

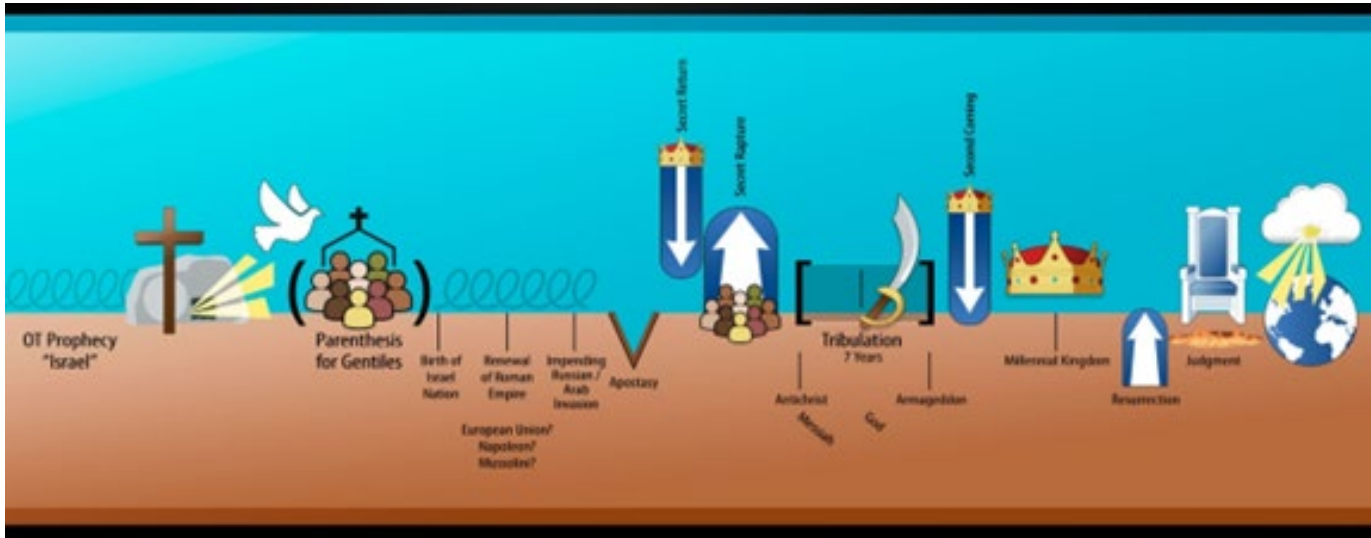
Views of the Revelation and the Millennium

Interpretive School	Basic Approach of Revelation
Preterist	Believe that the events of Revelation were filled beginning in AD70 with destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
Historicist	View 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 prophetic account of actual future events, specifically focused on the end of the age. This view is the natural results of a straightforward reading of the book.

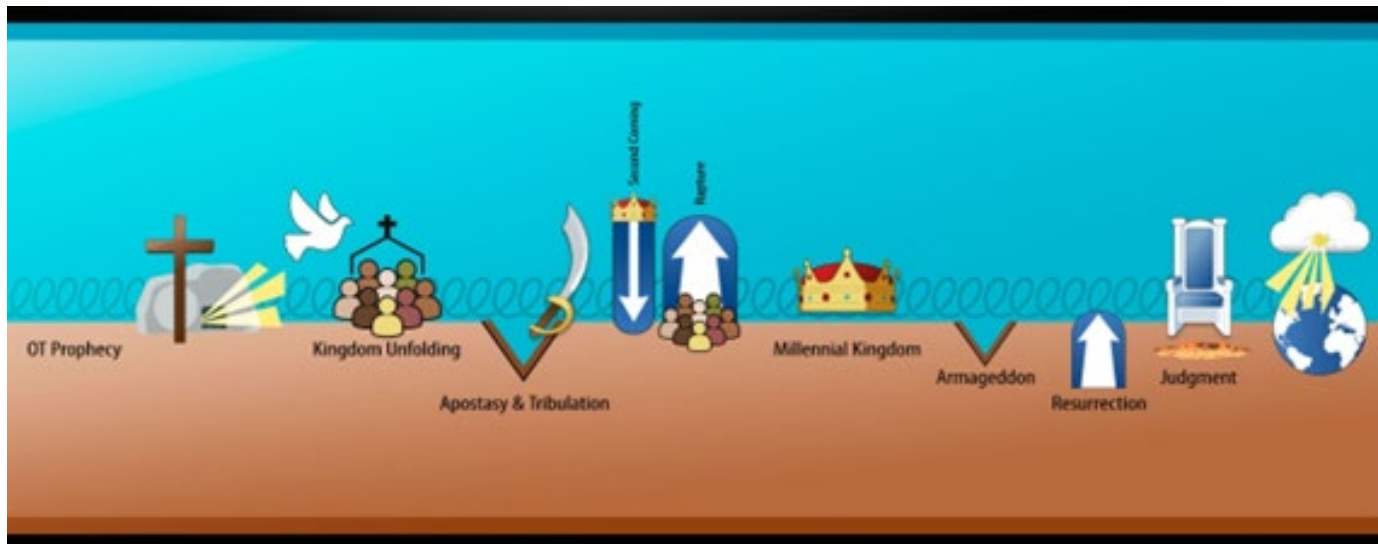
Excerpt from *Because the Time is Near* by John MacArthur

