

THE LAST TRUMP ...

A Defense of Biblical Eschatology
- (1 Cor 15:50-58)

THE END

Will Jesus Return To
Earth & Reign For A
Literal 1,000 Years?



Eschatology



Three Major Views

A MILLENNIAL?
PRE MILLENNIAL?
POST MILLENNIAL?

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Will Christ Reign On Earth For 1000 Years?

Essential Elements of Premillennialism



- * Kingdom NOT yet established
- * Christ will return & engage Satan in a great battle (Armageddon) after 7 years of great tribulation.
- * Jesus will defeat Satan & reign on a literal throne in Jerusalem for 1000 years.

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Essential Elements of Premillennialism



- * All Jews will return to Palestine to head the nations.
- * Temple rebuilt / Old Law reinstated / sacrifices, feast days, priesthood, etc.
- * 1,000 years of earthly bliss ensue.
- * After 1,000, Satan will be loosed & deceive the nations –
- * Battle of God & Magog – eternity

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CHART ON DISPENSATIONALISM

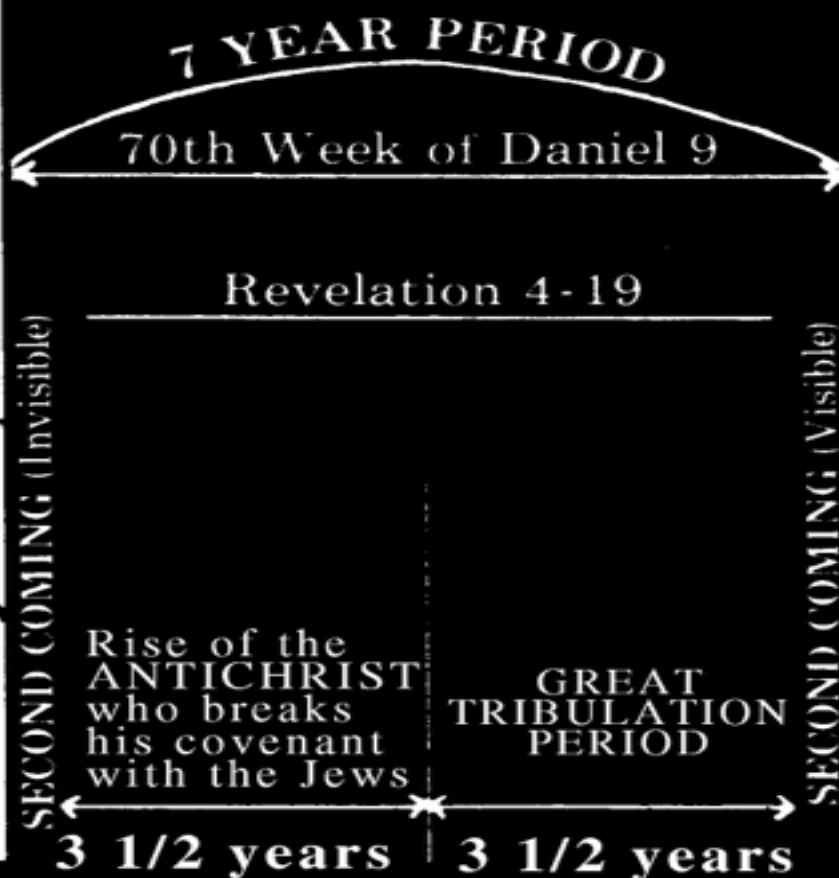
7 DISPENSATIONS

1. INNOCENCY - Gen. 1:18 - 3:13
2. CONSCIENCE - Gen. 3:27
3. HUMAN GOV'T - Gen. 8:20
4. PROMISE - Gen. 12:1
5. LAW - Exodus 19:8
6. GRACE - Cross
7. KINGDOM - Second Coming

6th DISPENSATION

69th Week of Daniel 9
ENDS AT
THE CROSS

CHURCH AGE
or
AGE OF GRACE
(This period is NOT
the subject of Old
Testament Prophecy)



7th Dispensation

MILLENNIUM

**1000 YEAR REIGN
OF JESUS ON EARTH IN
THE CITY OF
JERUSALEM**

- (1) Jews are to be head of
THE NATIONS
- (2) Temple to be Rebuilt
and Mosaic Sacrifices
Reinstated (Ezek. 40-48)

FINAL JUDGMENT

HEAVEN or HELL

↑
**PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STOPS**

↑
**PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STARTS (again)**
RESURRECTION
of the
RIGHTEOUS

RAPTURE

↑
**BATTLE
of
ARMAGEDDON**
RESURRECTION
of the
TRIBULATION
SAINTS

↑
**BATTLE
of
GOG & MAGOG**
RESURRECTION
of the
WICKED

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Christ Is Reigning Now

The Kingdom Has Been Established

- * The kingdom to be established during the Roman Empire – Daniel 2:44,45



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Kingdom Would Be Established

Head of Gold

Breast and arms
of silver

Belly and Thighs
of brass

Legs iron & feet of
clay & iron mixed



Babylonian Empire
605 B.C. - 536 B.C.

Medo-Persian Empire
536 B.C. - 330 B.C.

