

WHY I CANNOT ACCEPT PREMILLENIALISM, ESPECIALLY DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENIALISM

“A Critique of Dispensational Premillennialism” by A. A. Hoekema
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1. Dispensational Premillennialism fails to do justice to the basic unity of the Bible
2. The teaching that God has a separate future for Israel is in error.
3. The Bible does not teach that there will be a future millennial kingdom.
4. The Bible does not teach a millennial restoration of the Jews to their land.
5. Dispensational teaching about the postponement of the kingdom is not supported by scripture.
6. Dispensational teaching about the parenthesis church is not supported by scripture.
7. There is no biblical basis for the expectation that people will be brought to salvation after Christ returns.
8. The millennium of the dispensationalists is not the millennium described in Revelation 20: 4- 6.

What the Bible Teaches about Jesus Second Coming As I See It

- Read 2 Peter 3, Matthew 24 & 25, Luke 21, Mark 13, 1 Corinthians 15: 12 ff, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13ff. In none of these passages is there anything mentioned about the Messiah coming from heaven to reign in Jerusalem. They all seem to teach that Jesus comes back and there is Judgment Day right way.
- Revelation 20 says nothing about Jesus returning prior to the thousand years nor does it say anything about Jerusalem. All of these things must be inserted into the text.
- The only textual backing for the premillennial or postmillennial (golden age) paradigm is found in some of the Old Testament prophets. And that can be found only if one understands these prophecies in a particular way. That is, one must read this paradigm into the text before he or she can find it there. While the backing seems stronger in some of the apocalyptic Old Testament passages in Ezekiel, Daniel, and part of Isaiah, it is far from convincing. Other ways of interpreting such symbolic writings appear equally or even more convincing.