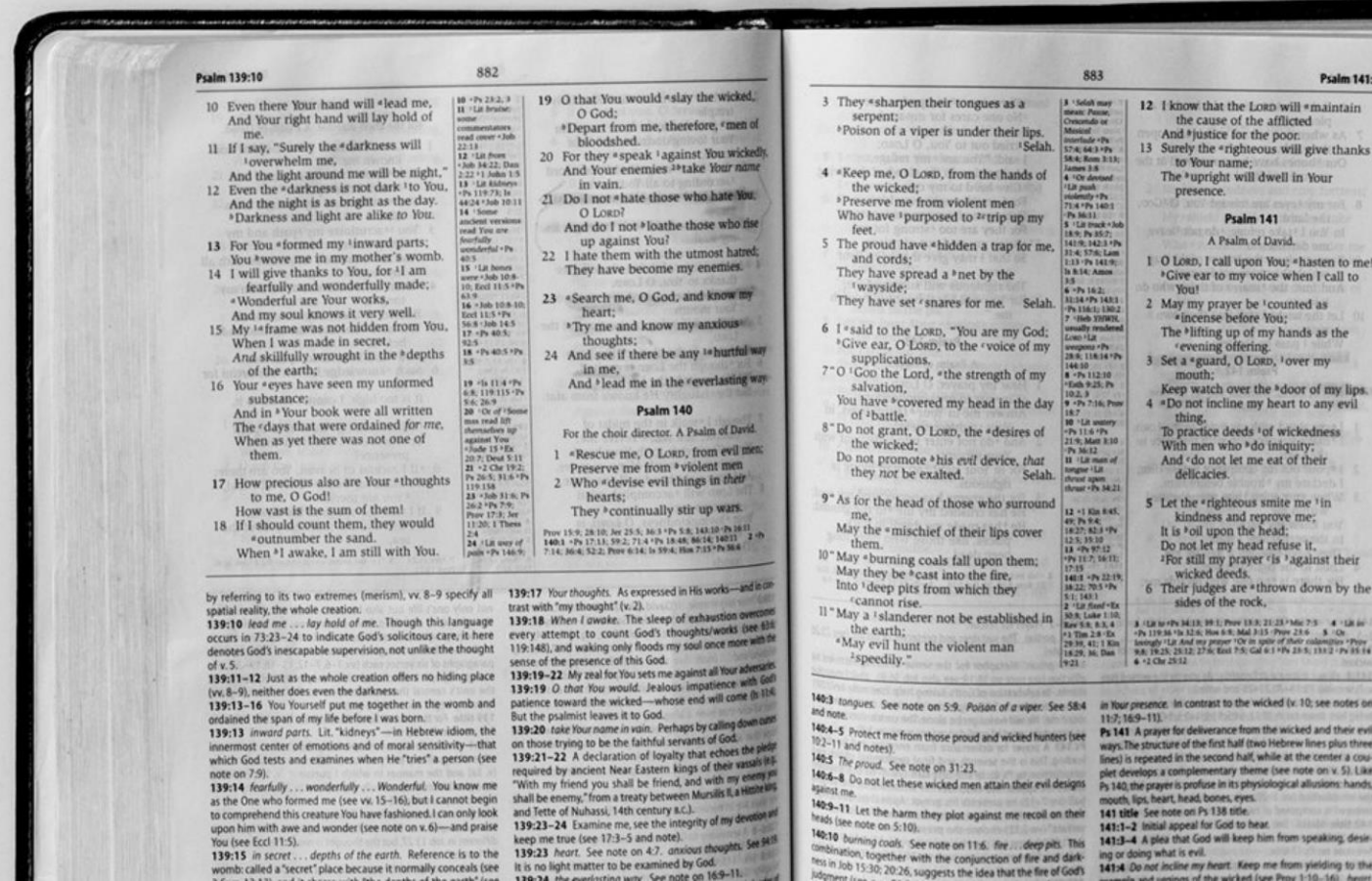


THE SECOND COMING

TRUTH OVER THEORY - DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM



10 Even there Your hand will ¹lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.

11 If I say, "Surely the ¹darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night," Even the ¹darkness is not dark ¹to You, And the night is as bright as the day. ¹Darkness and light are alike to You.

