

that the saints be with God during this feast, therefore, not to be judged at the end, that the judgment at the end is a judgment of the lost, and not of the saved and the lost together. Now, that is premil'sm, and you can combine with this any combination of views you want. But it is what we mean by premil'sm, and you can interpret the details in different ways. Many premils say at the end of this period comes the establishment of something we call the new heavens and the new earth, Rev. 21, which comes after this. Zahn, the great German commentator, one of the greatest biblical scholars in the world's history, was a strong premil. But Zahn interpreted Rev. 21 as going back to the beginning of Rev. 20, and he said what is called the new heavens and the new earth is a description of the situation during the millennium in which the earth is purified and cleansed, and so ch.21 is a description of cleansing. And he would put the new heavens and the new earth as a term for this back here. Now, I think there is much evidence which fits in with that viewpoint of Zahn's. But whether you say there is a new heaven and a new earth after the tribulation, or whether it is after the millennium, or whether you say the new heaven and the new earth is a description of the millennium, they are both views which a premil can hold. A premil, theoretically may be a Calvinist or an Arminian, most of them are Calvinists. But there is no reason one couldn't be a premil and be an Arminian. A premil could conceivably believe in restricting baptism to people that reach a certain age, or believe in giving it to people at any age. He could take a view on many of these different points, differing. But Premil'sm holds to these particulars, that Christ's return to this earth is followed by...the term "pre" isn't particularly good, ~~because~~ because it takes for granted there is a millennium, and says Christ's coming is before it. A post-return millennium would be a better term. It means that after His return there is to be a reign of a thousand years. Now, postmil'sm is a view which has been very very widely held, but which has not been thought through in details by many people. And therefore, it has been held in a more general sense. And this postmil view is that this kingdom of righteousness comes before the return of Christ. A postmil return is after the millennium. Again a better term for it might be a pre-return millennium. Because the difference is on the millennium, not on the return. We agree that there is a return, a visible bodily