



Mariner's **DISCOVERY Church**

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Program for Sunday, September 17, 2023

Call to Worship: *Revelation Song*

Call to Worship: *Majesty*

Welcome, announcements, and prayer:

- **Welcome and Thanks for joining us today!!!!**
 - **The Weekly Bible Study is meeting this week.** We will be finishing #7, which is on the back table. We will meet in the green residential house at the property at 1641 Bixler Road, on Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
 - **We have another fundraiser.** We are collecting sneakers in any (yes, any!) condition. There is a garbage can lined with a black bag in the carport of the green house on the property. Please put your sneakers in there.
 - **The “GoFundMe” fundraiser website for MDC has been updated** for the Property Building Project. It is going well. If you're interested in donating please go to our website: www.OurMDC.org and click on the link. **You can also pick up a few business cards at the back table with the QR code to share with family & friends.**
 - **Please pick up Connect Cards/Envelopes** in the back for offerings, prayer requests and place it in one of the offering boxes. **Please note**, for pledge card donations, please mark your gift “BF” or “Building Fund.”
 - **Thank you for your continued financial support of MDC.**
 - Tithes & Offerings Budget (need) (as of 6/30/23): \$89,712
 - Actual Tithes and Offerings received: \$67,803
- Net Shortfall: \$-21,909**
- **Please contact us** for any needs, suggestions, or prayer requests:
 - Pastor Larry Quinnell - PastorLarry@OurMDC.org
 - General Info. - Info@OurMDC.org
 - Prayer requests - PrayerRequest@OurMDC.org

Adoration: *Oceans*

Defender

Message: *The New King predicts the end.*

Response/Affirmation: *How Can I keep from Singing Your Praise*

Assurance/Sending: *Holy is the Lord*

Close of Service

Message Notes:

Friday Devotional: Matthew 14:26-27 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Mark 12:35-37 Takeaways

- Jesus believes that the Holy Spirit inspired scripture.
- Today, limiting Jesus still happens.
- Today, tradition still wins of scripture.
- Do not neglect scripture because it is teaching something that you do not want to obey.
- Questions direct a conversation.
- Sometimes, it is more shrewd to not give the opposition ammunition in their contention against you.
- Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would help you to answer. Ask for that help.

Mark 12:38-40 Takeaways

- Be aware of the role of tradition as a trap.
- Be aware of the insidiousness of personal pride.
- Long prayers or even short prayers for public acclaim are a dead end.
- We need to choose church leaders/ pastors because of their character, not their "stage presence."
- When a leader is off the rails, push back with scripture.
- Be aware of how we act when we are treated with disrespect. Respond with humility.

Mark 12:41-44 Takeaways

- If I give for the praise of others, I have received my reward.
- Jesus does not condemn the rich giver.
- Jesus was impressed by the widow's giving.
- Painful giving has more value than painless giving.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- Giving can involve my time, my talents, my treasure.

Mark 13:1-14 As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down."

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. 7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. 8 "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 9 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 "The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 "When they arrest

you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 "You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