13 For You ¹formed my ¹inward parts, You ¹wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for ¹I am fearfully and wonderfully made; ¹Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

15 My ¹frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the ¹depths of the earth;

16 Your ¹eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in ¹Your book were all written The ¹days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

17 How precious also are Your ¹thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they would ¹outnumber the sand. When ¹I awake, I am still with You.

10 ¹Ps 23:2, 3
11 ¹Lit. breath; some commentators read cover = Job 22:13
12 ¹Lit. there
13 ¹Job 34:22; Dan 2:22-23; Job 1:5
14 ¹Lit. kidneys
15 ¹Ps 139:7; Is 44:24
16 ¹Some ancient versions read You are fearfully wonderful = Ps 40:5
17 ¹Lit. bones were = Job 10:8
18 ¹Ecc 11:5-9; Ps 63:9
19 ¹Job 10:8-10; Ecc 11:5-9; Ps 56:8; Job 14:5
17 ¹Ps 40:5; 92:5
18 ¹Ps 40:5
19 ¹Is 11:4-9; Ps 6:8; 139:15-17; Ps 56:26-9
20 ¹Lit. of; some ms read lit themselves up against You
21 ¹Jude 15
22 ¹Deut 5:11
23 ¹2 Chr 19:2; Ps 26:5; 31:6-9; 139:15-18
24 ¹Job 31:6; Ps 26:2
25 ¹Ps 7:9; Prov 17:3; Jer 11:20; 1 Thess 2:4
26 ¹Lit. way of pain = Ps 146:9

19 O that You would ¹slay the wicked, O God; ¹Depart from me, therefore, ¹men of bloodshed.

20 For they ¹speak ¹against You wickedly, And Your enemies ¹take Your name in vain.

21 Do I not ¹hate those who hate You, O Lord? And do I not ¹loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies.

23 ¹Search me, O God, and know my heart; ¹Try me and know my anxious thoughts;

24 And see if there be any ¹hurtful way in me, And ¹lead me in the ¹everlasting way.

Psalm 140
For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

1 ¹Rescue me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from ¹violent men;

2 Who ¹devise evil things in their hearts; They ¹continually stir up wars.

¹Prov 15:9; 28:10; Jer 25:5, 36:3
140:1 ¹Ps 17:13, 39:2; 71:4-9; 18:48; 86:14; 102:11
7:14; 86:1; 52:2; Prov 6:16; Is 59:4; Rom 7:5; Ps 36:4

by referring to its two extremes (merism), vv. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.

139:10 *lead me . . . lay hold of me.* Though this language occurs in 73:23-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of v. 5.

139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place (vv. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.

139:13-16 You Yourself put me together in the womb and ordained the span of my life before I was born.

139:13 *inward parts.* Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity—that which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see note on 7:9).

139:14 *fearfully . . . wonderfully . . . Wonderfully.* You know me as the One who formed me (see vv. 15-16), but I cannot begin to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look upon him with awe and wonder (see note on v. 6)—and praise You (see Ecc 11:5).

139:15 *in secret . . . depths of the earth.* Reference is to the womb; called a "secret" place because it normally conceals (see

139:17 *Your thoughts.* As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thoughts" (v. 2).

139:18 *When I awake.* The sleep of exhaustion overcomes every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 63:1; 119:148), and waking only floods my soul once more with the sense of the presence of this God.

139:19-22 My zeal for You sets me against all ¹Your adversaries.

139:19 *O that You would.* Jealous impatience with God's patience toward the wicked—whose end will come (Is 11:4). But the psalmist leaves it to God.

139:20 *take Your name in vain.* Perhaps by calling down curses on those trying to be the faithful servants of God.

139:21-22 A declaration of loyalty that echoes the pledge required by ancient Near Eastern kings of their vassals (e.g., "With my friend you shall be friend, and with my enemy you shall be enemy," from a treaty between Mursilis II, a Hittite king, and Tette of Nuhassi, 14th century B.C.).

139:23-24 Examine me, see the integrity of my devotion and keep me true (see 17:3-5 and note).

139:23 *heart.* See note on 4:7. *anxious thoughts.* See 34:10. It is no light matter to be examined by God.

139:24 *Do not let my feet slip.* See note on 16:9-11.