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Dispensational Pre-millennial View

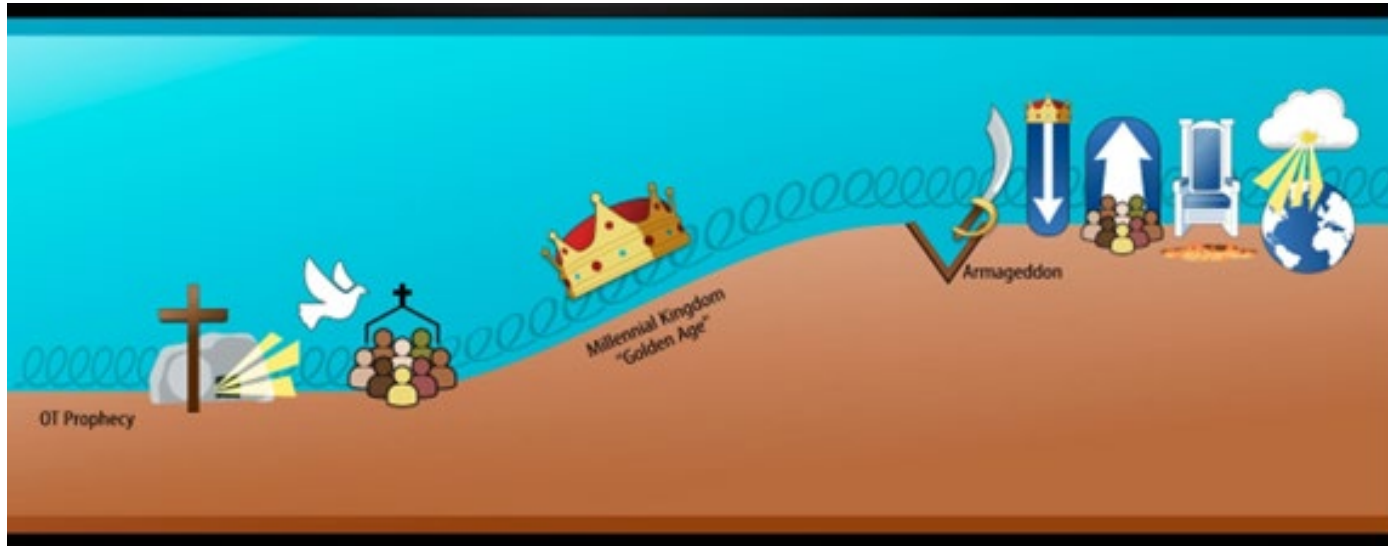


Historic Pre-millennialism

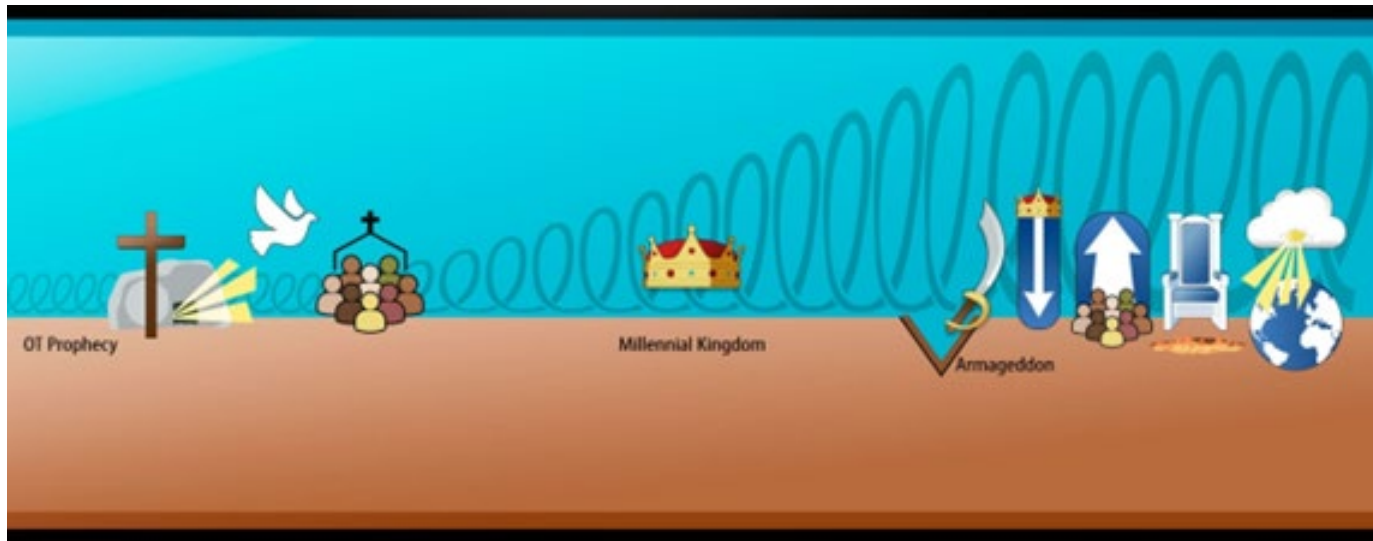


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Post-Millennial View



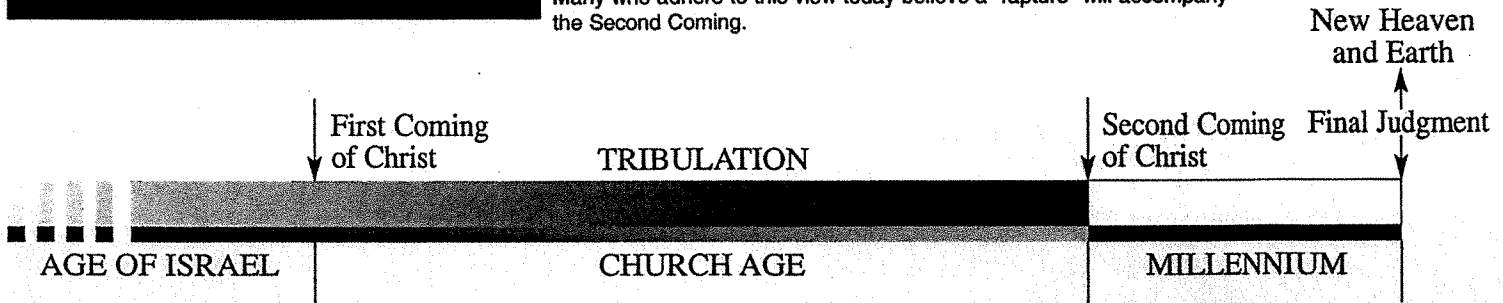
Amillennial View



