

Amillennialism's Secret Things

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Why is amillennialism important when considering where we are on God's prophetic clock?

Amillennialism is the sign of the times. The conditions of the church prophesied to indicate the time just prior to the return of Jesus is apostasy, scoffing about the return of Jesus, and the lukewarmness of Laodicea.

- 78% of Christendom is amillennial (last Deep Dive)

How does amillennialism contribute to the conditions of the church at the end of the Age?

- Apostasy – not interpreting the Bible literally leads to false human ideas that lead people away from God.
- Scoffing – an incorrect view of the end times contributes to ignorance of Bible prophecy and compromise with the world's perspective.
- Lukewarmness – not knowing God through His Word results in religion without relationship.

From where do Christians get the idea that the Bible teaches amillennialism?

The idea that the Bible teaches amillennialism grew out of an allegorical, nonliteral method of interpretation.

- A school in Alexandria, Egypt started spiritualizing Old Testament promises to Israel treating them as being fulfilled spiritually in the present church.
- Augustine in the 4th Century popularized that approach (especially in *The City of God*), and thus amillennialism became dominant in the church.

In contrast, the literal or historical-grammatical method coming from Antioch led others to read prophetic promises as pointing to a future, earthly reign of Christ—i.e., premillennialism.

Why does amillennialism lead to replacement theology?

Amillennialism believes that God is working through the church up until Jesus returns and immediately ushers in the Eternal State. They don't believe there is a role for Israel and thus the church as replaced Israel in the plan of God.

- If there is no physical Millennial Kingdom, Jesus ruling on earth is spiritualized to mean that He is ruling in the church who is on earth.

Why does replacement theology lead to antisemitism?

Replacement theology transfers Israel's promises to the church to create conditions that have historically bred prejudice and hostility toward Jews.

Antisemitism is prophesied in Scripture, what about replacement theology, is it prophesied?

The Law given to Moses includes prophecies of what would happen to national Israel when they are not faithful to God...

Deuteronomy 29:24-29 – ²⁴ *All nations would say, 'Why has the Lord done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?'* ²⁵ *Then people would say: 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; ²⁶ for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them. ²⁷ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. ²⁸ And the Lord uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'* ²⁹ *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

v24 – Does the world understand why God disciplined Israel?

No, they see the result of God's discipline but they don't understand why.

v25-28 – Who are the people who would know the reason God disciplined Israel?

This has to be Christians... It is Christians who are familiar with the Scriptures, who else could have offered such an explanation?

What is "this day" at the end of verse 28?

This has to be the "day" of the Church Age during the diaspora of Israel.

Was what the Christians said in verses 24-28 correct?

Yes, in and of itself, all these were foretold in other Scripture passages. But it is not the whole story...

- Immediately afterward, in chapter 30, God explains that Israel's expulsion from the Promised Land and dispersion among the nations would not be their final destiny.
- So, there remained hope for Israel. If they repented and returned to the LORD, He would gather them from all the nations where they had been scattered, bring them back into the land their fathers possessed, and they would re-possess it (Deuteronomy 30:1-5).

Does Deuteronomy 30:1-5 mean that Israel must believe in Jesus before they return to the land?

No. The pattern taught in Scripture is that Israel's regathering to the land can (and historically has) occurred while the nation remains largely in unbelief.

- Israel as a nation will be brought to saving faith in the Messiah during the Tribulation

The Deuteronomy passage refers to the supernatural regathering of Israel at the end of the Tribulation. Their regathering pre-Tribulation is in unbelief:

Ezekiel 36:24-26 – *I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you*

How do we know there will be a supernatural regathering of Israel at the end of the Tribulation?

Jeremiah 23:7-8 – *“Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”*

God declares that the future regathering of the Jewish people from all nations will be so magnificent that the Exodus from Egypt will no longer be the primary way they remember His redemptive power.

v29 – Why would this comment about “secret things” be after what the church says?

This has to be a warning to not go beyond what God has said... Do not enter into the secret realm that belongs to God by speaking words God has not spoken.

What is the danger in speculating about *secret things* that God has not revealed?

Our flawed human-centered perspective will invent things that tickle our ears but contradict the mind of God.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 – *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

We live in the time of the fulfillment of this prophecy about the church.

- The idea that the church has replaced Israel in the promises of God is a fable.

Are there secret things that God has not revealed to humanity that are true?

Certainly, but God has not revealed them to us for good reason. So, we shouldn't try to invent what these might be.

So, should we not speculate about undisclosed details about what life would be like in heaven for example?

Some educated speculation honors God and encourages us:

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 – *Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.*

If our speculations are consistent with God's Word, it may well be the Spirit revealing these things to us.

How do those engaged in allegorical interpretation go beyond what God has said?

Allegorical interpretation goes beyond what God has said by abandoning the plain, literal sense of the text and imposing an extra layer of meaning — their own spiritualized interpretation that they just make up.

What “secret things” do allegorizing amillennialists invent about God's promises to Israel?

They suppose that the promises God made to Israel have been transferred to the church. That God is done with Israel and has been replaced with the church.

- When Israel is mentioned in prophecies about the future, amillennialists read “church” instead.

Does God warn us in the Bible about the allegorizing that amillennialists must engage in?

Yes, we are already familiar with:

Revelation 22:18-19 – *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

But there are also these admonitions...

Deuteronomy 12:32 – *Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.* (see also Deuteronomy 4:2)

Proverbs 30:5-6 – *Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.*

Everyone who subtracts from the Bible and adds their own words should take these verses to heart.

v29 – What is meant by those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever?

God tells us what we need to know and it is truth that does not change with time.

- The promises to Israel about their restoration will be fulfilled.
- Even in eternity, we will look back on these verses and recall how God fulfilled them thus giving us a deeper understanding of Him.

v29 – What is the purpose of what God has revealed to us?

That we may do all the words of this law. That we would obey God. Believing in Jesus enables us to be right with God in satisfying the requirements of the Law.

Matthew 5:17 – *Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Law for us so we don't have to work for our salvation.

- It is not possible for mortals to earn God's favor for salvation through their own good works.

If Jesus fulfilled the Law for us, what relevance does the Law have for us today?

There are principles in the Law that are relevant for all time. We study the Law to better know the mind of God and apply the principles in it to grow closer to Him.

- We don't apply the principles in the Law to earn salvation, we do it out of gratitude to glorify God.
- The Law was given for the benefit of humanity and life is better when the principles are applied.

What applications do we see from our discussion today?

- God warned us about allegorizing His Word.
- Amillennialism depends on allegorizing and leads to replacement theology and antisemitism.
- Amillennialism and allegorizing God Word are signs of the times: apostasy, scoffing, lukewarmness.