



The Return of the King

The Second
Coming of
Yeshua (Jesus)
How are we to
prepare?
Part 2



Isaiah 8:12-13

**Do not say, 'A conspiracy,'
Concerning all that this
people call a conspiracy, Nor
be afraid of their threats, nor
be troubled. The Lord of
hosts, Him you shall hallow;
*Let Him be your fear, And let
Him be your dread.***

Isaiah 2:2

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.



The Restoration of the Kingdom of God

Micah 4:1 – 5:5

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9–11

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Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

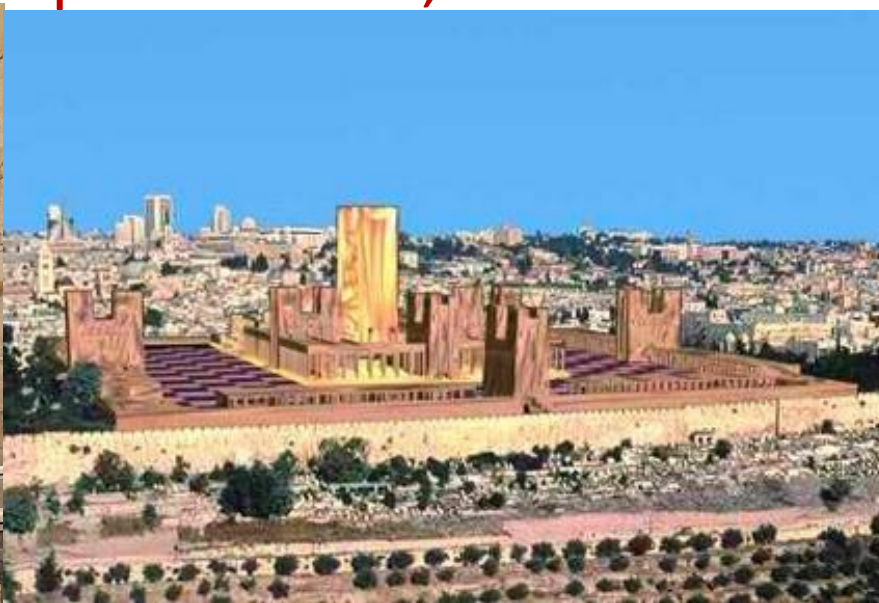
Matthew 24 - 25

Background

- Yeshua's (Jesus) Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11)
- Teaches for 4 days in Jerusalem and Temple (Matthew 21 – 23)
- Explains the end of the age and the signs of His return (Matthew 24-25) – His last teaching prior to the Passover
- Events leading to His crucifixion, burial, and resurrection

Temple Destroyed

- Matthew 24:1-2 - Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”



Ezekiel's Temple
Eze 43:10-12

Stones from 1st Century Temple Mount



Replica of 1st Century Jerusalem

Sign of Your coming & End of the Age

- Matt 24:3 "Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will **be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"



End Days According to Scripture

- Wrath of God - Romans 1:16-2:12
- Perilous Times – 2 Timothy 3:1-17

End Day Terminology

- **Eschatology**
 - The study of the Bible's teachings about the events leading up to the second coming of Jesus
 - From the Greek, *eschatos* (final) + *logos* (word) = "a word about the final things."
- **First Coming of Christ**
 - The earthly life and ministry of Jesus Christ, about 4 BC–AD 30.
- **Second Coming of Christ**
 - The bodily return of Jesus to earth to reign as king.
- **Church Age**
 - The time period from the beginning of the church (about AD 30) until Jesus Christ returns for everyone who has trusted in him.
- **Millennium**
 - The thousand-year reign of Jesus on earth, described in Revelation 20:4–6. From the Latin, *mille*, meaning "thousand."
- **Premillennial**
 - The belief that the millennium is a future event and Jesus will return before (pre-) the millennium.
- **Amillennial**
 - The millennium is a symbol of Christ's present reign among his people.
- **Postmillennial**
 - Jesus will return after (post-) the millennium. The millennium is the time in which most of the world submits to Jesus, and peace and justice reign.
- **Preterism**
 - The eschatological viewpoint that suggests some, if not all, biblical prophecies about the end times refer to specific events that happened in the first century. From the Latin, *praeter*, meaning "beyond" or "after."

