

eternal kingdom. But I don't believe you can find any Scripture which says that this situation which is established when Christ comes back is going to go on and on and on forever. We don't know what God has way ahead in His plan. But we do know that the kingdom which he sets up will be indestructible. No one can destroy it.

God can change certain features of it if he chooses, and so I think that premillennialism means that man is not expected to establish a perfect regime on hax earth here, or to destroy all wickedness. God is going to do that at the end of the age.

Some think of premillennialism as very pessimistic-- that everything is going to get worse. I don't think that is a proper interpretation. Whether things are going to get a great deal worse or a great deal better, I don't think God has told us. But he has told us that at the end of the age there will be a period when things will be very bad, when the little horn will seem to be about to ~~xxxxxx~~ utterly destroy                      and will be ~~winning~~ victory over them, and they will be given ~~vixxx~~ victory not by their succeeding in establishing a perfect world and in destroying those wicked men, but by our Lord coming back and setting up his kingdom of righteousness and peace, and this kingdom is an indestructible kingdom. Because in Revelation the word "millennium" of 1000 years is used six times in relation to it, we call it a millennium.

Whether we have to take that 1000 years as literally an exact 1000 years, or a long period of time, I don't think we should be dogmatic about. But we are not told that it is to be destroyed, but after a long period of time, God will make certain changes, and the exact nature of those changes we have not been told. There are manythings in the future we have not been told.

But these few specific features which are called pre-millennialism seem to me to be very clearly taught in the Scripture.

We'll have to stop there and don't forget to get the assignment for next week which I will have up here for you.