Premillennialism
Rev. 20:1-4

Introduction:
A. Premillennialism is the doctrine that Christ will return before (pre) the millennium (1000 yrs).
   1. Teaches 1000 year reign of Christ on earth following Second Coming.
   2. Teaches Christ will reign in Jerusalem on throne of David after Jews return to Palestine.
   3. Teaches church was established instead of the kingdom because of Jewish opposition.
B. Premillennialism is wide-spread and crosses denominational lines– has even affected the church.
C. Premillennialism thrives on perversions of Bible prophecy to fit its ideas of Rev. 20:4

Discussion:
I. It Perverts Christ’s Promised Return.
   A. Christ returns to “deliver up” not “set up” kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24)
   B. Christ’s return not subject of Rev. 20:4 - It does not mention:
      1. 2nd coming of Christ.
      2. Bodily resurrection
      3. Reign on earth
      4. Literal throne of David
      5. Jerusalem nor Palestine
      6. Christ on earth.
   C. People in Kingdom in 1st Century – after 1st coming (Col. 1:13)

II. It Perverts God Promises to Abraham
   A. National promise (Gen. 12:2; 13:15; 15:5) - fulfilled in Ancient Israel (Ex. 19:6)
   B. Land promise (Gen. 13:15; 15:18) – fulfillment recorded (Josh. 23:14-16; 2 Chr. 9:26; 1 Kings 4:21)
   C. Spiritual promise (Gal. 3:16; Acts 3:25, 26; Gal 3:6-9, 26-29).

III. It Perverts God’s Prophecy Concerning Christ’s Reign.
   A. Jesus fulfilled Messianic prophecy at 1st Coming (Mt. 5:17; Acts 3:18-26; 13:25-34; 15:13-17)
   B. Jesus is now reigning on David’s throne (Psa. 110:1-4 w/ Heb. 1:3; Acts 2:33; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 22:17; Heb. 6:20; Acts 2:29-36 w/ Jer. 22:28-30)

IV. It Perverts God’s Purpose for His Kingdom.
   A. Not of this world (John 18:36-37)
   B. Spiritual Kingdom - His church (Acts 2:30-36 with Eph. 1:20-23)

Conclusion:
A. Premillennialism is more than innocent speculation of “unfulfilled prophecy”
   1. It takes us from under the rule of Christ for now.
   2. It makes us still under the power of darkness (cf. Col. 1:13)
   3. It makes us take the Lord’s supper without any right (Lk. 22:29-30)
   4. It makes Christ a failure His first time, thus casting doubt on second coming and promises.