

BOOK OF REVELATION – INTRODUCTION END TIME VIEWS THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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The Author of the Book of Revelation

The opening verses in **Revelation** plainly state, the book was written by **John**. From the first century to the present, orthodox **Christians** have almost unanimously agreed that **he** is the **Apostle John**.

Dating the Writing of the Book of Revelation

Most evangelical scholars affirm that **Revelation** was written in the first century (**95–96 AD**), near the end of **Roman Emperor Domitian's** reign (**81–96 AD**).

Writing in the second century, **Irenaeus** (130-202 AD) declared that **Revelation** had been written toward the end of **Domitian's** reign, in his “Against Heresies”, 5.30.3, 2.22.5¹. Later writers, such as **Clement of Alexandria** (180 AD), **Origen** (184 – 253 AD), **Victorinus** (269-271 AD)², **Eusebius** (260/265 – 339/340 AD)³, and **Jerome** (342–347 – 420 AD) affirm the **Domitian** date. Although some date the writing of **Revelation** during **Roman Emperor Nero's** reign (**54–68 AD**), before the destruction of the Temple in **70 AD**, their arguments conflict with the view of the early church. Their belief assumes that most, if not all events mentioned in **Revelation**, have already occurred in the Past. Therefore, they are now Historical events.

For a Defense of the **Roman Emperor Domitian Date (95-96 AD)**

See **Mark L. Hitchcock's Dissertation**, “A Defense of Domitianic Date of Book of Revelation”, 245 pages

<https://www.pre-trib.org/media/k2/assets/Documents/hitchcock-dissertation.pdf>

based on his PhD dissertation from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Mark L. Hitchcock, is a Futurist, Pre-Mill, Dispensational, Non-Denominational

For a Defense of the **Roman Emperor Nero Date (64-68 AD)**

See **Kenneth Gentry's Book**, “Before Jerusalem Fell: Dating the Book of Revelation”, 400 pages

<https://www.amazon.com/Before-Jerusalem-Fell-Dating-Revelation/dp/0982620608>

based on his PhD dissertation from Whitefield Theological Seminary.

Kenneth Gentry, is a Partial-Preterist, Post-Mill, Reformed, Presbyterian, and Partial-Futurist.

For **Ken Gentry's Partial-Preterist** PAST fulfillment of Revelation position to be true, Revelation would need to have been written before **AD 70**.

As **Gentry** writes,

If the **late-date** of around **AD 95-96** is accepted, a wholly different situation would prevail. The events in the mid to late **60s** of the first century would be absolutely excluded as possible fulfillments.⁴

By contrast, if one is a **FUTURIST**, like **Mark L. Hitchcock**, one could hold to either the **early-date** or the **late-date** of Revelation. Either view would still make Revelation Future for the Futurist. Therefore, the dating of Revelation is relatively inconsequential for the Futurist, but it is absolutely essential for the Preterist interpreter. If Revelation is dated to **AD 95**, which has been the **traditional dating** for the last **1,900 years**, then this would render Preterist's past fulfillment of Revelation position to be obsolete to Bible believers.

Preterists and **Partial-Preterist** have a **Reformed (Covenant) Theology** and usually **Presbyterian**

As is Kenneth Gentry and R. C. Sproul of Ligonier Ministries.

¹ Irenaeus, Domitian Date, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103530.htm>, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0103222.htm>

² Victorinus, Domitian Date, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0712.htm>