3 They ¹sharpen their tongues as a serpent; ¹Poison of a viper is under their lips. ¹Selah.

4 ¹Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked; ¹Preserve me from violent men Who have ¹purposed to ¹trip up my feet.

5 The proud have ¹hidden a trap for me, and cords; They have spread a ¹net by the ¹wayside; They have set ¹snare for me. ¹Selah.

6 ¹I ¹said to the Lord, "You are my God; ¹Give ear, O Lord, to ¹the voice of my supplications,

7 ¹O God the Lord, ¹the strength of my salvation, You have ¹covered my head in the day of ¹battle.

8 ¹Do not grant, O Lord, the ¹desires of the wicked; Do not promote ¹his evil device, that they not be exalted. ¹Selah.

9 ¹As for the head of those who surround me, May the ¹mischievousness of their lips cover them.

10 ¹May ¹burning coals fall upon them; May they be ¹cast into the fire, Into ¹deep pits from which they ¹cannot rise.

11 ¹May ¹a slanderer not be established in the earth; ¹May evil hunt the violent man ¹speedily."

3 ¹Selah may mean Peace, Consolation or Mourning = Ps 174:44-9; Ps 136:10; Rom 3:18; James 3:8
4 ¹Ps 108:10
5 ¹Lit. snare
6 ¹Ps 140:1
7 ¹Lit. snare = Job 18:11; Ps 35:7; 141:5; 142:3; Ps 17:4; 37:16; Lam 1:13; Ps 141:9; Is 8:14; Amos 3:8
8 ¹Ps 18:2; 32:14; Ps 143:1; Ps 138:1; 180:2; 7 ¹Job 37:36; usually rendered Low = Lit. deepness = Ps 28:6; 138:14; Ps 144:10
9 ¹Ps 112:10
10 ¹Ecc 9:25; Ps 102:9
11 ¹Ps 7:16; Prov 18:7
12 ¹Lit. vanity = Ps 11:6; Ps 21:5; Matt 9:30
13 ¹Lit. mouth of tongue = Lit. throat open throat = Ps 34:21
14 ¹Is 1:10; 8:45; 9:17; 28:16; 102:27; 82:3-9; 125:3; 135:10
15 ¹Ps 117:12
16 ¹Ps 117:16; 117:17
17 ¹Is 140:1
18 ¹Ps 22:19; 38:22; 70:5
19 ¹Is 14:11
20 ¹Lit. snare = Ex 10:10; Luke 1:10
21 ¹Ps 119:3; 4
22 ¹Ps 23:2; 29:14; 1 Chr 18:25; 25:12; 27:6; Eccl 7:5; Gal 6:1; 1 Pe 2:8; 13:12; Ps 59:14
23 ¹1 Chr 25:12

Psalm 141
A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, I call upon You; ¹hasten to me! ¹Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

2 May my prayer be ¹counted as ¹incense before You; ¹The lifting up of my hands as the ¹evening offering.

3 Set a ¹guard, O Lord, ¹over my mouth; ¹Keep watch over the ¹door of my lips.

4 ¹Do not incline my heart to any evil thing. ¹To practice deeds ¹of wickedness With men who ¹do inquiry; And ¹do not let me eat of their delicacies.

5 Let the ¹righteous smite me ¹in kindness and reprove me; It is ¹oil upon the head; Do not let me hide my head. ¹For still my prayer is ¹against their wicked deeds.

6 Their judges are ¹thrown down by the sides of the rock.

¹Lit. to Ps 34:13; 38:1; Prov 13:2; 25:23; Mt 7:5
4 ¹Lit. oil = Ps 119:36; 136:1; Rom 6:6; Mt 23:13; Prov 23:6
8 ¹Ps 140:1
10 ¹Lit. And my prayer = Lit. in sign of their calamity
11 ¹Ps 140:1
12 ¹Ps 140:1
13 ¹Ps 140:1
14 ¹Ps 140:1
15 ¹Ps 140:1
16 ¹Ps 140:1
17 ¹Ps 140:1
18 ¹Ps 140:1
19 ¹Ps 140:1
20 ¹Ps 140:1
21 ¹Ps 140:1

140:3 *tongues.* See note on 5:9. *Poison of a viper.* See 58:4 and note.

140:4-5 *Protect me from those proud and wicked hunters (see 102:11 and notes).*

140:5 *The proud.* See note on 31:23.

