that Christ will return to a truly Christianized world.”



Loraine Boettner



Problems with Postmillennialism

1. When Does Our Relief Come?



2 Thessalonians 1:5-8

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.



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Characteristics of the World Near the End of History

Affliction (2 Thess. 1:6)

Persecution (2 Thess. 1:4)

Deception (2 Thess. 2:10)

Apostasy (2 Thess. 2:3)

Destruction (2 Thess. 2:3)

Mourning (Matt. 24:30)

Lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:3)

War (Rev. 19:19)



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3. It redirects the “Blessed Hope” of the Christian away from Christ’s return, to an earthly utopia (still under the curse) in which Christ is not physically present.



Benefits of Postmillennialism's Long-Term Perspective

- It's good to seek the welfare of future generations
- It's good to make long-term investments in society
- It's good to confidently advance the gospel in all the world
- It's good to be optimistic, rather than defeatist or escapist



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