

# **“P...Pre...Premill...”**

## ***What Is That Big Word, Anyway?***

**Scripture Reading** — *Revelation 20:1-6*

### **Introduction:**

- A. Most everyone would like to have some insight into the future.
- B. Many get extremely excited when they hear the Bible used to predict what the future holds.

### **I. What Is “Premillennialism”?**

- A. “**Pre**” (*before*) and “**millennium**” (*a period of 1,000 years*)
- B. Premillennialism = the return of Jesus will occur before a special 1,000 year period
- C. The historical rise of Premillennialism.

### **II. Major Points of Premillennialism**

- A. God promised an earthly kingdom with Jesus on David’s throne.
- B. Jesus originally came to establish an earthly kingdom, but was rejected by the Jews.
- C. Jesus set up the church as a substitute (a “parenthesis”).
- D. Jesus is King by right, but is not now actually on His throne.
- E. In order for Biblical prophecy to be fulfilled, a great world empire must be rebuilt with a world dictator over a 10-part kingdom.
- F. The Jews must be restored as a nation to Palestine.
- G. The Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.
- H. Jesus will come **for** His saints in the Rapture and will come **with** His saints after 7 years.
- I. During those 7 years, those who were “left behind” on the earth will endure terrible tribulation.
- J. When Jesus comes with His saints after 7 years, the Battle of Armageddon will be fought and Jesus will reign on David’s throne for 1,000 years.
- K. There will be three resurrections (at the Rapture, after the Tribulation, after the 1,000 years).

### **III. A Few Scriptures That Should Give The Premillennialist Pause**

- A. *John 5:28-29; 6:39-40,44,54; 11:17,21-27; 12:48*
- B. *Acts 24:14-15*
- C. *1 Corinthians 15:51-52*
- D. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*