

**Revelation of
Jesus Christ**
Revelation
Overview

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The Context of Revelation

The Content of Revelation

**The believer's hope is found in the returning,
conquering Christ.**

Names of Jesus in Revelation

- The Faithful Witness, 1:5
- The first Born of the Dead, 1:5
- The Ruler of the Kings of the Earth, 1:5
- The Alpha and the Omega, 1:8, 21:6
- The 1st and the last, 1:17
- The Living One, 1:18
- The One who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lampstands, 2:1
- The One who has the sharp two-edged sword, 2:12
- The Son of God, 2:18
- The One who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like Burnish Bronze, 2:18
- The One who has the seven Spirits of God like the seven stars, 3:1
- The One who is holy and true 3:7
- The holder of “the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens 3:7
- The Amen, the faithful and true Witness 3:14
- The beginning of creation of God 3:14
- The lion that is from the tribe of Judah, 5:5
- The Root of David, 5:5
- The Lamb of God, 5:6 6:1 7:9-10 8:1
- The Lord Holy and True, 6:10
- The One who “is called Faithful and True”, 19:11
- The Word of God, 19:13
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords, 19:16
- Christ ruling on earth with His glorified saints 20:6
- The Root and the Descendant of David, the bright Morningstar, 22:16

The Four Main Views of REVELATION

INTERPRETIVE SCHOOL	BASIC APPROACH TO REVELATION
Preterist	Believe that the events of Revelation were fulfilled beginning in AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
Historicist	View the book of Revelation as an overview of church history, describing various times of persecution and tribulation.
Idealist	Interpret Revelation symbolically, as a nonliteral depiction of the battle between God and satanic forces of evil.
Futurist	Understand Revelation 4-22 as a prophetic account of actual future events, specifically focused on the end of this age. This view is the natural result of a straightforward reading of the book.

The Four Main Views of the MILLIENIUM of Rev 20

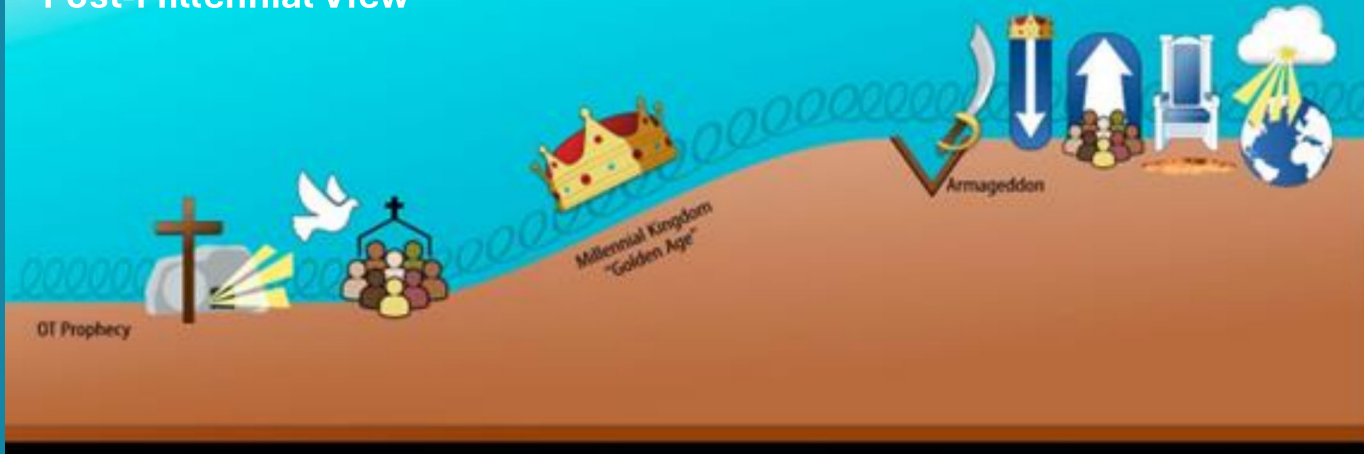
INTERPRETIVE SCHOOL	BASIC UNDERSTANDING of the MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
Postmillennialism	Through Christian influence, society will continue to improve until it reaches a utopian-like state. Thus, it is believers who will bring in the millennial kingdom. Christ will return after this general period of peace and prosperity has been established.
Amillennialism	The millennial kingdom is not a future, thousand-year kingdom on earth. Rather, it is a spiritual kingdom that refers to Christ's rule in the hearts of His people during the church age. Some amillennialists believe the millennial kingdom is a literal kingdom in heaven, where Christ's saints rule with Him, but they reject the notion of a future, physical kingdom on earth.
Premillennialism	The millennial kingdom refers to a future, physical kingdom that Christ will establish at His return. The kingdom, which will be centered in Jerusalem, will last for 1,000 years, after which this world will be destroyed and replaced by the new earth. This view is the most natural way to understand Revelation 20-22.

