

(1) Unconditional prophecies. The Kingdom is certain. Is. 11:1, Mi. 3:12; 1:4, Ps. 2; 110, Rev. 19; 20, All these are absolutely sure, unconditional.

After forty days of teaching of Christ after the resurrection they still expected the kingdom restored. No rebuke by Christ, but as to time. If the kingdom were to be spiritualized in the hearts, they would know it and he would correct them if the views had been false. No question as to the attitude of men, etc.

(2) Features of it

1. An earthly Kingdom. Mi. 4:1-9 (Is 2) Isaiah 11:1-9
2. Time of external peace and safety. Swords, spears, not learn war. Vine and the fig tree.
3. Universal. Not spotty (spotty?) man here, man there. Earth full of the knowledge of Lord as the waters cover the sea. All shall know the Lord. Jer. 31:34, Ps. 2; 110, I Cor. 15:24-28.

These are POSSIBLE on the post-millennial view, BUT

4. The curse is removed. Isaiah 11. Nature of the animals changed. Calvin and Delitzsch, etc. take this as removal. Rom. 8:18-25, Rev. 20. Free from the results of Sin.

These passages show that there is to be such an age. Some deny earthly nature and make it all in heaven. Others spiritualize and make it all refer to the church. Is the obvious literal way the correct way? Seems so, and to be the only safe way. How about the time of fulfilment?

Dispute between pre and post mil is not a matter so much of time, but of method. of interpreting Scripture and attitude toward it. Post mil way of interpreting is similar to modernism. True, there is figure, but it must mean something, not just anything.

Non pre-mils interp Rev. 20 just any old way, all different. Warfield appealed to by many here, but he is not familiar with eschatology and drops it too soon. By his method anything could mean anything. Atonement, resurrection, etc. could all be explained away.

Differences within Post Mils

1. Golden age - new heavens and earth.
2. Golden age - Heaven.
3. Litera period except for the removal of the curse.
4. In church from days of Constantine. Spiritualizing within the heart, not external.