

Refuting Premillennialism

- A. Christ came in the first century in order to establish a physical, political kingdom in Israel.
1. **Matthew 1:21**
 2. **1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14; 19:11-16.** Can we rightfully call Jesus King if He failed to establish a kingdom?
 3. Does the New Testament teach the kingdom is here now?
 - a. **Matthew 3:1-2 {Luke 21:20}** – Was John wrong?
 - b. **Mark 9:1; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-8; 2:1-4** – Did Jesus lie?
 - c. **Acts 14:20-22; Col. 1:13; 1 Thess. 2:12; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 1:9** – Did these folks lie?
 4. A comparison of the kingdom and the church
 - a. Both composed of saints (**1 Corinthians 1:1-2; Colossians 1:12-13**).
 - b. Both contain folks purchased with blood (**Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9**).
 - c. Both contain priests (**1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 1:6**).
 5. What does the New Testament say about the kingdom? Is it physical or spiritual?
 - a. **John 3:3-5**
 - b. **Luke 17:20-21**
 - c. **John 18:36**
 6. **Daniel 2:26-44**
 - a. Which empire does “the days of these kings” have reference to? Must be before then.
 - b. What does the kingdom equate to in **vs. 35**? **{Isaiah 2:2; Acts 2:12-17; 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Peter 2:5}**
 7. **Daniel 7:13-14**
 - a. **Matthew 9:6**
 - b. **Mark 16:19; Hebrews 1:3**
 - c. **Acts 1:4-9**
 - d. **1 Peter 4:11**
 - e. **Acts 3:13**
 - f. **Colossians 1:13**
 - g. **Ephesians 2:11-16**
 8. **Zechariah 6:12-13 {Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 11:1}**
 - a. We already noted that Jesus is referred to as King.
 - b. Jesus is also our High Priest (**Hebrews 4:14**).
 - c. Yet, **Hebrews 8:4 {Exodus 28:1ff}**.
 - d. Thus, the kingdom that Jesus reigns over cannot be physical in nature.
 9. **Colossians 1:13**
 - a. **Acts 26:18**
 - b. **1 Peter 2:9**
 - c. **2 Thessalonians 2:14**
 - d. Was the gospel preached on Pentecost?
 - e. Then, the kingdom must have come on Pentecost.
 10. Thus, while PM do have Old Testament passages which they twist and appeal to, we can by the New Testament know that the kingdom the prophets saw was spiritual.
 11. If they were preaching a physical kingdom can we rightfully trust the New Testament?
- B. Jesus planned to sit on a literal throne (David's).
1. **Acts 2:22-37**
 2. **1 Chronicles 3:16-17 {Jeremiah 22:24-30} Matthew 1:1, 12.**
 - a. According to PM, Jesus must sit on the literal throne of David.
 - b. According to the Bible, this cannot happen.
 - c. Therefore either Jesus can never be a king or the kingdom He has and the throne He sits upon are both spiritual in nature.

C. Jesus was to fulfill the land promise given to Abraham and his descendants long before that time.

1. **Genesis 12:1-7, et al.**
2. Does scripture say the land promise has been fulfilled?
 - a. **Numbers 25:9-15; Deuteronomy 19:7-9**
 - (a) If God gives all the land that He promised, then there will be 6 cities of refuge in the land of Canaan.
 - (b) **Joshua 20:1-9**
 - b. **Nehemiah 9:7-8**
 - (a) Is the book of Nehemiah incorrect? Did God author an error?
 - (b) To say that the “Land Promise” given to Abraham has not yet been fulfilled is to call deity a liar.
 - c. **Joshua 21:43**
 - (a) How can this be misunderstood?
 - (b) What would any with the heart of a truth seeker conclude?

D. Christ was unable to do the aforementioned items...

1. Jesus was/is divine {**John 20:28-29, et al**}.
2. What is deity unable to do? {**Genesis 18:9-15; Jeremiah 32:17**}
3. Jesus could raise people from the dead, walk on water, cast out demons at will, know the thoughts of men, but was unable to set up a physical kingdom?
4. **John 17:4**
5. Who wants a failure as a Savior? What else will he fail to be able to do?