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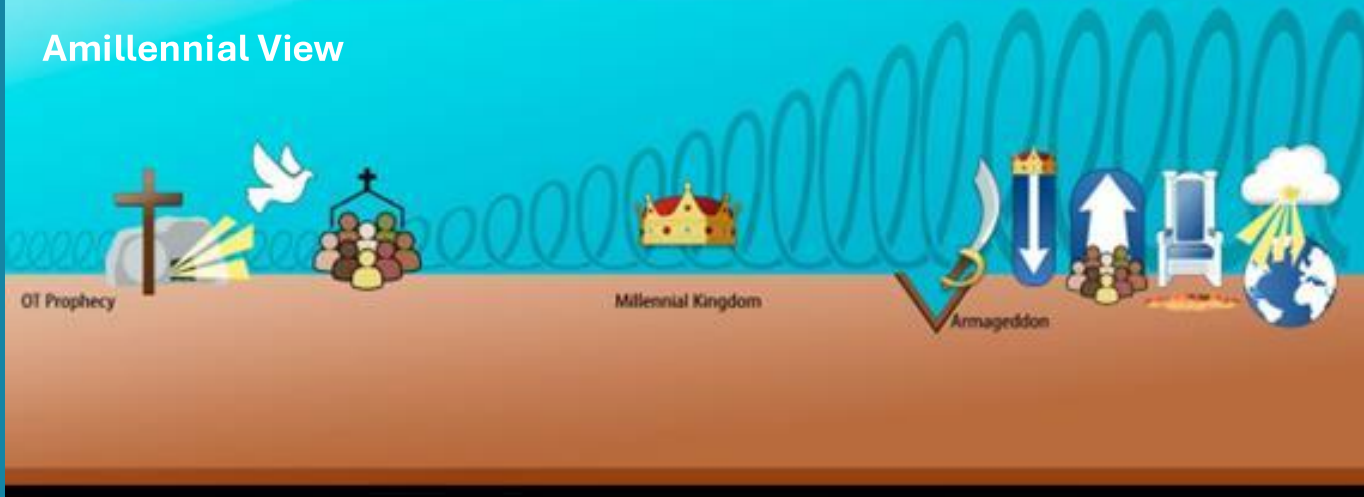
The Premillennialism Variations of Rev 20

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Dispensational Premillennialism	Believe Jesus will remove His people from the earth to heaven in a “pretribulational rapture” before a final seven-year period of judgment and tribulation on the earth. (Some dispensationalists place the rapture at the middle or end of the tribulation.) Then Jesus and His people will return, conquer the Antichrist, and establish the thousand-year kingdom. “ Dispensational ” comes from a theological position that identifies different periods of biblical history, or “dispensations,” in which God uses different means to work out His will.
Historic Premillennialism	Believe Jesus will return to earth and then establish His kingdom after a time of tribulation and suffering on earth. “ Historic ” indicates this was the view of several teachers in the early Church.

