

# MESSAGE OUTLINE

August 28, 2022

**Series: Themes of Revelation**

**Scripture:** Revelation 4-5

**Message: LAMB**

**Other Verses** 1 Thess 4:13-18

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

*After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." (Revelation 4:1-2 ESV).*

**Purpose of this Book: To encourage believers to remain F\_\_\_\_\_.**

**One of the blessings from this book is that We Will S\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus More Clearly.**

***"Biblical Worship is seeing what God is W\_\_\_\_\_ and giving Him what He's worth." (Tim Keller)***

**3 issues with a "silent" or "secret" rapture:**

1. There is nothing S\_\_\_\_\_ about the rapture from the passages used.
2. Why would God take the C\_\_\_\_\_ out of the world at the darkest hour?
3. A "silent" or "secret" rapture teaches a S\_\_\_\_\_ chance after the Second Coming.

**Answers from Chapter 4:**

- Who is on the Throne?
- Who are the 24 elders?
- Who are the 4 living creatures?
- What is everyone doing?

**Who is the Main Character of Chapter 5?**

- The L\_\_\_\_\_ who is J\_\_\_\_\_.

# SERIES PREPARATION GUIDE



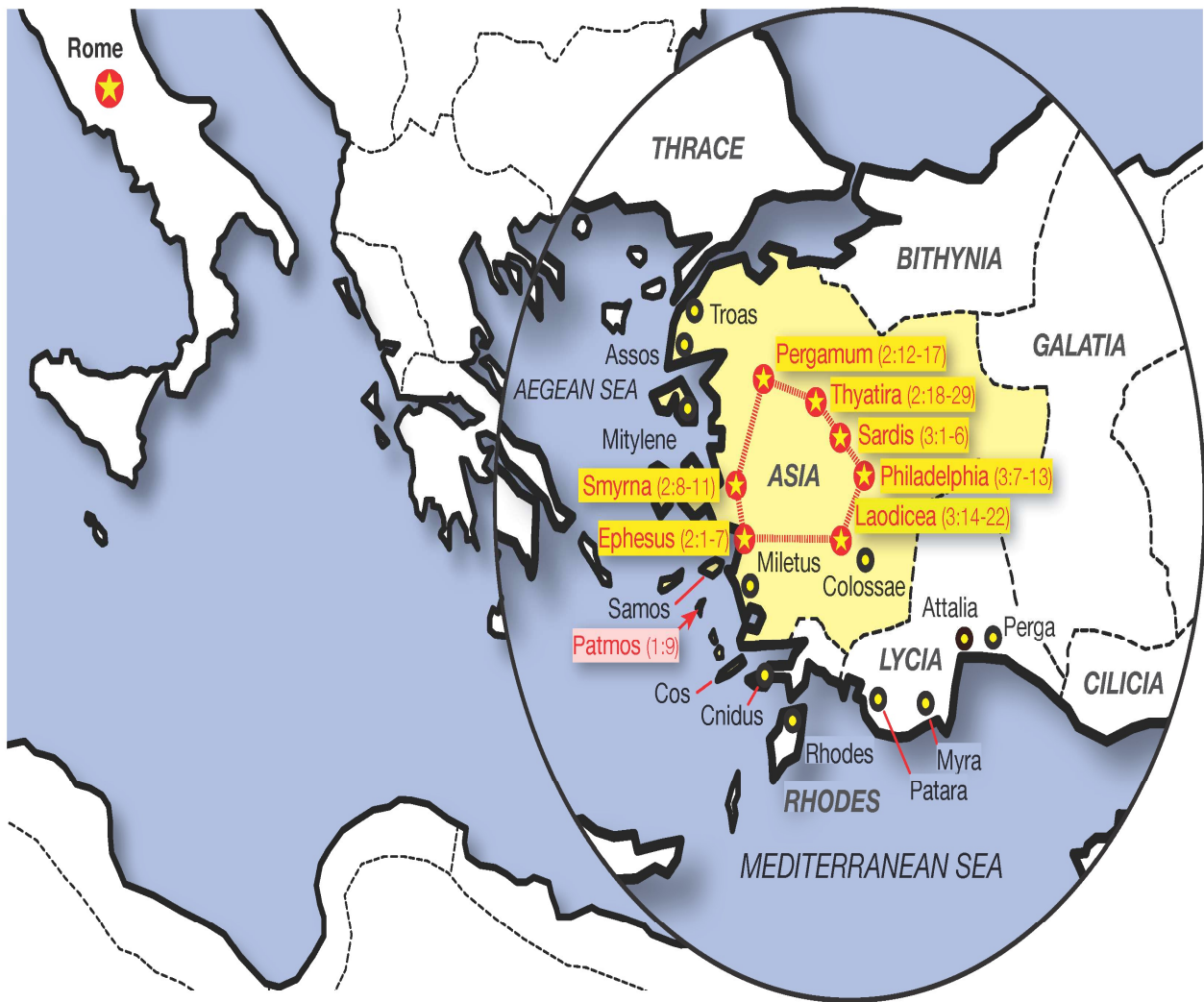
<b>AUG</b>	14	Themes of Revelation	Introduction	Revelation 1:1-3
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# REVELATION: ROME & THE SEVEN CHURCHES

