

MESSAGE OUTLINE

August 14, 2022

Series: Themes of Revelation

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-3

Message: Introduction

Other Verses Acts 1:6-11
1 Thessalonians 4, 2 Peter 3

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the sland^{er} of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’ (Revelation 2:9-11 ESV).

Purpose of this Book: To E_____ believers to remain faithful.

Imagery/Numerology Meanings:

Horns

12

10

7

6

4

3

Two Blessings from this book:

1. We will S_____ Jesus more C_____

2. We will F_____ Jesus more C_____

Three Words from God from this series:

1. Be W_____ 2. Be C_____ 3. Be R_____

“You must also be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him (Luke 12:40 ESV)

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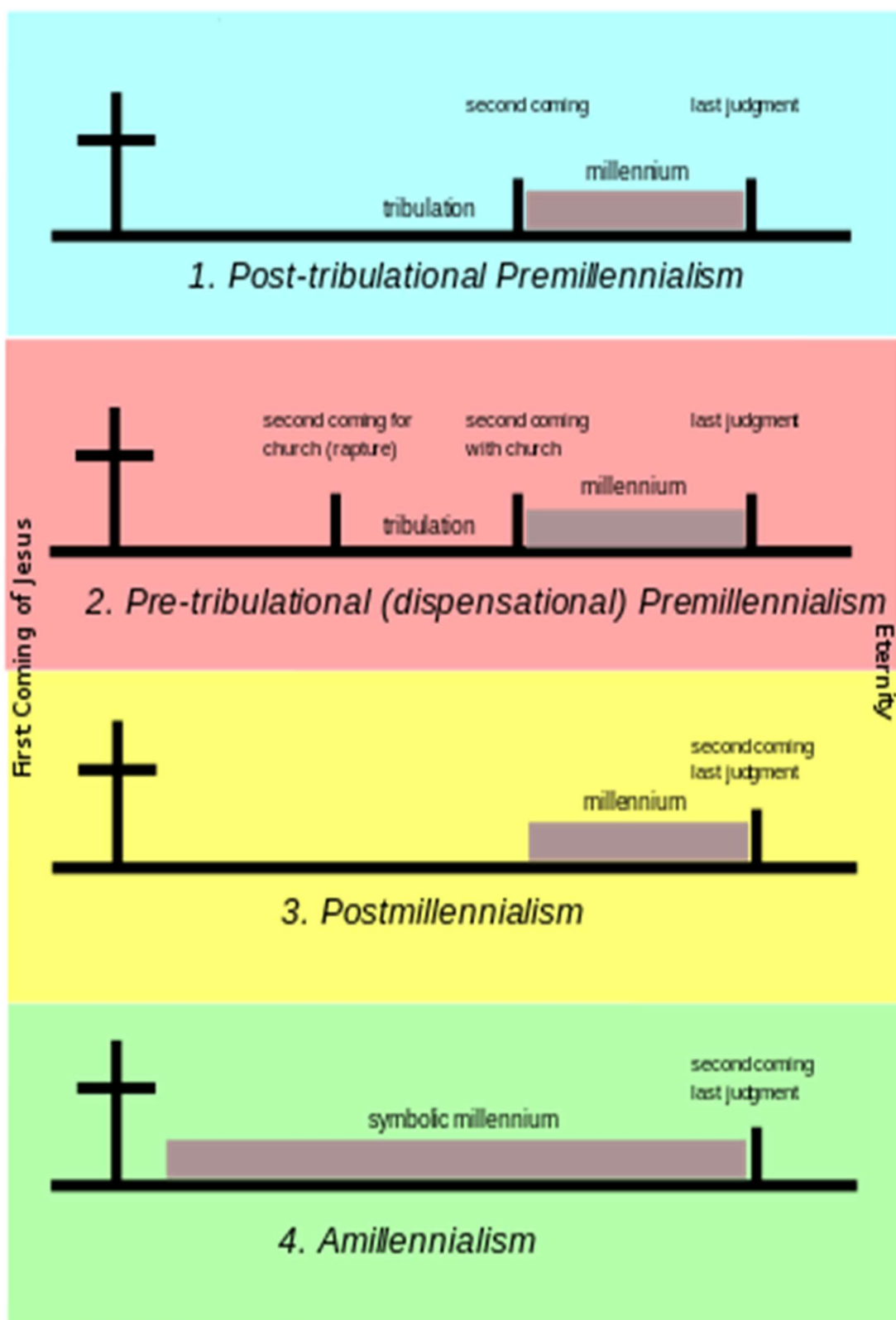


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Four Views of the End Times

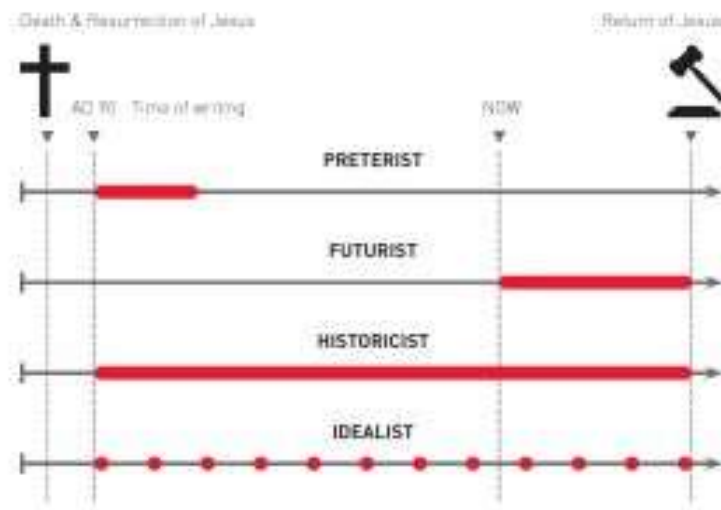
	Dispensational Premillennialism	Historical Premillennialism	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism
Will Jesus return physically?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
When will Jesus return?	After a 7-year tribulation; before the millennium.	After tribulation; before the millennium.	Anytime; a detailed time frame is not important.	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 responded to Christians in 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. So, 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