End Day Terminology

- **Preterism**

- From a preterist view, the antichrist may refer to Emperor Nero.
- The tribulation may refer to the Jewish War (AD 66–73).
- The destruction of the temple in prophecy may have been fulfilled in AD 70.

- **Rapture**

- Event described in 1 Thess. 4:16–17 when Jesus Christ returns for his people.
- From Latin, *raptus*, meaning “carry away.”
- **Historical premillennialists, amillennialists, and postmillennialists** understand the second coming of Jesus and the event described in 1 Thess. 4:16–17 as the same event.
- **Dispensational premillennialists** believe that the rapture and the second coming of Jesus are two separate events.
 - They place the rapture before the great tribulation and the second coming after the tribulation.

End Day Terminology

- **Tribulation (Great)**

- The time when disasters happen on the earth and people who are faithful to Jesus suffer intense persecution, possibly lasting seven years.
- **Premillennialists** place the great tribulation near the end.
- **Dispensational premillennialists** typically believe that the tribulation will last exactly seven years.
- Many **historical premillennialists** view the reference to “seven years” as a symbol of the completeness of God’s dealings with the world as the end of time approaches.
- Most **amillennialists and postmillennialists** treat the tribulation as a symbol of calamities and persecutions that have occurred throughout church history.
- Some **amillennialists and postmillennialists are preterists**—they believe that the great tribulation occurred AD 63–70, during the Jewish-Roman War.

Historical Premillennialism

- Christians will remain on the earth during the great tribulation
- Tribulation will purify the churches by rooting out false believers
- The second coming of Christ will precede the millennium
- The church has replaced the nation of Israel as God's covenant people
- The 1000 yr millennium is a literal future event
- All creation would be restored to its original goodness in a millennial kingdom
- Earliest view of the end times among the early church

