

were cast into the lake of fire." Thus it is only at the end of the millennium, after the resurrection of the wicked dead, that that victory over death is completed, which is referred to in 1 Corinthians 15 as the last victory preceding the time when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father. How marvelously the Scripture fits together! The wonderful agreement of its passages is a marvelous proof that behind the human authors stood the perfect plan of the divine Spirit.

We have noticed many proofs of the fact that the millennial kingdom of Christ follows his return to earth. Any one of them would have established the point. Any other interpretation makes the Bible contradict itself repeatedly, and introduces confusion into its plain statements. Consider, for instance, what the postmillennialist or the amillennialist must do with the vision of Daniel 7: 13, 14. Daniel saw the Son of man, coming in the clouds of the air, and coming to the Ancient of Days, and receiving a kingdom. According to the postmillennialist or the amillennialist the Son of man does not receive a kingdom at his coming. Instead, he gives the kingdom to the Ancient of Days—delivers it up to God, even the Father. Thus the plain teachings of the Scripture are completely reversed.

WHAT ABOUT POSTMILLENNIALISM AND AMILLENNIALISM?

I have already referred to the fact that there are three views of this subject, which are known as premillennialism, postmillennialism, and amillennialism. Premillennialism is the view which I have been presenting. It takes Scripture in its natural sense. The evidence for it appears to me to be unanswerable.

Postmillennialism is the view that the millennial kingdom will be prior to the return of Christ. The noted German scholar Hengstenberg held that the millennium began with the conversion of the Germans and lasted a thousand years. During his lifetime he thought he began to see signs of the loosing of Satan. To me it is inconceivable that Satan has been bound during the Middle Ages or that he is bound now. If that is the case, who is carrying on his business? For no one can doubt that his works have been very evident in human life and are especially evident today. What true Christian feels that he can safely neglect the armor which Paul prescribed in Ephesians 6 in order to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil? On the other hand, there