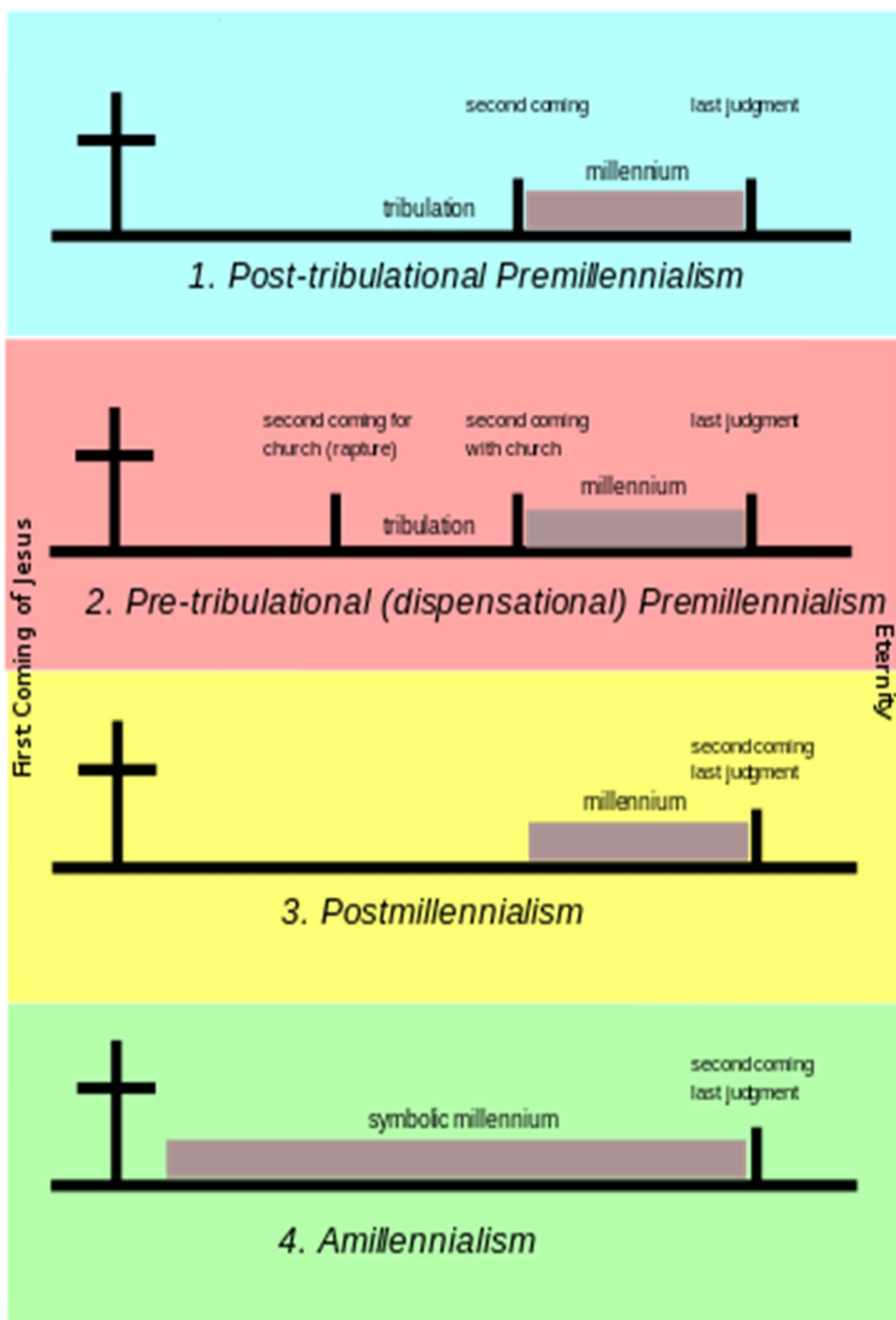
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## Four Views of the End Times

