

.....take up His Church unto Him, and then there will be a period of great tribulation upon the earth, and they speak of that as a pretrib. rapture. Now there are some who will speak of a post-trib. rapture, some of a midtrib. rapture, and some will talk as if one of these views was distinctive of premillennialism. Theoretically a premil, a postmil, or an amil could believe in a pretrib, posttrib or a midtrib rapture. Theoretically there is no necessary connection between the view of the rapture and the view of the millennium. There could be any combination at all. In actual practice, the premils are far more interested in the details of the Lord's return, than are people holding either of the other views, and consequently, any one is much more apt to be found among premils than among the others, simply because most of the ~~xxxx~~ others don't even think the problem through in one aspect or the other. But certainly amillennialism could be combined with a pretrib, midtrib, or a posttrib rapture, and postmillennialism could be theoretically too, but it puts the coming off so far that one would hardly think of these in connection ~~xxx~~ with it. Now, the difference then is not a difference of the time of the rapture. Personally, I see no way, whatever to reconcile the Scriptural data with any other view than a pretrib rapture. I don't see any other view that doesn't ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ do great violence to the Scripture, but I don't think that that is in any way a necessary characteristic of premillennialism. I think it is another feature altogether, but premillennialism, postmil'sm, and amil'sm, in actuality differ as to the question of the millennium. And a premil'st says before the millennium reign of Christ, before that period of a thousand years, whether you interpret it as a thousand years literally and exactly, or whether you say it means a long period of time.... $2\frac{1}{2}$ ....quite a bit shorter or quite a bit longer than that, however you interpret the length of the time, a time of external peace and ~~xxx~~ safety, a time of universal blessing upon this earth, a time when Christ reigns in perfect justice and righteousness, this time comes after the return of Christ, and so the return of Christ is a premil-return, and then if you take that view, you believe that Rev.20 teaches that the saved participate in the millennium, and the lost are raised from the dead at the end, and so the judgment of the great white throne is only a judgment of the lost, not of the saved. That is a .... $3\frac{1}{2}$ ..... to this, because premil'sm requires