Christian History Timelines: The End

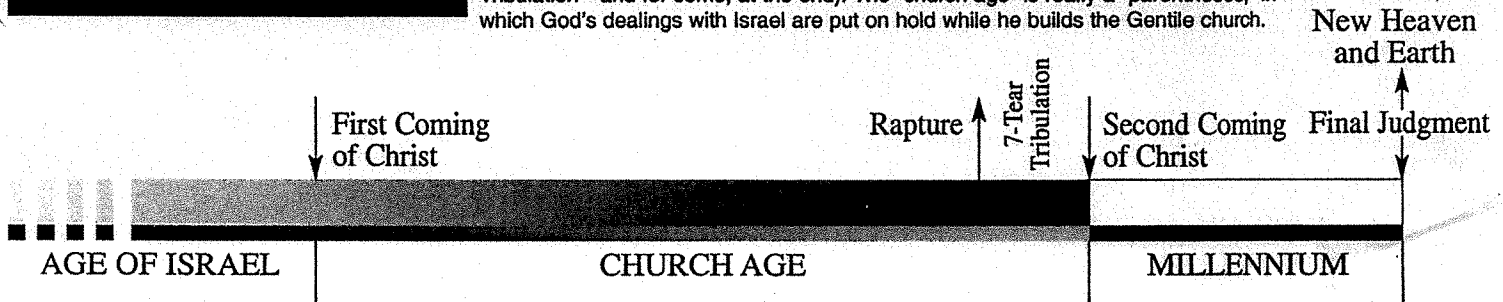
Historic Premillennialism

The view first articulated in the early church: Christians endure the Tribulation (not necessarily seven years), after which Christ returns. Many who adhere to this view today believe a "rapture" will accompany the Second Coming.



