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- I. Definition. Theol. viewpoint which on basis of spiritualizing hermeneutic denies the concept of a 1000 yr millennium. 2 forms--(1) Kliefoth and Warfield-M igtsEWEG of blessedness of saints who died in heaven. (2) Allis etc .- M is church age, and victor Chronology -- 1.1 awlesness at end of ch age. 2. 2nd coming. 3. General res and judgmt. 4. New heaven and earth and eternity begun.
- II. History. No amil until Augustine. Only hints of it and assoc with heresies.
- 1. Augustine. Age of church as it vs. world is M. Satan bound when X on earth, Lk 10:18 End of M and of world unspecified tho seemed to consider M well advanced in his day Seemed to favor literal 1000 but already present. Spiritualized Rev 20 etc. But X digital come in 1000A.D. So smil revised to make M whole interadvent period, or indefinite period 2. Reformation. RC follow Aug and reformers followed RC.
- 3. Duesterdieck, 1859, and Kliefoth, 1874 and Warfield proposed this intermediate state concept of M.
- 4. Modern. Most amil is covenant the cov premills. All is postrib. Conservative and lit BII. Hermeneutics. From Allis, Bophecy and Ch, ch 2. /on eschatology.
- 1. Literal and figurative int have their own places.
- 2. But limitations and qualifications on lit int such as:
  - a. Presence of figures of speech shows lit int has limitations. Cf. Stars in Rev 8 b. Ract that main theme of Bible is spiritual means non-lit int. Prayer is spir subjections
- c. O.T. is preliminary to NT and should be interpreted by NT / but interpret and pr 3. Whether you interpret lit or fig depends solely on / literally. which gives the true meaning. Who decides.
- 4. Prophecy is indefinite, enigmatical, deceptive and can't be int literally unless lit meaning is clear and bbvious. Again who decides unless fulfillment has occurred
- IV. The Abrahamic Covenant.
- 1. Importance of cov. If lit need a M for fulfillment esp land. If spirit or condition then premill not nec.
- 2. Amil int.
  - a. Seed of Abr is God's redeemed community (individuals before Abr, then comm), now call b. Cov conditional so doesn't require lit ful. Obed of Abr and seed nec and they didne Conditions may be incld tho not stated as Jonah. Circumcision shows condition.
  - c. Attempts to blur other covenants like Pal and since conditions in it, so in Abr.
  - d. Tries to let universal aspects of covs (incld Gen bless) override nat's aspects.
- e. Truesto say it was fulfd just in case. But 1 Kg 4:21. Border of Egy not River-Nile
- V. The "Mystery" character of the church. Eph 3.
  - a. As is comparative, thus ch was in OT. Can be adjectival or declarative, adds info, in Acts 2:15. With neg means but as 1 Cor 7:31.
  - b. Nec for amil to ignore Col 1:25.
  - c. To amil content of mystery is church in OT. Actually it is Gentiles fellowheirs, both 1st use of body 1 Cor 12:12ff and 2nd Rom 12:5.
- VI. Daniel's 70 Wks.
  - a. Begin Cyrus, 536 in order to make it indefinite.
  - b. Messiah prince is X at beg of ministry. After 69 death and destruction of Jerus (
  - c. No gap. 70th is X's new cov. Sac and obl cease is bec of His death.
  - d. No stated terminus for end of 70th week.

I. Hermeneutics. Consistent literalism or plain or normal, but cons Premillennialism. II. Unconditional nature of Abr cov requires land by Jews, Gen 15, 17, 26, 28.

- III. Davidic cov requires earthly ful in future. Otherwise X now in heaven.
- IV. Distinct mystery char of ch disallows her fulfilling these promises.
- V. Plain int of Rev leads to premill.

### I. Definition.

"...that view of last things which holds that the Kingdom of God is now being extended in the world thru the preaching of the Gospel and the saving work of the HS in the hearts of individuals, that the world eventually is to be Christianized, and that the return of X to occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly called the "Millennium" ...the second coming of X will be followed immediately by the general resurrection, the general judgment, and the introduction of heaven and hell in their fulne M is during present disp, ch age.

# II. Characteristics of the M.

1. Indefinitely long period of time, "perhaps much longer than a literal 1000 yrs."

2. Not everyone will be a Xn.

3. Sin will be reduced to negligible proportions. 'Xn primiples will be the rule, not ex 4. Gt Comm requires that most of world be effectually saved; otherwise commission not effe

5. Basic facts of life will be same as now. Marriage, procreation.

## III. Scriptural Support

1. Millennial passages we apply to Davidic kgdom are used of M in this age. Ps 86:9; 22:27; 47; 72; Isa 2; Dan 2 "fill whole earth" Jer 31:34.

World passages must be fully fulfilled. 1 Jn 2:2; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:14; Acts 15:17. Matt 28. Prem "emasculates the gospel of X and withers it into pitiful impotency" 29.