14 "But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

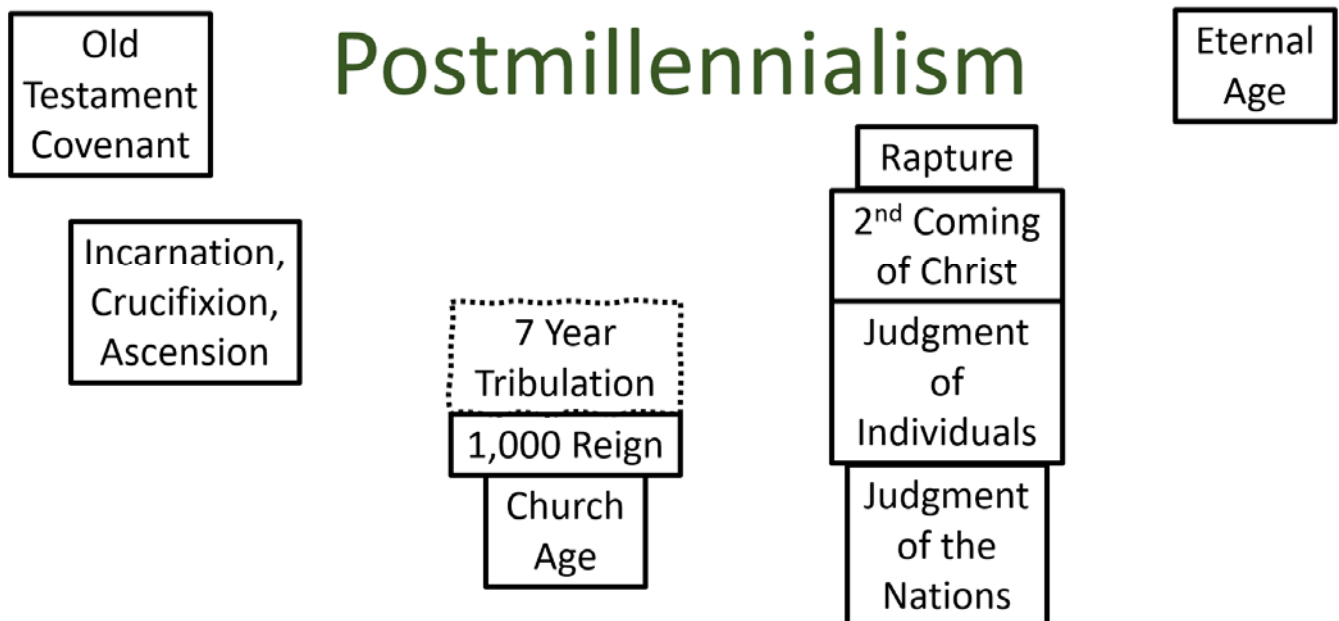
How do I understand my bible?

- Multiple books within the Bible.
- Multiple Authors: Different purposes.
- Multiple cultures.
- Multiple languages.
- Literary types:
 - law, history, wisdom, poetry, narrative, epistles, prophecy and apocalyptic.
- Time: Now and Not Yet.

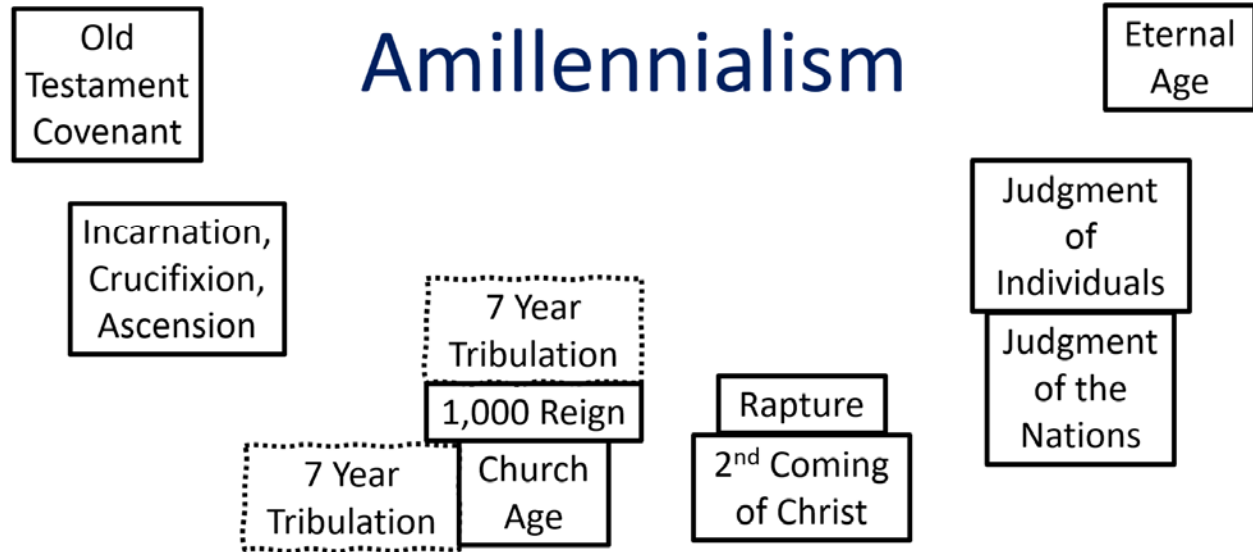
How do I understand my bible?