Post-Millennial View



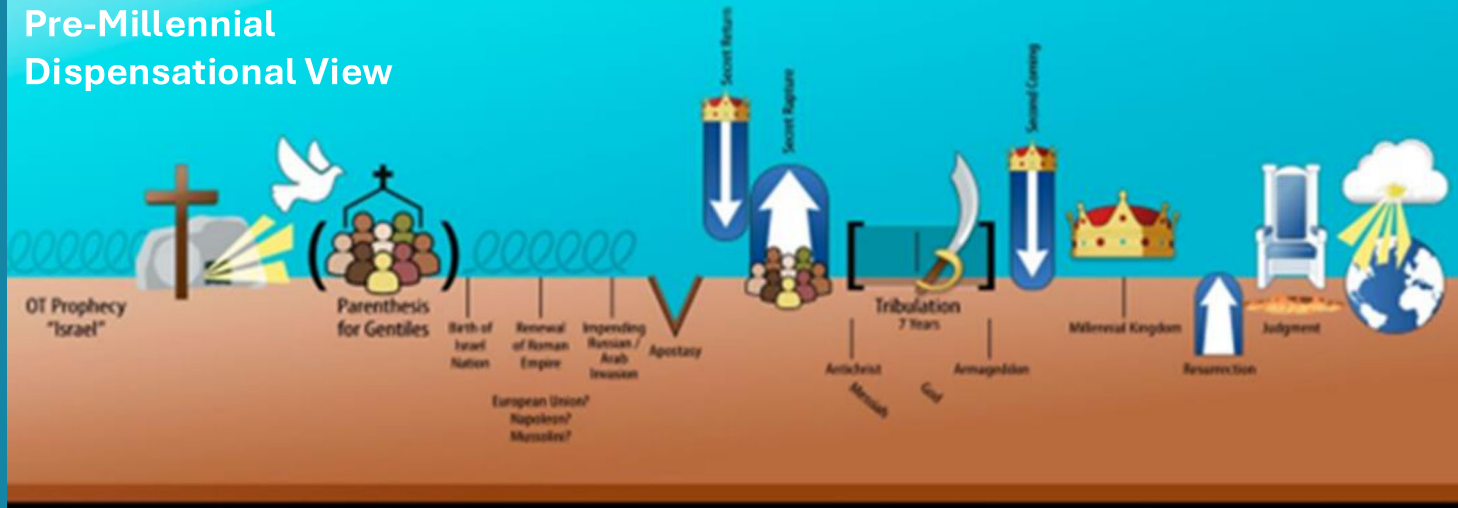
Amillennial View



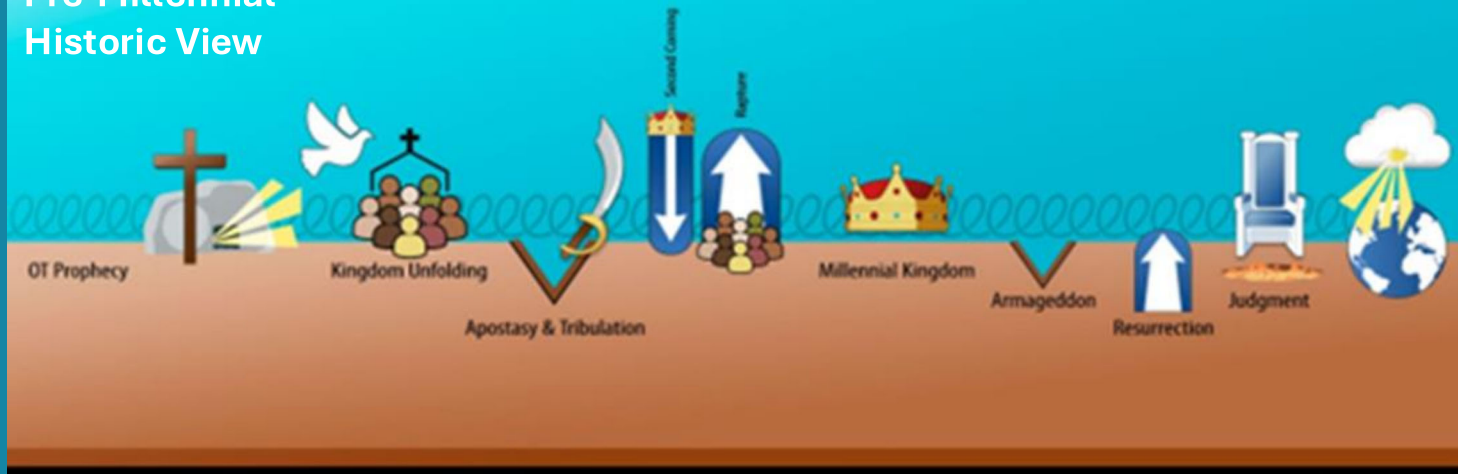
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Pre-Millennial Dispensational View



Pre-Millennial Historic View



Pre-Millennialist Dispensational

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PRINCIPLE

**HOW WILL YOU
APPROACH THE STUDY
AND OTHER CHRISTIANS'
DIFFERING VIEWS?**

**WHAT COMFORT DOES
THIS BOOK GIVE YOU TO
LIVE LIFE TODAY?**

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- **Prologue Rev 1:1-8**
- **1st Vision – The Commissioning of John & Seven Churches Rev 1:9-3:22**
- **2nd Vision – The Coming of World Judgments Rev 4-16**
- **3rd Vision – The Climax of Judgment Rev 17:1-21:8**
- **4th Vision – Eternal City Rev 21:9-22:5**
- **Epilogue Rev 22:6-21**

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WHAT HURDLES DO YOU ANTICIPATE COMING AGAINST YOUR STUDY OF REVELATION?

WHAT SPECIFIC HOPE ENCOURAGES YOU FROM CHRIST'S REVELATION OF ETERNITY?

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