



# Session 5

## March 13, 2011

# Paulicianism

- Influenced by Paul of Samosata, Bishop of Antioch (200 -275 AD)
- Thrived in Armenia and Eastern Byzantine Empire from 650 – 872.
- Accepted most of the N.T. but are said to have rejected the O.T.
- Opposed icons and the title “Mother of God”
- Rejected baptism and communion

# Middle Ages

The Middle Ages were a time in which premillennialism, literal interpretation, dispensations, and an Israel-church distinction were largely absent from theological discussion or went underground.



# Joachim of Fiore

- Lived 1135 – 1202
- Cistercian Monk from Italy
- Took a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1159
- Wrote about 3 Periods of History
- The Age of the Father – Old Testament
- The Age of the Son – Nativity to 1260
- The Age of the Spirit – 1260 onward.

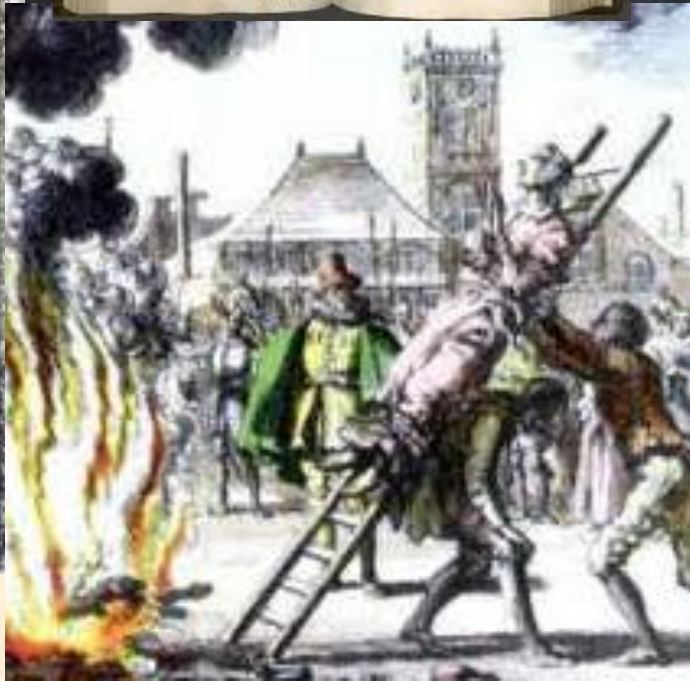
Joachim was unique in expecting an era of spiritual bliss after the coming of Antichrist but before the end of history.

- Some scholars say that a millennialist tradition can be traced from him to the reformation



# The Reformation

## October 31, 1517



# Reformers' Attitudes Toward Pre-millennialism

- Lutheran – Augsburg Confession –  
Condemns those “who now scatter Jewish  
opinions that.. the godly shall occupy the  
kingdom of the world,”
- Calvin - a "fiction" that is "too childish  
either to need or to be worth a refutation."
- Anglican Articles (1553) - described the  
millennium as a 'fable of Jewish dotage.'

# Giacopo Brocardo.

- Published a work on Revelation in 1582
- He believed the Status of the Spirit had begun with Luther's preaching
- He subdivided the Status of the Spirit into 7 sub-ages.
- The sixth age was to extend from the Massacre of St. Bartholomew to the final overthrow of the papacy.
- Then the seventh age would constitute the millennium of Revelation 21



# Isaac Watts 1674 - 1748

several successive periods or *ages* of the world, where in are contained the duties which he expects from men, and the blessings which he promises

I. The Dispensation of Innocency

II. Adam after the Fall

III. The Noahic Dispensation

IV. The Abrahamic Dispensation

V. The Mosaic Dispensation

VI. The Christian Dispensation (*Disp. Today*, p. 73). (Ice; op. cit.)