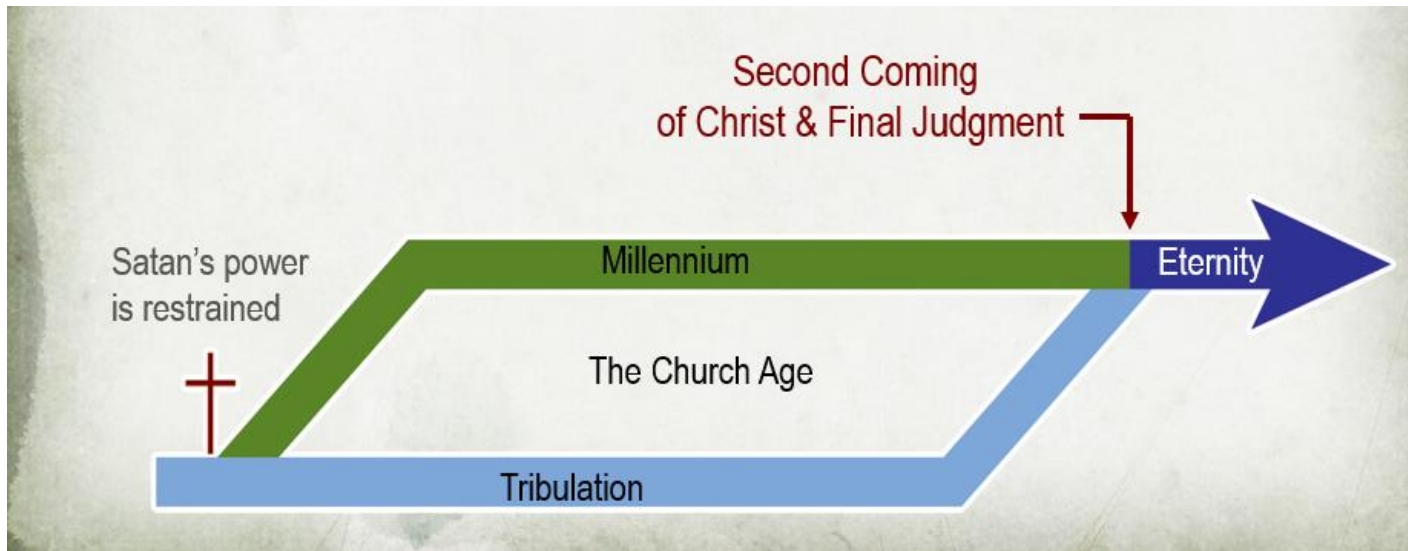


Amillennialism

- No literal thousand-year rule
- The millennium is the spiritual reign of Jesus in the hearts of his followers
- 1st resurrection in Rev. 20:5 is not a physical restoration from the dead, but the spiritual resurrection known as regeneration.
- Christ's triumph over Satan through his death and resurrection restrained the power of satan on the earth
- Persecution of Christians (tribulation) will occur until Jesus comes again, as will the expansion of God's kingdom (the millennium)
- When Christ returns, He will defeat evil, resurrect the saved and unsaved, judge them, and deliver them to their eternal destinies.

Amillennialism

- The great tribulation represents disasters, wars, and persecution that have occurred throughout church history
- References to Israel in Revelation are symbolic references to the people of God on earth
- Amillennialism became popular in the 5th century and remains popular to today

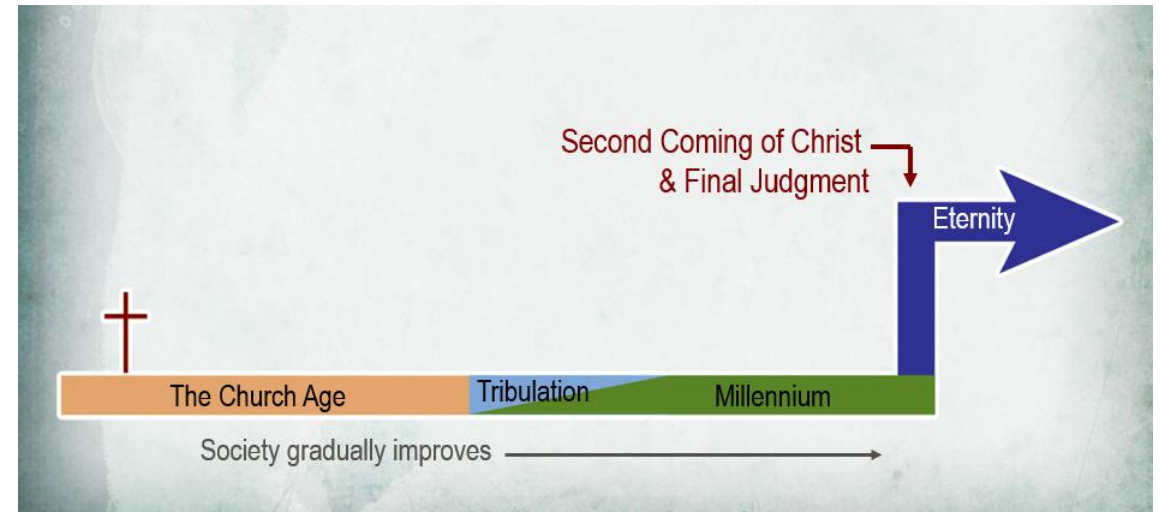


Postmillennialism

- Second coming of Christ will occur after the millennium
- A period of tribulation may precede the millennium
- Millennial reign (Rev 20:1-6) represents a long time period when, through the preaching of the gospel, most of the world will submit to Christ
- Satan will have no power over the earth, and evil regimes will collapse
- Some Charismatic churches embrace dominion postmillennialism – God is using the contemporary charismatic movement to bind Satan
- When the church recognizes the fullness of its power through the Holy Spirit, the church will establish God's kingdom on earth and usher in the millennium, a golden age.