E. ...in that He, surprisingly, was rejected by the Jews as King

1. How can you surprise deity? {**Proverbs 5:21; Psalm 139:1-4; Job 34:22**}
2. Was Jesus surprised that Judas rejected Him? {**John 13:11**}
3. What are we to do with passages like **Luke 9:22, 44; John 18:1-4; John 19:28-30**?
4. **Acts 17:1-3 {Galatians 2:11}** – What is the only other choice? Thus the PM teachers are at odds with a divine message.
5. What are we going to do with **Acts 2:22-23**?
6. **John 6:5-15**
 - a. If anyone would have been surprised that rejection had occurred, it would have been the Jews.
 - b. Jesus rejected their materialistic, earthly idea for a kingdom.
 - c. When Jesus had a great opportunity to set up an earthly empire, what did He do?
 - d. **He left the scene!!!!!!!!!!** The PM camp has it exactly backward.
 - e. Backward doctrine is not pleasing to God (**2 John 9**).
7. **John 18:36**
 - a. This is crushing proof that Jesus was not surprised.
 - b. How so?
 - (a) One cannot be surprised by something that does not apply.
 - (b) I cannot reasonably say, “*I am surprised that I am not going to be able to go to Hawaii this weekend*” when I have made no plans to go to Hawaii.
 - (c) Jesus could not have been surprised to be rejected as an earthly king in that He knew He did not come to set up a physical kingdom.
8. The fact that He would be rejected was prophesied centuries earlier.
 - a. **Psalm 118:22 {Luke 20:1-17; Acts 4:1-11; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:5-8}**
 - (a) It was no surprise!
 - (b) If it was a surprise then **Psalm 118:22** is a lie and that would, by extension, make the writings of Luke, Peter, and Paul erroneous. It would also make Jesus a liar!
 - b. **Isaiah 53:7-8 {Acts 8:26-35}** – The Holy Ghost said Christ came to die – not reign over a military power.
 - c. What are we going to do with **Psalm 22**?
 - d. What are we going to do with every other prophetic passage that speaks of Christ’s rejection?

- F. *The Son of God was outwitted and overpowered by the Jews and was subsequently put to death on the cross.*
1. This is blasphemy in the extreme. How do you overpower deity? {**Psalm 2:1-4**}
 2. Outwitted?
 - a. **Matthew 21:23-27**
 - b. **Matthew 22:23-32**
 - c. **Matthew 22:41-46**
 - d. **Luke 13:10-17**
 - e. **Matthew 26:14-16**
 - f. PM contends that the Jews were able to do something (i.e. outwit Jesus) that the devil, himself – a mighty spiritual being who before the cross had the power of death (**Hebrews 2:14**) – could not do (**Matthew 4:1-11**). Preposterous!
 3. Overpowered?
 - a. **Matthew 26:47-54**
 - b. **John 18:1-6**
 - c. **John 19:1-11**
 - d. **John 10:11-18**
 4. The PM camp says...
 - a. The one who confounded the most learned religious people of the first century time after time...
 - b. The one who turned back Satan (and that at a moment of incredible physical exhaustion from fasting for 40 days and nights)...
 - c. The one who had 72,000 angels at His disposal in the garden of Gethsemane...
 - d. The one whose mere voice sent a mob backward to the ground...
 - e. The one who was/is Himself Divine (**John 1:1, 14**)...
 - f. Was outwitted and overpowered! Amazing!
- I. *The Godhead then was forced to postpone the inauguration of the literal, physical kingdom. Instead of a physical, earthly, fleshly kingdom the Father decided (as an afterthought) to usher in the church age.*
- A. More religious profanity!
 - B. Man cannot overturn the plans of God {**Proverbs 21:30**}.
 - C. **Ephesians 1:4; Revelation 13:8; Hebrews 13:20; Matthew 16:18**
 - D. **Ephesians 3:10, 11** – seems clear enough!
 1. Who is right?
 2. Think about this:
 - (a) If the church was the result of a failure on Christ's part, it would not reveal the Father's wisdom but His weakness.
 - (b) The PM doctrine really belittles God along with the church!
 - E. **Ephesians 3:20-21**
 1. God is glorified in the church throughout **all** ages {Until the end – **1 Corinthians 15:24**}.
 2. It is not a substitute for something better that will come during some literal 1,000 year reign.
 3. Premillennialism fails.
 - F. **Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25** – Jesus went to the cross for a second rate plan B?