140:6-8 *Do not let these wicked men attain their evil designs against me.*

140:9-11 *Let the harm they plot against me recoil on their heads (see note on 5:10).*

140:10 *burning coals.* See note on 11:6. *fire . . . deep pits.* This combination, together with the conjunction of fire and darkness in Job 15:30; 20:26, suggests the idea that the fire of God's judgment is

in Your presence. In contrast to the wicked (v. 10); see notes on 11:7; 16:9-11.

Ps 141 *A prayer for deliverance from the wicked and their evil ways. The structure of the first half (two Hebrew lines plus three lines) is repeated in the second half, while at the center a couplet develops a complementary theme (see note on v. 5). Like Ps 140, the prayer is profuse in its physiological allusions: hands, mouth, lips, heart, head, bones, eyes.*

141 *title.* See note on Ps 138 title.

141:1-2 *Initial appeal for God to hear.*

141:3-4 *A plea that God will keep him from speaking, desiring or doing what is evil.*

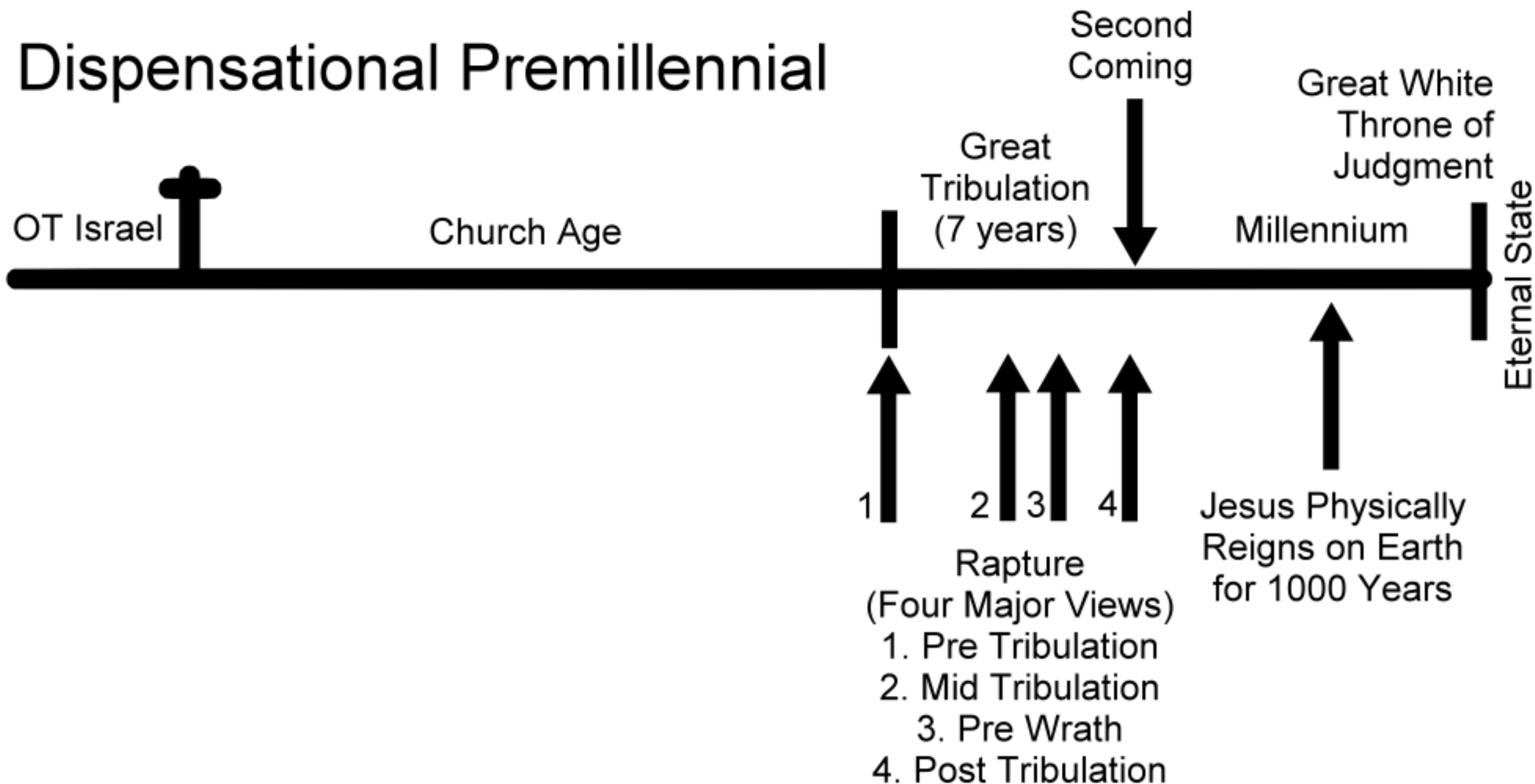
141:4 *Do not incline my heart.* *Keep me from yielding to the temptations of the evil/led (see Prov 1:10-16).*