Grecian Empire 330
B.C. - 30 B.C.

Roman Empire 30
B.C. - 337 A.D.

“The days of these kings,” Daniel 2:44

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- * The kingdom to be established during the Roman Empire – Daniel 2:44,45
- * Some in the time of Christ would live to see the kingdom – Mark 9:1; Mt. 16:28
- * Paul wrote to people in the kingdom – Col. 1:13
- * John and other Christians were in the kingdom – Rev. 1:6; 5:10

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CHURCH	SAME	KINGDOM
Col. 1:18	Head	Col. 1:13
Rom. 1:5	Subjects	Acts 2:39
Rom. 1:5	Territory	Acts 2:39
1 Cor. 12:13	Terms of Entrance	Jno. 3:3, 5
Rom. 1:15	Law	Matt. 4:23
1 Cor. 11:23ff	Memorial	Lk. 22:29-30

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Christ Is On David's Throne In Heaven



- * Dan. 7:13-14 – received kingdom when ascends to Ancient of Days
- * Psa. 89:35-37 – Throne in the sky
- * Zech 6:12-13 – King & Priest on throne – (couldn't be priest on earth – Heb. 8:4) (Priest now, therefore king now – Heb. 4:14-15; 8:1-4)
- * Acts 2:30-36 – raised to sit on David's throne – at God's right hand.

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ACTS 2:30-36 (NKJV)

³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

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ACTS 2:30-36 (NKJV)

³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ³⁴ "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '

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ACTS 2:30-36 (NKJV)

³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Jesus would be raised
to sit on David's
throne - 30
(2 Sam 7:12-16; 1
Chro 17:11-15)

he, foreseeing this,
spoke concerning the
resurrection of the
Christ - 31

God raised up, -
exalted to God's right
hand & received the
promise of the Holy
Spirit ... - 32,33

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The Second Coming Ends Christ's Reign

1 COR. 15:23-28 (NKJV)

But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. [24] Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

cf. John 5:28; 1 Cor. 15:25-27, 50-55; 1 Thes 4:13-17



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Revelation 20 Does Not Teach It

PROBLEMS OF INTERPRETATION

- ✦ Must be consistent with the theme of the book
- ✦ Must properly recognize and understand the figurative language used
- ✦ Must realize symbols do not symbolize themselves
- ✦ Must NOT contradict other passages



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REVELATION 1:1 (NKJV)

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave Him to show His
servants--**things which must
shortly take place.** And He sent
and **signified** it by His angel to His
servant John,



“Shortly Take
Place”

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REVELATION 1:3 (NKJV)

³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.



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REVELATION 22:6 (NKJV)



“Shortly Take
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⁶ Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

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REVELATION 22:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand."



"Shortly Take Place"

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REVELATION 22:10 (NKJV)

⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.



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Place”

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Revelation 20:1-10 (ASV)

1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time.

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THE BINDING OF SATAN

- ✦ Satan's trying of Job – Job 1:12; 2:6
- ✦ Strong man bound . . . Mat. 12:29;
- ✦ Satan fell – Luke 10:17; Rev 12:9
- ✦ Cross despoiled the principalities and powers – Col. 2:15
- ✦ Rev. 20:1–3—Satan bound “so he can deceive the nations no more.”



Satan
Limited in a
Specific area
of activity

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REVELATION 20:4-10 (NKJV)

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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REVELATION 20:4-10 (NKJV)

⁵ But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.⁶ Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

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REVELATION 20:4-10 (NKJV)

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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SYMBOLS IN REVELATION 20

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| * the key | * the beast |
| * The abyss | * the mark |
| * a great chain | * the first resurrection |
| * the dragon | * the four corners of the |
| * a thousand years | * the camp of the saints |
| * thrones | * the beloved city |



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SYMBOLS IN REVELATION 20

Psalms 50:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ For every beast of the
forest is Mine, And the
cattle on a thousand hills.



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THINGS NOT IN REVELATION 20

- * The bodily resurrection of the saved;
- * Jesus setting one foot on the earth;
- * The duration of Jesus' reign
- * City of Jerusalem / Temple / Throne of David;
- * The conversion of Jews;
- * US



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What Does Revelation 20 Teach?

THE VINDICATION OF THOSE
SAINTS MARTYRED AND
PERSECUTED BY ROME-

- ✦ Satan's use of Rome will come to an end through the gospel's power –
- ✦ Those who die for Christ are the REAL victors which is symbolically indicated by the number for perfect completeness – 2:10; 6:9; 7:13–17; 12:10,11



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What Does Revelation 20 Teach?

