

Core outline of dispensational premillennialism

- Important assumptions
 - Earlier, God established a redemptive as well as territorial covenant with Abraham that continues today
 - The outworking or governance of this covenant has changed over the times, or dispensations
 - We are currently in a time, or dispensation, where God's plan is not focused on Abraham's natural children living in their promised land
 - There are future dispensations of this covenant still to come
 - The next will focus on redeeming one last portion of Abraham's biological descendants
- Dispensational premillennialism
 - Jesus will return to earth after a Great Tribulation lasting 7 years (Rev 7:14) and then rule for 1,000 years
 - Before this Great Tribulation, and separate from His second coming, He will take into heaven, or "Rapture", all believers in Christ, already dead or alive at that time (1 Thess 4:15-17)
 - During the Great Tribulation, Satan will send a false Christ and a false prophet to mimic the first coming of Jesus
 - Most of Abraham's descendants will worship this "antichrist" as the messiah foretold by the prophets
 - After the Jesus' second coming, God will give Abraham's descendants the land foretold in Gen 15:8
 - After Christ's 1,000 years of peaceful rule, or Millennium (Rev 20:4-6), there will be one last defiance and then a final judgment

Take away thought

The principles by which God rules and acts never change, and He will always honor His promises. We should not lose heart while His plans unfold.