

and establishing that situation. It can not possibly fit in with any all millennial interpretation of the scripture. Now to my mind, in connection with premillennialism, I have always found it helpful to take a few main passages like this and look at them and see what they teach and then it seems to me that if you get what these teach, you have a foundation for it and then you can go on and go into details and there may be differences of opinion. But if you don't get your solid points, which are clear in the scripture and inescapable, you are apt to give the impression to the people that everything rests on the equal sort of foundation. That is that it is all equally clear and it isn't. Some things are made very clear in the scripture. Other things ~~the~~ the Lord has left for us to dig in. But to my mind the main essentials of premillennialism are made so clear in the scripture that if anyone will go with an honest scientific attitude to see ~~what is there~~, I don't see how he can come out with any other conclusion. Now just for a second now, I am going ~~to~~ to go into the New Testament and refer briefly to another matter just very briefly. IN Matthew 24 and 25, There are those who say that these chapters teach that the great tribulation is going to come before the church will be raptured. but the church will not be taken up to heaven until this great tribulation has occurred and many events have occurred so that we know that we are now at that time when the Lord will come. Well, I am not going into the evidence which is presented on that. The evidence is entitled to careful consideration but just now what I want to do is to take a glance at the chapters as a whole and to ask this question: What is the emphasis of the Lord on these chapters? What is he trying to stress in chapters 24 and the first half of 25? Well, the disciples came to him and they said, Tell us when shall these things be in verse 3, and what shall be the sign of thy coming unto the end of the world? And as you go on you find that the big stress all the way through is this: Verse 5, Now I guess I won't read verse, yes, verse 5, Many will come in my name saying, I am Christ and will deceive many. Nation will rise against nation, all these are but the