

Refuting PM – Part 3

1. What we've refuted so far:
 - a. The idea that Christ came in the 1st century to establish an earthly, political kingdom.
 - b. The idea that at some future date Christ will sit as king of a kingdom on David's throne.
 - c. The idea that Jesus was going to fulfill the land promise made to Abraham.
 - d. The idea that Jesus was unable to fulfill the Father's will.
 - e. The idea that Jesus was outwitted and overpowered by the Jews and Romans.
 - f. The idea that he was surprisingly rejected by the Jews.
 - g. The idea that since Jesus was rejected, outwitted, and overpowered the church (Plan B) was established.
 - h. The idea that Jesus gave signs that man could read which would usher in the rapture.
2. The popular theory defined:
 - a. *"Christians will suddenly vanish from the planet to be with Jesus in heaven"* (**bibleprophecyinthenews.com**).
 - b. *"Sometime in the near future several million people will suddenly disappear from the earth"* (**Salem Kirban**).
3. The popular theory refuted:
 - a. Where do we find the word in the Bible? No. Let's never forget **2 Sam. 7:1-7**.
 - b. What is wrong with this doctrine?
 - i. To believe this doctrine, one must believe in more than one resurrection connected to "end time" events.
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 - a. Resurrection of the NT saints at the rapture.
 - b. Resurrection of the "tribulation saints" who die during the 7 years after the rapture.
 - c. Resurrection of the OT faithful just before the 1,000 year reign.
 - d. Resurrection of the wicked dead at the end of the 1,000 year reign so they can be judged.
 2. This is contrary to Scripture (**John 5:28-29; Ax. 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:42**).
 - ii. To believe this doctrine, one must believe in more than one judgment connected to "end time" events.
 1. When you think about it the PM camp has 4 judgments.
 - a. As noted in the first study, some PM refer to the rapture as the first judgment.
 - b. They also have a judgment after the period of tribulation.
 - c. They also have a separate judgment for the OT faithful prior to the 1,000 year reign.
 - d. They also have a final "great white throne judgment" for just the wicked.
 2. This is contrary to Scripture (**2 Tim. 4:6-8; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43; 25:31-32**).
 - iii. To believe this doctrine, one must believe in more than one literal coming of the Lord.
 1. They have 2.
 - a. A secret coming.
 - b. A visible coming to end the tribulation period at the Battle of Armageddon and establish a physical kingdom for 1,000 years.
 2. This is contrary to Scripture (**1 Cor. 15:22-24**).
 - iv. If one believes this doctrine, one must believe that the Bible has mistakes in it.
 1. They believe that when the Lord comes (rapture) it will be in secret.
 2. The text they use to prove the rapture is contrary to their doctrine (**1 Th. 4:15-17**).
 3. The doctrine contradicts other passages (**1 Cor. 15:52; 2 Pet. 3:10; Ax. 1:8-11; Titus 2:11-13**).
 - v. If one believes this doctrine, one must accept all of the other absurdities that accompany PM.

4. What will happen when Jesus returns?
- a. Jesus will come again (**John 14:3**).
 - b. His return will be both audible and visible (**passages cited**).
 - c. It will be a glorious coming (**Matt. 25:31**).
 - d. He will come with His angels (**ibid**).
 - e. All that are in the graves will hear His voice (**John 5:28**).
 - f. There will be one general resurrection (**John 5:29**).
 - g. Saints who are living when the Lord returns will be taken up to meet Him in the air (**1 Th. 4:17**).
 - h. The righteous receive incorruptible, glorified, spiritual bodies (**1 Cor. 15:42-44**).
 - i. There will be one judgment (**2 Cor. 5:10**).
 - j. Every knee will bow and confess (**Plp 2:5-11**).
 - k. The unrighteous are punished forever (**2 Thess. 1:7-9**).
 - l. The righteous will be with the Lord forever in heaven; eternal reward (**1 Thess. 4:17; Matt. 25:46**).