The angel, (*messenger*)
having the Key of the
Abyss (vs. 1)

The thrones & Judgment (*Authority of the Apostles
through the Gospel*) (vs. 4)

Binding of Satan (*not
able to deceive the nations*)
(2,3)

Reign of the faithful (*The spread & success of the
gospel – the martyrs death vindicated for a long, complete
period*) (vs. 4,6)

Loosing of Satan for a
little time (*Satan's ability
to again deceive the
nations*) (vs. 3,7)

The rest of the dead come to life (*i.e. the brief spread
and success of false religion and a rebirth of the
persecution of the church*) (vs. 5) = the deceiving the
nations– (vs. 8)

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CONSEQUENCES OF PREMILLENNIALISM

- * Too many literal resurrections – (Jn 5:28; 11:24; 1 Cor 15:25, 26)
- * Jesus' earthly reign ends in revolt – (Rev 20:7-10)
- * Cannot be born again now (John 3:3,5)
- * Cannot observe Lord's Supper now – (Lk. 22:29-30)
- * Christ is not priest now – (Zech. 6:12-13)
- * An imperfect system replaces a perfect system – (Heb 9-10)
- * A return to types and shadows – (temple/worship/etc.)

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Jesus Will Return -



2 PETER 3:10–14 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

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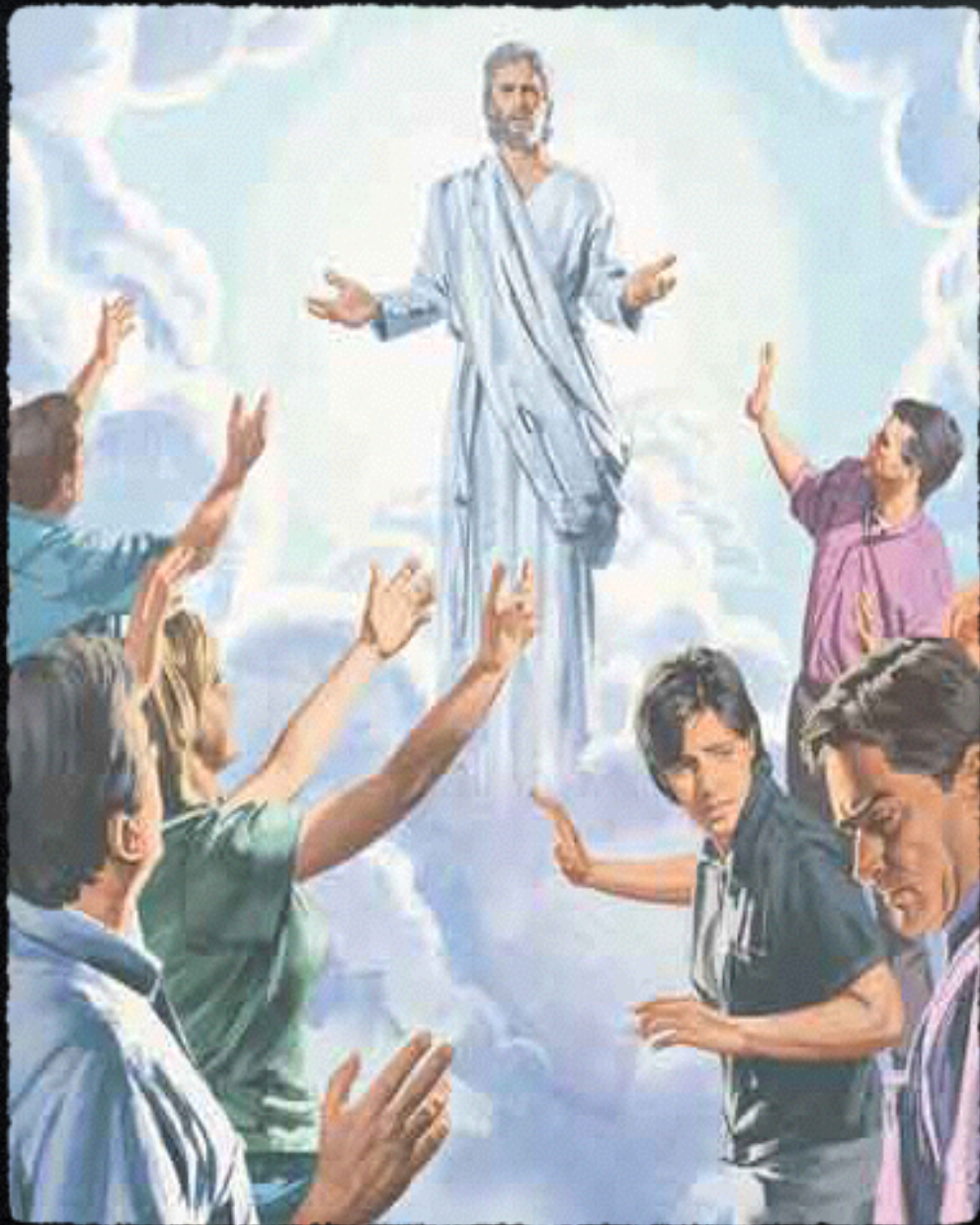


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¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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2 PETER 3:10–14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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What Are The Signs of The End?
Does The Bible Speak of A Coming Seven Year
Tribulation?

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Daniel 2:36–45 (NKJV)

³⁶ “This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king. ³⁷ You, O king, *are* a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; ³⁸ and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold.

Daniel 2:36–45 (NKJV)

³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, *that kingdom* will break in pieces and crush all the others.

Daniel 2:36–45 (NKJV)

⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

⁴² And *as* the toes of the feet *were* partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

Daniel 2:36–45 (NKJV)

⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:36–45 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

