

And there is a third ~~term~~ ^{term} that it takes, and this ~~term~~ ^{term} is amil'sm. And the term itself is a negative term, amil, no millennium. What does that say? That says, Here is the ~~return~~ ^{return} of Christ, and the ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ return of Christ is physical ...12 $\frac{1}{2}$..., to the Church great clouds, putting an end to wickedness. Is there a millennium before His coming? Most will agree there is not anything which you could strictly call a millennium, and yet perhaps the Gospel will conquer the whole world before He comes, some will say we have no proof it will, we have no proof it won't. Is there a millennium after His return? No, definitely not. Why not? Because the general judgment is here, the new heaven and the new earth begins here, this earth comes to an end, and an eternal state begins, and so there is no millennium after His return, and there is no place where this earth is cleansed of the curse, and when there is a great happiness and joy (and peace, and freedom from the curse on this earth. Well, now that all that is essential of ~~amil~~ amil'sm. Theoretically an amil could believe in a pretrib rapture, a midtrib rapture, a posttrib rapture. Most of them never mention a rapture, but theoretically they could believe in any one of these three. Now, these two positions have got certain definite points, there are other matters on which they may vary indeed. An amil does not believe that there is a millennium. By that they mean that there is not a period like the premil says, and that is sure. He thinks there probably is not a period like the postmil says, but he usually will say, I don't know for sure. But, now, you read in the Bible certain descriptions of a wonderful period of righteousness, a wonderful time of happiness and joy on this earth. What do those things refer to? Well, the amils agree that they do not have a millennium like this. Well what do they14 $\frac{1}{2}$? Some will say they may describe something like the postmil holds here. There is a thin line of division that way between a- and postmils, as to how they interpret these facts. But most amils will say, these passages describe the joy of the saints in heaven or these passages in some way refer to the eternal state, or these passages refer to the present situation in the world when the church is here, but they will vary. Some will hold one of these views, and some another. So that strictly speaking, you can't say there is an amil view. There is a premil view, a postmil view.