

Found Ahead - Session 5

Looking at the Letters

- I. What about Israel? Is there a separate Covenant?
 - A. Israel and Hosea 2:23/I Peter 2:10 - "My People"
 - B. Israel and Jeremiah 31:31/Luke 22:19-20 - "New Covenant"
 - C. Israel and Amos 9:11-12/Acts 15:13-16 - "All the Nations"
 - D. Israel and St. Paul
 - 1. Romans 9 - Paul's prayer for Israel
 - 2. Romans 10 - Paul's mission with the saving word
 - 3. Romans 11 - "All Israel will be Saved" (v. 26)
Galatians 3:26-27 "You are Abraham's Seed"
Ephesians 3:6 "Gentiles are heirs together with Israel"
Romans 2:28-29 "Circumcision of the heart"

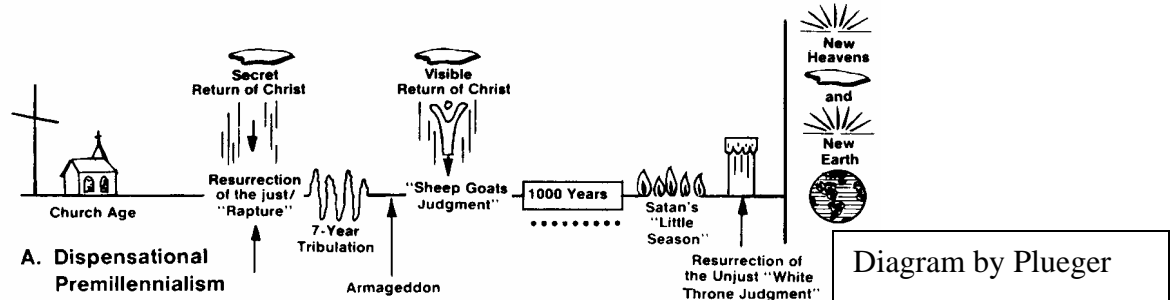
- II. Paul's views on the Kingdom
 - A. We have been brought into the kingdom - Colossians 1:13-14
 - B. Our citizenship is in heaven - Philippians 3:20

- III. The Antichrist
 - A. There are many antichrists - 1 John 2:18-10
 - B. There is one in particular - 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

<u>Characteristics of the Antichrist</u>	<u>Traditional Protestant Interpretations</u>
<p>He is the "man of lawlessness"</p> <p>He establishes himself in God's temple (the Church)</p> <p>He proclaims himself God</p> <p>He is restrained until he is revealed</p> <p>He will perform counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders</p> <p>He has power</p> <p>He will be destroyed at Jesus' coming</p>	<p>Wycliffe, Hus, Luther: The Office of the Papacy</p>  <p>Melanchthon: "Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope"</p>

IV. Is there a second chance for salvation after the Rapture?

Diagrams of Millennial Views



- A. The rapture described - 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17
- B. Is there a second chance?
 - 1. Now is the day of salvation - II Corinthians 6:2
 - 2. After death comes the judgment - Hebrews 9:27

V. The Resurrection and Judgment

- A. The last day will come as a surprise - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
- B. Judgment will occur on the last day - 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8
- C. Peter's more lengthy description - 2 Peter 3:3-15
- D. Paul's testimony to the resurrection - Acts 24:14-15
- E. Living in our new life - Colossians 3:1-3

VI. Summary

- A. The Church is the Israel of the New Testament, and there is only one way of salvation, Jesus Christ.
- B. According to Paul, we are in the kingdom now by faith.
- C. There are many antichrists, and one great antichrist; our task is to watch and be faithful to the truth.
- D. The teaching of period of time after Christ's return during which people are saved is contrary to Scripture. Scripture teaches no second chance.
- E. The one resurrection on the last day, followed by the judgment.