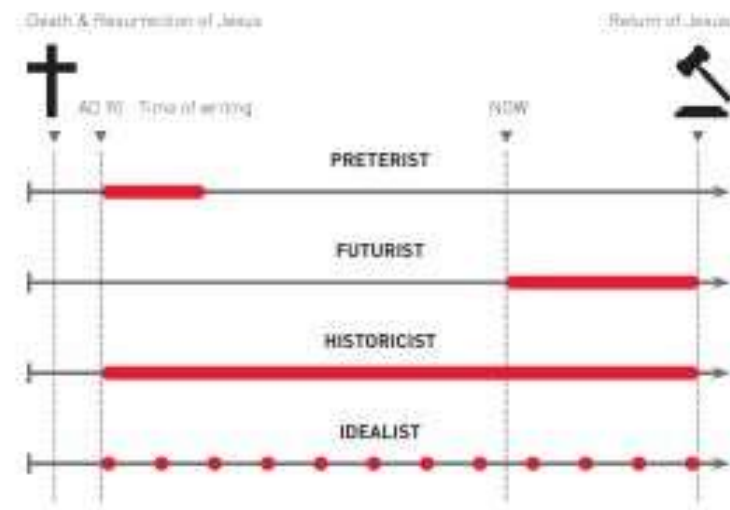
	Dispensational Premillennialism	Historical Premillennialism	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism
Will Jesus return physically?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
When will Jesus return?	After a 7-year tribulation; before the millennium.	After tribulation; before the millennium.	Anytime; a detailed time frame is not important.	After the millennium.
Do the rapture and second coming of Christ occur at the same time?	No, they are events separated by either 7 years (pre-tribulation rapture) or 3½ years (mid-tribulation rapture).	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will there be a great tribulation?	Yes	Yes	The tribulation occurs any time Christians are persecuted or wars and disasters occur.	Tribulation is either the first-century Jewish-Roman War or the ongoing conflict between good and evil prior to millennium.
Will Christians suffer during the tribulation?	Christians are either raptured before the tribulation (pre-tribulation rapture) or 3½ years into the tribulation (mid-tribulation rapture).	Yes, Christians will go through the tribulation and endure suffering and persecution for the cause of Christ.	Yes, Christians will suffer and endure persecution until Jesus returns; persecution will increase in the end.	Yes, Christians are called to share the gospel, and tribulation will occur when that gospel is opposed.
Will there be a literal 1,000-year millennium?	Yes, after the 7-year tribulation, Christ will return and reign for 1,000 years.	Yes, after the tribulation, Christ will return and reign for 1,000 years.	No, the millennium refers to the reign of Christ in the hearts of his believers.	No, the millennium refers to a period of peace when the gospel reaches all people.
Who is saved?	Christians only	Christians only	Christians only	Christians only
Is the modern state of Israel relevant to the prophecies in Revelation?	Yes	No	No	No
When was this view most held?	Became popular about 1860. Has increased in popularity.	The earliest view of the end times, emerging at the end of the first century.	Popularized in AD 400. Continues to be accepted today.	May have been popular as early as AD 300. Less popular today.

## Comparison of Christian millennial teachings



# FOUR WAYS TO READ REVELATION

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## 1. PRETERIST: Revelation is about events in the past

The events described in Revelation all took place around the time of the letter's writing and should be read with that historical context in mind. In other words, the letter was written first and now read in thousands of the first century, under Roman rule and persecution. As such, we need to understand how they would have originally read it, before applying it to ourselves.

## 2. FUTURIST: Revelation is about events in the future

The events described in Revelation were predicted to take place in the far distant future, at least from the point of view of the original readers. So, the focus is on events that are still to come, including things like "The Tribulation" and "The Millennium."

## 3. HISTORICIST: Revelation is about all of history

Revelation describes the key events of history stretching from the death and resurrection of Jesus to his return as judge. It can be seen as a timetable by which we can interpret "the signs of the times." In other words, world events today are described in Revelation.

## 4. IDEALIST: Revelation is about timeless principles

Revelation isn't talking about a specific time. It is talking about a pattern of events or trends that will be repeated throughout history. It is an encouragement to God's people at all times who face persecution. In that sense, it is a "timeless" message.

## Shifting Scenes of Revelation

Earth	Revelation 1-3
Heaven	Revelation 4-5
Earth	Revelation 6:1-8
Heaven	Revelation 6:9-11
Earth	Revelation 6:12-16
Heaven	Revelation 7:1-8:6
Earth	Revelation 8:7-11:14
Heaven	Revelation 11:15-12:4
Earth	Revelation 12:5-14:20
Heaven	Revelation 15:1-8
Earth	Revelation 16-18
Heaven	Revelation 19:1-10
Earth	Revelation 19:11-20:10
Heaven	Revelation 20:11-22:21