

Amillennialism — Inauguration & Consummation

“We must insist that the message of biblical eschatology will be seriously impoverished if we do not include in it the present state of the believer and the present phase of the kingdom of God. In other words, full-orbed biblical eschatology must include both what we might call “inaugurated” [present or realized] and “future” eschatology.”

—— Anthony Hoekema, *The Bible and the Future* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982), 1.

“The point that Ladd, Ridderbos, and Hoekema all make is that biblical data indicates that the kingdom has both present and future elements. New Testament writers set forth a distinct tension between the present inauguration of that kingdom (the already, this age) and its future consummation (the not yet, the age to come).”

—— Kim Riddlebarger, *A Case for Amillennialism*, (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013), 127.

“The Messiah has come and inaugurated his kingdom. But the Messiah must return at the end of the age to consummate that kingdom!”

—— Kim Riddlebarger, *A Case for Amillennialism*, (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013), 263.