3. Others like Matt 13, leaven. Rev 7:9-10

# IV. Evidences that World is Growing Better

- 1. Pre-X cf to poast X. Women, social conditions.
- 2. Generosity of US foreign aid and Xn giving.
- 3. Widespread publication of the Bible.
- 4. Radio.
- 5. Xn schools.
- 6. Est local churches.

### V. Satan and M.

1. Bound in sense that all times he is under God's control.

2. Bound at beg of M acc to Rev. 20. But we aren't in it yet, only laying foundations for 3. "It may well be, however, that just before the end God does permit a limited manifestal of evil, that it may be seen anew and more clearly what an awful thing sin is and how deserving of punishment." 69.

I. The Man

Anglican scholar trained at Oxford. Engaged in several controversies. Ag RC's. Attempted to get concessions for nonconformists so they would join Ch of Eng. Refuted Calvinism.

Principal work was Paraphrase and Commentary on NT 2 vols. Begun 1688 and pub 1703. Title pg of Vol 2 1700. Work used throut 18 and 19th cent and popularized postmil. Held: world converted, Jews restored to Holy Land, pope and Turks defeated, world would then enjoy peace for 1000 yrs.

II. Joachim of Fiore (c.1135-1202)

Mystic philosopher, lived in Italy, monk. Founded in 1192 order of San Giovanni in Fiore. 3 major works. OT culminated with 1st advent, NT with 2nd. History is trinitarian. 1st age of Father was under OT law. 2nd of Son was grace and covered NT disp and would last for 42 generations of 30 yrs each or till 1260. Then 3rd of HS which would be characterized by rise of rel orders that would convert world.

III. Whitby's writing on subj.

"A Treatise of the True Millennium: Shewing that it is not a Reign of Persons Raised from the Dead, but of the Church Flourishing Gloriously for a Thousand Years After the Conversion of the Jews, and the Flowing in of all Nations to them thus Converted to the Christian Faith."

Preface says (remember all other NT books have commentary on them) ..."Calvin was wise because he did not write upon the Revelations. I confess I do it not for want of wisdom,; that is, because I neither have sufficient Reading, nor Judgment, to discern the true Intendment of the Prophecies contained in that Bood. But yet conceiving that I have either found out the true Sense of Those Words Chap. 20.4. which usually are alleged as the Foundation of the Supposed Millennium, or Resurrection of the Martyrs to reign with Christ on Earth a thousand years, or at the least have said what is sufficient to shew that it is not necessary to understand them in a proper sense; I have comprised my Sentiments of that Controversie in the ensuing Treatise: which I submit to the Judgment of the Reader."

A. Whitby's post compared to amil and ch fathers.

Thesis: M of ancients differed from what was being taught in his day (amil)

- 1. Ancients held that temple, Jerus should be new built.
- 2. Just were then to rise, not martyrs only.
- 3. JC would reign on earth.
- 4. Bel would fare deliciously and enjoy corporal delights.
- 5. They should get children.
- B. Rel to Jews

Thesis: M is reign of converted Jews and of Gentiles "flowing in to them."

- 1. All spiritual blessings are conveyed from Jews to other nations.
- 2. There will be a glorious conversion of Jews to Xn faith.
- 3. This conversion effected by full influence of HS on them.
- 4. Passages speak of m, res, new heavens and earth belonging to Jewish nation.
- C. Rel to Rev. 20:4

Res is of souls and = res of church, so ch will live in spiritually revitalized state for 1000 yrs before bodily res (2nd res). Matt 19:28 palingenesia is not M but new birth. No physical res of saints and martyrs to reign with X 1000 yrs.

- IV. Observations
  - 1. He seems to be fighting both amil and prem.
  - 2. Jewish oriented.
- V. A.H.Strong, 1014. X comes at beg of M to reign in spiritual way, saints reign "even the this muddy vesture of decay compasses them about, and the time of their complete glorification has not yet come." Then 2nd coming. This reconciles premill and postmill "without sacrificing any of the truth in either of them."

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- V. Snowden's Concept of the M. (James H. The Coming of the Lord, 1919).
- 1. M is entire inter-advent age. M is kgdom of God now.
- 2. Only diff from amil is that world is getting better.
- 3. Events of Rev 20 either (1) already past or (2) heavenly bliss.

### VI. Critique

- 1. Easily lends itset to evolutionary improvement or humanism.
- 2. Lack of uniformity in interpreting key passages.
- 3. Failure to correspond to all of current events. Only take progress side.

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# **Millennial Views**

	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism	Premillennialism
Is there an actual Millennium?	No	Yes	Yes
Where ?	In the church or In heaven if at all	On this earth	On this renovated earth
When ?		Sometime before second coming	After second coming
How long ?		1000 years more or less	1000 Years
When began to be taught?	Origen (185 - 254) Augustine (354-430)	Daniel Whitby (1638-1726)	By early church fathers
Major characteristic		World will be Christianized	Christ will personally rule
Some proponents	Warfield, Sproul	Strong, Hodge, Theonomists	Darby, Alford, Chafer

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- 2. When in The Batch down or suy anon- & will be on The earth after Repotence.
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