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- Surge of interest in the end times and second coming of Christ – *1 in 4 “Christians” believe in D.P.*
- Importance of relying on *Scripture* rather than popular theories about end times.
- *Objective*: Evaluate the theory of “dispensational premillennialism“ in light of Scripture.

Dispensational Premillennial



UNDERSTANDING DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

Key False Teachings:

1. God's desire for an earthly, physical kingdom

- *Literalistic misinterpretation of OT prophecies about God's kingdom on earth, like Isaiah 2:2-4 and Ezekiel 37:21-28, failing to recognize symbolic language.*

2. Kingdom postponement due to the Jews' rejection of Jesus – built the church instead.

- *Assumption that Jesus offered an earthly kingdom which the Jews rejected, postponing it, contradicting Jesus' words that His kingdom is not of this world in John 18:36.*

UNDERSTANDING DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

Key False Teachings:

3. Christ will return to rapture the church, followed by a seven-year tribulation on earth.

- *Isolated reading of passages on the rapture and tribulation period, like 1 Thess 4:16-17 and Rev 3:10, without considering the broader context.*

4. After 7 yr. tribulation, Christ will establish a literal earthly kingdom and reign for a thousand years.

- *Highly literal interpretation of the "millennial reign" in Revelation 20:1-6, neglecting its symbolic nature.*

UNDERSTANDING DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

Key False Teachings:

5. Christ's millennial reign, with the reinstatement of Old Testament laws and sacrifices.

- *Misunderstanding OT prophecies about a future temple and sacrificial system, like Ezekiel 40-48, apart from NT teachings on Christ fulfilling the Old Covenant.*

EVALUATING D.P. AGAINST SCRIPTURE

1. It Dethrones Christ:

- **Contradicts 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.**

- - *"...then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to God and Father, when He abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet."*

EVALUATING D.P. AGAINST SCRIPTURE

2. It Undermines God's Power:

- **Contradicts Isaiah 46:9-10**

- *"I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God...My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure."*

3. It Makes Christ and His Apostles Liars:

- **Contradicts Matthew 4:17**

- *Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

EVALUATING D.P. AGAINST SCRIPTURE

4. It Mutilates the Gospel:

- **Contradicts Hebrews 8:13 (Jeremiah's prophecy)**
 - *“When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.”*

5. It Breaks Plain Scripture:

- **Contradicts Revelation 1:1**
 - *“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place...”*

THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE END TIMES

1. The Kingdom is a Present Reality (Luke 17:21)

- *"Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."*

2. Christ's Return Will Be Sudden (Matthew 24:42)

- *"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."*

THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE END TIMES

3. Our Focus Should Be Faithful Living (Luke 12:40)

- *"You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."*

4. Christ has the Ultimate Victory (Rev. 11:15)

- *"Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.'"*

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Heed the biblical text's statements on the end times.**
- 2. Let Scripture interpret itself according to its original meaning.**
- 3. Live faithfully and with an eternal view.**
- 4. Anticipate the day our Lord brings forth His eternal kingdom.**

IN THE LAST DAYS HEED THE EXHORTATION...

Colossians 3:1-2

*“If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Set your minds on things that are above**, not on things that are on earth.”*

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear and Learn – *Rom. 10:17; John 6:45; 17:3*

Believe – *Heb. 11:6; John 6:29; 8:24*

Confess the Lord – *Matt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10*

Repent – *Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 17:30*

Be Baptized – *Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Be Faithful Unto Death – *Revelation 2:10*

Go and Share the Good News!

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16