

A GLORIOUS FUTURE

A Premillennialist Looks at the Millennial Kingdom of Christ
and Examines Postmillennial and Amillennial Objections

"The Kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ" (Rev 11:15).

Eighty years ago no one could have foreseen that this would be a century of war and violence. Many declared that the establishment of the Hague Tribunal and the general desire of the nations for peace would produce a century of freedom from the turmoil that had characterized the previous century. Yet this has proved to be the bloodiest century in all history. Probably more men have been killed by violence in this century than in all the previous history of the world. Two world wars have been fought on a scale never before equaled. Acts of terrorism or senseless murder have frequently occurred. Advance in technology and increase in violence have accompanied one another.

Early in this century many expected "the evangelization of the world in this generation." Yet today there are large areas of the world where it is illegal for a parent even to speak about God to his child. In recent years many Christians have suffered imprisonment and torture for their faith. Naturally all of us wonder what is ahead.

Human guesses about the future have rarely worked out. There is only one way to know about any aspect of the future, and that is to see what the inerrant Word of God reveals concerning it.

We must be particularly careful not to read our own ideas into the Bible. It is all too easy to adopt an idea after brief consideration of a few verses and then twist everything else into agreement with it. This error should be scrupulously avoided. We should stand on whatever the Bible clearly reveals, and make sure that we do not disregard any part of God's revelation.