- What is God’s overarching intent?
 - How does this passage fit in with that?
- Understanding the historical and cultural setting.
 - What was author’s intent?
 - What was the readers/ listeners understanding?
- What does the rest of the bible say about this?
 - Has there been progressive revelation about this?
- Could there be more than one meaning?
- Is there an understandable plain text meaning?
- Are there other clues?

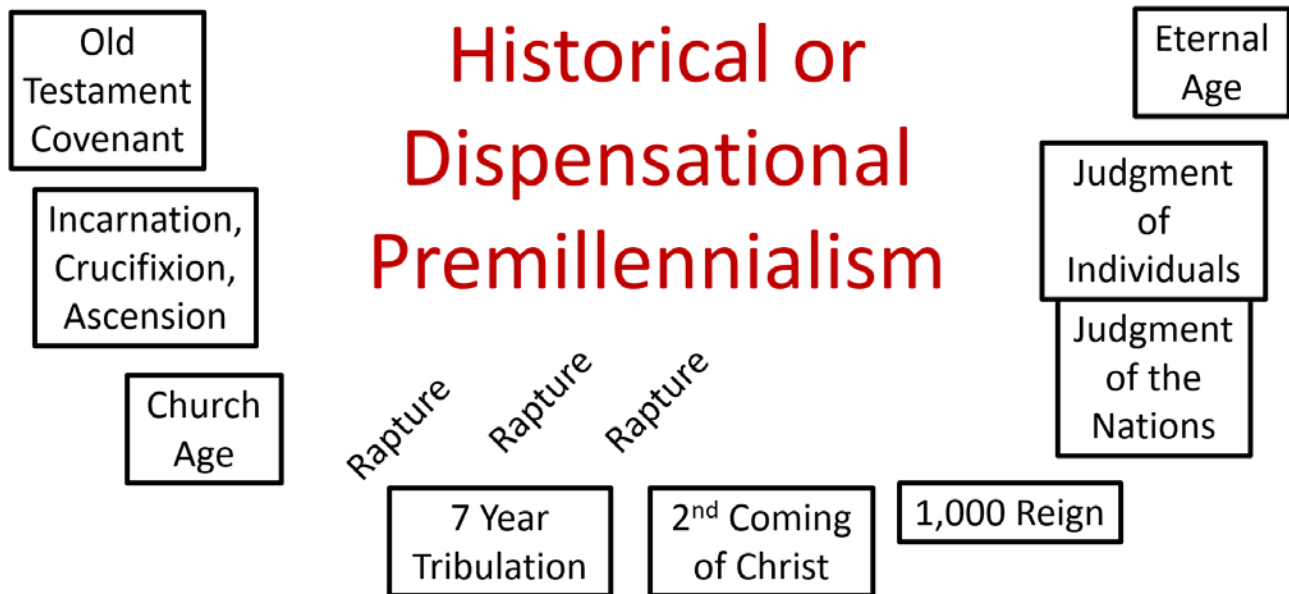
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What do I make of this Gobbledygook?

- Hold unclear understandings about end times loosely.
- People who believe different things about end times, but believe the same things about Jesus are allies, not enemies.
- Jesus is preparing believers then and now for harder times.
- Jesus is preparing believers then and now for the end times.
- Jesus wants us to be ready to meet Him at any moment.
- Believers can rely on the power of the Holy Spirit in the midst of problems and persecutions.
- Believers are to speak the gospel.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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