

89 – Amillennialism

There is a very dangerous system of doctrinal perversion entering our churches that's referred to as "amillennialism". The odd term, amillennial comes from the Latin "mille" + "annum" for "1000 years" and applying the Greek prefix "a" for "no" resulting in "no 1000 years". So, an amillennialist denies the fact that Jesus will physically return and reign on the earth for 1000 years. Most people think that an amillennialist simply doesn't believe in this 1000-year rule of Christ on earth (which is a problem in itself); However, amillennialism is actually an entire heretical system of biblical interpretation. Amillennialists believe that all unfulfilled prophesy (both Old and New Testament) must be interpreted as "spiritual symbolism" rather than the literal predictions and events that they truly are. Amillennialism was developed around 400 A.D. by St. Augustine and adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus.



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Short List of Important Events Perverted by Amillennialists

	Scriptural (Premillinnial) View	Heretical (Amillennial) View
Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3, 13:14-17, 15:1- 21, 17:1-21, 22:15-18)	God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Palestine forever. In order for this to be fulfilled, there must be a physical and literal kingdom on earth that will be realized during the 1000 year (millennial) reign of Christ. (See Revelation 20)	Because Israel was disobedient, God broken His promise to Abraham and has presently given the land to the Church.
Palestinian Covenant (Deuteronomy 29:1, 30:1-20)	Similar to the Abrahamic covenant. Reinforces the fact that the Israelites will be scattered due to disobedience but when they repent, the Lord will re-gather them into the promised land and it will be theirs forever.	Again, because Israel was disobedient, the land has been given to the Church.
Davidic Covenant (2nd Samuel 7:4-17, 1st Chronicles 17:4-15)	God promised David that He would establish a house, kingdom, and throne forever. In order for this to be fulfilled, there must be a physical and literal kingdom on earth.	Because Israel was disobedient, this house and throne have been given to the Church and the kingdom is now on earth.
Israel & The Church (Deuteronomy 7:6, 14:2, Romans 11)	Israel is it's own disctinct earthly people "God's Chosen People" and they are the direct descendants of Abraham. They're separate from the Church which is comprised of all believers between Pentecost and the rapture. Israel is "partially blinded" until the fullness of the gentiles is complete.	Israel is to be identified as the Church in the present age and that the Church is to inherit all of the blessings and promises given to Israel in the Old Testament.
The Rapture (1st Thessalonians 4:15-18, 1st Corinthians 15:50-53, 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-4)	At a time known only to God, the Church will be "Raptured" or "Caught up". This will consist of all the "dead in Christ" being raised first and then all the living Christians after that. All Christians will meet Jesus in the Clouds (Not the 2nd coming).	The rapture will occur at the 2nd coming of Christ and He will gather all Christians into the clouds and then immediately turn around and bring them all back down to earth for the final judgement (no millennium).
The Tribulation Period (Daniel 9:24-27, Revelation 8- 19)	This is the last 7 years of punishment for the Israelites from Daniels "Seventy Sevens". This is when God will pour out His wrath on thee Nation of Israel and non-believers. Occurs after the Rapture because the Church is promised not to go through God's wrath.	This is the whole period of the Churches trials on earth starting at the death of Christ and ending upon His return. They believe the 7 years is only symbolic of "completeness" through God.
7 Seals, 7 Trumpets & 7 Bowls (Revelation 5-19)	The 7 seals are most likely simply preparation for the wrath of God. The 7 trumpets and seals are literal and increasingly worse punishments being poured out on the earth and it's inhabitants during the 7 year tribulation period.	These are simply symbolic punishments and are currently being poured out by God and experienced by everyone. Each of the three groups of 7 are the same punishments being expressed in more specific terms each time.
144,000 Sealed Jewish Virgins (Revelation 7:1-8, 14:1-5)	These are 144,000 literal Jewish virgins12,000 chosen from each of the 12 tribes Israel.	The 144,000 represent the entire community of the redeemed. They are sealed by the Holy Spirit and not Jews.
The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:1-14)	Two literal men (possibly Enoch and Elijah) who will prophesy for 1260 days, then will be killed by the Beast then will be laid out for 3 1/2 days and will finally be raised and called to Heaven.	They are symbols of the mission and vision of the Church currently on earth. May also be symbolic of the Old and New Testaments.
The Two Beasts (Revelation 13:1-18)	The first beast (also called the anti-Christ) is a man who is given his power by Satan (the Dragon). The second beast (also called the false prophet) is also a man and he has great powers that have been granted to him in order to promote the first beast.	These are simply symbols of evil and are to be applied to all people who have lived since the death of Christ. When Jesus returns, these symbols will be completed and removed. Also believe that the beast is satan.
The 2nd Coming of Christ (Zechariah 12:10-14, 14)	This will occur at the end of the 7 year tribulation period when the entire Nation of Israel will "Look upon Me who they pierced" and Jesus will literally set foot on the Mount of Olives.	This will occur when God feels all Christians have been chosen. It will encompass a type of "rapture" in order for Christians to meet Jesus in the clouds as He descends to judge earth. There will be no tribulation period or 1000 year rule.
The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:1-6)	This is a literal 1000 year reign of Christ on earth that is very clearly defined in Revelation 20.	This is happening right now and began at the death of Christ. The 1000 years is just symbolic of the time between the cross and the final judgement of God on humanity.
Binding of Satan (Revelation 20:1-3)	This is the literal binding and casting into "The Bottomless Pit" of Satan for 1000 years. During this time, Satan will not be able to interact with or affect humanity on earth.	This was accomplished when Jesus died on the cross. Satan is currently bound but on a long leash and is called the beast.