Postmillennialism

- 2 views on tribulation:
 - Brief time of persecution that occurs immediately before the millennium
 - 7 years of the First Jewish-Roman War which culminated in AD 70 with the destruction of the 2nd Temple
- Emphasize the preaching of the Gospel
- Gospel will spread to everyone in the world
- Emphasize the power of the Gospel to transform societies and individual lives
- During the millennium, Christ will rule the earth through his Spirit and through his Church but He will be physically present on the earth
- Resurrection in Rev 20:4 represents the spiritual regeneration of people who trust in Jesus Christ
- Events occurring immediately after the millennium:
 - Second coming of Christ
 - Final conflict between good and evil
 - Defeat of Satan
 - Physical resurrection of all people
 - Final judgement
- Became popular around 1100's



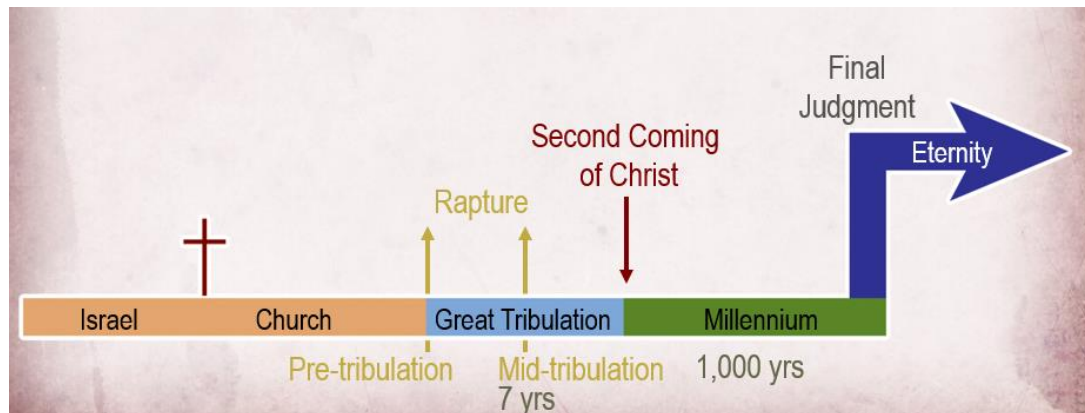
Source: Rose's Four Views of the End Times

Dispensational Premillennialism

- Christ's return and rapture are separate events
- Jesus will return to earth after a 7-year tribulation
- Jesus will rule during a 1000-year millennium of peace on earth
- God will restore the nation of Israel the land described in Genesis 15:18
- Rapture comes before the great tribulation
 - Pre-tribulationists: Christ removes Christians from the earth before the great tribulation begins
 - Mid-tribulationists: Rapture occurs during the great tribulation
- Second coming after the great tribulation

Dispensational Premillennialism

- 7-yrs tribulation:
 - People who are faithful to Jesus will suffer intense persecution
 - Natural disaster and wars will occur
 - Many Jews will turn to Jesus Christ
- Emphasizes literal interpretations of Revelation
- **Establishment of modern state of Israel in 1948 fulfilled a key end-times prophecy**
- **References to Israel in Revelation refer to the nation of Israel**
- **Emerged in the 1800s among the Plymouth Brethren (J. Nelson Darby)**



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Comparison Chart

	Historical Premillennialism	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism	Dispensational Premillennialism
Will Jesus Return Physically?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
When will Jesus Return?	After tribulation; before the millennium	Anytime	After the millennium	After 7-yr tribulation; before the millennium
Rapture & 2 nd Coming occur at the Same time?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, they are separated by either 7-ys or 3.5 yrs
Will there be a Tribulation?	Yes	Occurs anytime there are wars, disasters, or Christian Persecution	Either 1 st Century Jewish War or ongoing conflict between good/evil prior to the millennium	Yes
Will Christians Suffer during the Tribulation?	Yes, Christians will go through the tribulation	Yes, Christians will endure persecution until Christ returns	Yes, tribulation occurs when the Gospel is opposed	Christians are raptured before the tribulation or 3.5-ys into it

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Literal 1000-yr Millennium?	Yes, after the tribulation, Christ will return; reign 1000-yrs	No, the millennium is the reign of Christ in the hearts of believers	No, it is a period of peace when the Gospels reaches all people	Yes, after the tribulation, Christ will return; reign 1000-yrs
Who is saved?	Christians Only	Christians Only	Christians Only	Christians Only
Is Israel relevant to Revelation?	No	No	No	Yes
When was this view held?	Late 1 st Century	AD 400	AD 300	1860

Next Reading

Matthew 24:4-8

