

SOME MISTAKES OF PREMILLENIALISTS

1. They separate the church and the kingdom. Matthew 16:18, 19 "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **19**-And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
 1. Church and kingdom the same thing here.
 2. Premillennialists say that Christ came to established a kingdom on earth, saw that the time was not right, established the church and will come another time to establish a literal kingdom on earth.

2. They confuse the coming of an angel with the return of Christ. Rev. 20:1, " And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand."

3. They literalize Bible symbols and thus destroy symbolic beauty and significance. EXAMPLES:
 1. The dragon: He had a tail that could sweep a third of the stars out of heaven. Rev. 12:4
 1. What a tail he must have had.
 2. Chain: What a great chain would be required to bind a dragon so great. Rev. 20:1
 3. BOTTOMLESS PIT: A "bottomless" pit turns out to be no pit at all.
 5. The First Resurrection: They make this a literal resurrection when it is a figurative or spiritual resurrection. Some one asked, "Who every heard of a figurative resurrection." "I will let you in on one:
 1. Ezekiel 37:1-14; Verse 12 says, "I will open your graves and bring you up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel."
 2. Rev. 2:11; "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." Rev. 20:6; "He that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power."
 1. OVERCOMING and the FIRST RESURRECTION both equal exemption from the second death.
 3. A contrast of two groups:
 1. Those who over-come and have part in the first resurrection will not be hurt of the second death, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Rev. 2:11 and Rev. 20:4, 6
 2. THE REST OF THE DEAD (Rev. 20:5) are those whose lives have been out of harmony with the rule and will of God. So, the two groups and the resurrection:
 1. Those faithful martyrs of Rev. 20:4 described as the "souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."
 1. Their faith and good influence lingers on among us even today.
 2. The rest of the dead of Rev. 20:5 would be made up of that group of men, wicked and less noble, who sleep in silence, unseen and unknown.
 1. They have been forgot.
 3. For these two groups there will just be one resurrection. John 5:28-29
 1. Nowhere in the Bible do we read of a resurrection of the bodies of believers, to be followed after a thousand years by a resurrection of the bodies of the unbelievers. THE BIBLE TEACHES BUT ONE RESURRECTION: John 5:28,29; 6:39-44; Acts 24:15, 21. See also Matthew 22:23-33

4. They set their affection on things of earth instead of heaven. Col. 3:1-3
 1. In this Scripture we have four exhortations side by side. They are:
 1. "Seek those things which are above..."
 2. "Where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."
 3. "Set your affection on things above..."
 4. "Not on things of the earth."

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2. No exceptions. No free passes will be given out. They all will be judged.

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