

CAN MEN STOP GOD?

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Mankind has done some pretty wonderful things during his time on the earth: sent a man to the moon, discovered the cure for many once fatal diseases, and advanced technology that baffles the mind! Yet, as Solomon said long ago, "there is nothing new under the sun".

However, man is still limited in his abilities. Can he stop death? Can he predict why it occurs in all cases? Does he have the answers to all of men's woes? See, he is limited.

Still, some men believe that man was great enough, at one time, to stop God from fulfilling his plans. Listen to the words of the prophets.

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." {Daniel 2:44}

"Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." {Daniel 7:14}

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it." {Isaiah 2:2}

All of these prophets have a single message- God will establish His kingdom. It will be greater than all other kingdoms, and it will last forever. When? How? Where?

Daniel gives the answer to "when". According to Daniel 2, it would be in the days of the "fourth kingdom". Secular history confirms this kingdom was Rome. What time did Christ come to the earth?

"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered" {Luke 2:1} He was one of the Roman emperors. Christ was on earth during this time.

"And He said to them, Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." {Mark 9:1} Some during His time would see the kingdom come. In Acts 2, that time came. Please read Acts 1:8.

Now my Premillennialist friends tell me that the kingdom is yet to come. It will be set up when Christ returns to the earth. The "church age", as they call it, was plan B in God's eternal purpose, a "gap filler", until the final plan would be completed. Why did God need such a plan? The national rejection of the Jews prevented Christ from establishing His kingdom while He was here.

We could give much evidence to show that the kingdom and the church are one and the same. Colossians 1:13, Matthew 1:16; Revelation 1:9. The Bible clearly shows that the prophets were correct, Christ kept His promise, and history shows the faithfulness of God's word.

Yet, we need to consider something much more devastating to the Premillennialist theory. What conclusion can be drawn if what they tell us is correct, the kingdom is yet to come? Simply put, we have been lied to by the prophets, apostles, and Jesus Himself. Who can believe it!

If such thinking is correct, and it is not, then MEN STOPPED THE PLANS OF GOD!! The creature defeated the creator. Please give careful thought to these points: God, who spoke the world into existence, upholds it by the power of that same word, can hear men's prayers at any time or any place they may be uttered, and His power is unmatched in the entire world. Yet, we are led to believe that man, created from the dust of the ground, was able to defeat the eternal plans of God. Dear reader, I'm an open minded man and will look at any evidence presented that could prove such conclusions correct. Man has come a long way, but not that long! Who can believe it!! ***