

Longing for Christ and the Golden Age dimmed in the middle ages. Thought that He would come in the future, after the Age of righteousness. Post Millennial view - a world view - like leaven.

Ergo: A Physical Bodily Personal Return.

Three main views today: Held by any who believe in the return, by real Christian. Hard for any real Christian to disbelieve return.

1) POST MILLENNIAL VIEW: Dominant thru the ages, most widely held today. Preaching of the Gospel to have a leaven-like success. Christ to return to a ~~half~~ wholly converted world. Easy to step into an evolutionary view. Widely held since Constantine. General indifference to the personal return. Worked out view came two hundred years ago by Whitley, in England, a scriptural Eschatological view. or system. Christ to come and judge at end of 1000 years of righteous rule.

2) PRE-MILLENNIAL: 2nd tendency since Constantine. 300 A.D. Especial attacked by anti-supernaturalists as fanatics, trouble makers, etc. Leads to fervency because of imminence of Christ's return. Disgust because of exaggeration, etc. Passage of golden age refer to millennium, curse removed. Christ comes ists (first?), those raised have resurrection bodies. Post mil. takes these passages and applies them to progress of the Gospel. Went into allegorizing attitude of Origen. Allegor - one thing means another thing. Stone - Chrsts, etc. ~~Spiritualizing one thing means another thing~~ Spiritualizing - one thing taken to mean a principle. Pre-mil to answer the Post mil has to show the rule of righteousness doesn't precede Christ's coming. Post Mil has to do much spiritualizing, as removal of curse, esp. the strict Post Mil view. Some say heaven, eternal age, swords into ploughshares, Post-mil many of them believe in the bodily return. Premils attacked now by the A-mils who say no rule of Christ after He returns.

3) A-MILS: Comes to Judge. No mil.

PASSAGES ON THE MILLENNIUM: KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

Mi. 3:8-44, Is. 11:1-9. These are not unique. but especially hard to answer and have so many ideas in them.