The Anti-Christ - Part 6

When Will He Appear

Postmillennialism

Postmillennialists generally believe that the primary **historical manifestation of the Antichrist** has already appeared and been defeated in the 1st century AD. They also believe the Antichrist represents **historical anti-Christian systems** such as the **papacy** (The Office or Power of the Roman Catholic Pope) or some other hostile power that has no church affiliation.

Main Thoughts:

- They believe we are currently in the **Church Age**
- The **Great Tribulation** will proceed the millennium
  - It is a very short period of time that has already occurred
  - The Millennium will gradually occur because of Christian influence in the world.

- **Nero & The Roman Government (Antichrist)**
  - They believe that the great suffering of the church in AD 70 represents this period of time
    - **Nero** in AD 66 gave **Vespasian** the order to suppress the revolt of the Jews in Jerusalem which started the military campaign against Jerusalem
      - Nero did in AD 68
      - **Vespasian's became Emperor and his son Titus** completed the destruction of Jerusalem and the second Temple
      - **Thessalonians 3:1-5**

- **King Nebuchadnezzar (Antichrist)**
  - Historically the **Church** suffered greatly in earlier times at the hands of the Babylonians and King Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC
    - **2 Kings 25:1-12**

The Millennium

- They believe the **millennium** is a literal period of time of **1000 years** of peace and prosperity.
- They believe Christ will return after this period.
- They believe that it will gradually occur because the spread of the Gospel and Christian influence in the world
  - **Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission**
- This is when the Earthly Golden Age will occur
- Satan will have no power over the earth and those who follow him will all be killed
  - **Rev 19:19 - 20:3**
    - **19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

        - 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
        - 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.
    - Chapter 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.
        - 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
        - 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- **Christ will rule over the earth not physically but through His Spirit and His church during the millennium**
    - **Rev 20:4 represents the spiritual regeneration of people who trust Jesus not a physical resurrection**
        - 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw 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.
- **2nd Coming of Christ occurs after the millennium**
    - **Psalm 110:1**
        - 1The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
    - **Rev 20:1-6**
- **The 2nd Coming, Rapture and Final Judgement occurs at the same time.**
- **All we be resurrected saved and unsaved**
    - **Daniel 12:1-4**
        - 1 At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book.
        - 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
        - 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.
        - 4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."