Sunday NightLife

West London Alliance Church

A Study of The Book of Revelation

#20. REVELATION 20:4-6 April 1, 2001

THE SEVEN FINAL VISIONS

Vision #5, 20:4-6

The "priests of God and of Christ" reign for a thousand years

THE THREE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS

- Premillennialism says "the thousand years" is a period of time that will follow the return of Christ.
- Postmillennialism says "the thousand years" is a period of time that will be followed by the return of Christ.
- Amillennialism says "the thousand years" is not a period of time in history at all but rather a description of the spiritual reign of believers with Christ in heaven.

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES YOUR VIEW OF "THE THOUSAND YEARS" MAKE?

"They came to life and reigned with Him for a thousand years" [20:4]

D	ifferen	ce #1	- A d	liffe	erence

- ~ Premillennialists believe that Christ will being to reign after His physical return.
- ~ "Non-premillennialists" believe that Christ is reigning now.

Ephesians 1:20-22

Hebrews 1:8

Revelation 1:5; 3:21; 4:17; 11:15-17; 19:16

<u>Difference #2</u> – A difference

- ~ Premillennialists believe that Christ's people will reign with Him after His physical return.
- ~ "Non-premillennialists" believe that Christ's people are reigning with Him now.

Matthew 19:20

II Timothy 2:12

Revelation 3:21

Ephesians 2:6

Colossians 3:3,4

<u>Difference #3</u> – A difference

- ~ Premillennialists expect Christ will make great differences in the world after His physical return.
- ~ "Non-premillennialists" exprect Christ to make great differences in the world now.

Isaiah 2:1-4

Isaiah 9:6.7

Isaiah 11:1-9

Isaiah 65:25