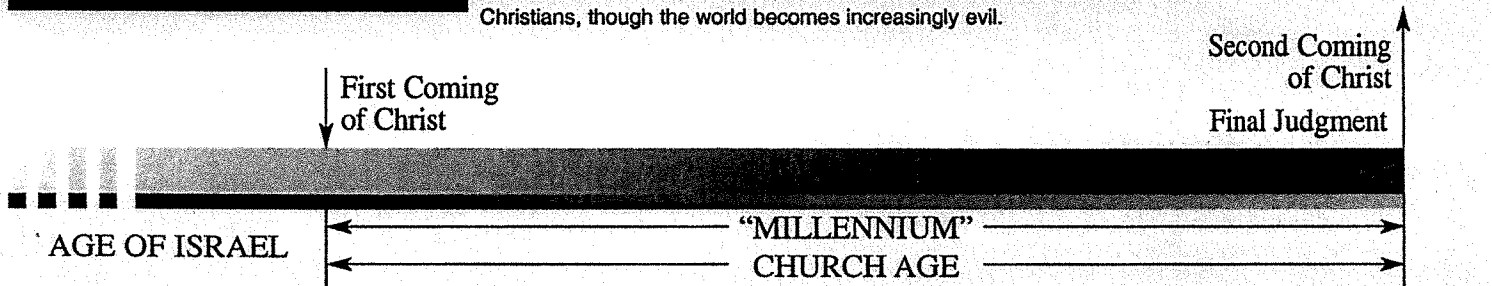
Dispensationalism

The view of many modern fundamentalists and conservative evangelicals. The Rapture plays a key role and occurs before the seven-year Tribulation (or in the middle of the Tribulation—and for some, at the end). The "church age" is really a "parentheses," in which God's dealings with Israel are put on hold while he builds the Gentile church.



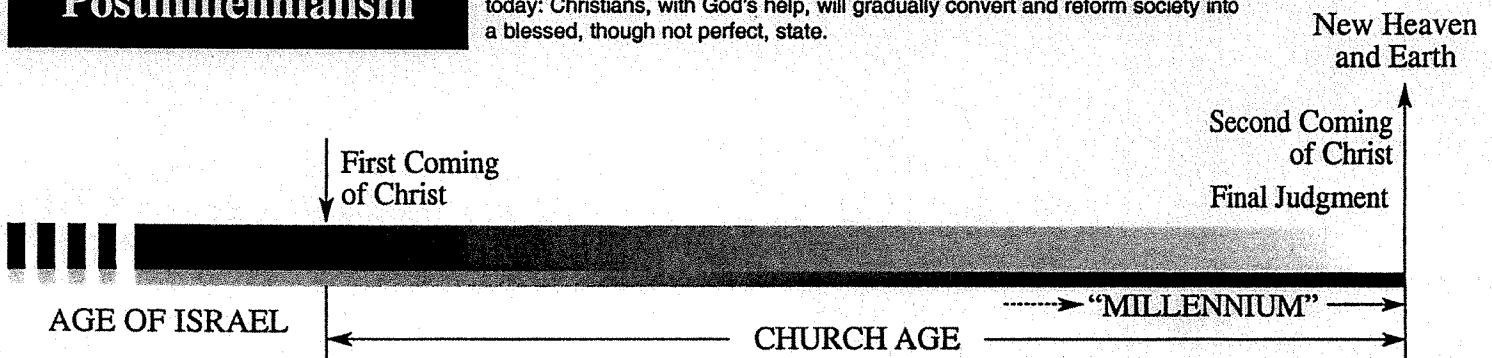
Amillennialism

The view of Augustine and Roman Catholicism (and in most respects, mainline traditions like Presbyterian, Lutheran, etc.): The current age is the "Millennium" in that Christ rules in his church and in the hearts of Christians, though the world becomes increasingly evil.



Postmillennialism

The view of most nineteenth-century evangelicals and some Reformed people today: Christians, with God's help, will gradually convert and reform society into a blessed, though not perfect, state.



MORAL PROGRESSION
Dark=Evil, Light=Good