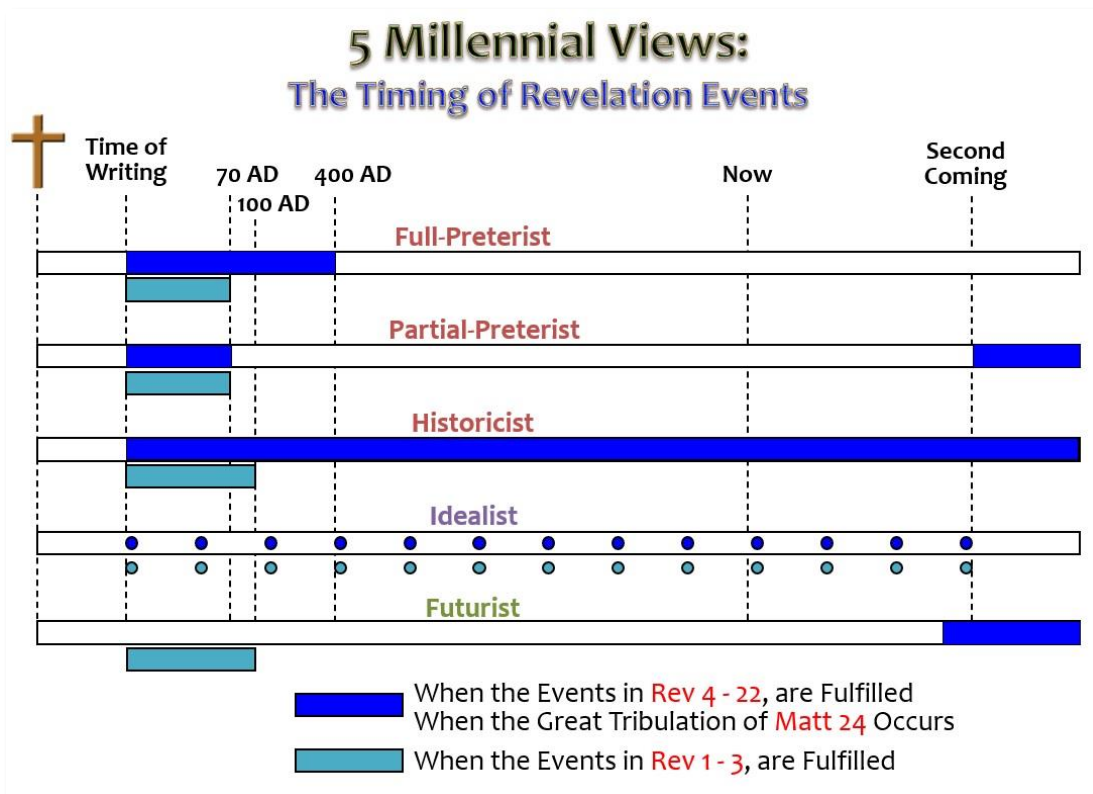
³ Eusebius, Domitian Date, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/250105.htm>, <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/250103.htm>

⁴ Gentry, Kenneth L. The Beast of Revelation, 1989. Page 111.

I. Book of Revelation – Types of Approaches

A. Three Major Approaches – **Historicism**, **Idealism**, and **Futurism**

1. (**Historicism**), Assumes MOST if not All Events, WERE Fulfilled **Historically**.
 - a. (**Full-Preterist**), Assume ALL Events, WERE Fulfilled **Historically** mostly BEFORE **70 AD**
 - i. Revelation is a Prophecy that was Completely fulfilled in the First Century.
 - ii. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
 - b. (**Partial-Preterist**), Assume MOST Events, WERE Fulfilled **Historically** BEFORE **70 AD**
 - i. Revelation is a Prophecy that was Mostly fulfilled in the First Century.
 - ii. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
 - iii. All (**Partial-Preterist**) are also (**Partial-Futurist**)
 - a. (**Part-Futurist**), **2nd Coming**, WILL be Fulfilled, in the **Future**.
 - b. (**Part-Futurist**), **General Resurrection with Rapture** WILL be Fulfilled, in the **Future**.
 - c. (**Part-Futurist**), **Last Judgment**, WILL be Fulfilled, in the **Future**.
 - d. (**Part-Futurist**), **New Heavens and Earth**, WILL be Fulfilled, in the **Future**.
 - c. (**Historicist**), Assume MOST Events ARE being Fulfilled **Historically** as Progressively Unfolding.
 - i. Revelation is Church **History**, from the Time of John to the End of the World.
 - ii. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
2. (**Idealism**), Assume NO Events have a **Historical** Fulfillment.
 - a. Revelation is Non-**Historical** and Non-Prophetic drama about spiritual realities.
 - b. Revelation is a spiritual conflict of Good and Evil.
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
3. (**Futurism**), Assumes MOST if not All Events, WILL BE Fulfilled, in the **Future**.
 - a. Revelation is a Prophecy primarily about the End of the World. (**Rev 4 – Rev 22**)
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Dispensational Theology**.



II. Millennial Views: on Timing of Jesus's Second Coming

A. Millennial VIEWS OR **WHEN Jesus' 2nd Coming WILL be Fulfilled**

1. **Amillennialism, (A-Mill), Jesus' 2nd Coming, WITHOUT a Millennial Kingdom**
 - a. The **Millennial Kingdom**, is a “*present spiritual reality*”, with a “*spiritual reign of Jesus*”
 - b. **Christ** will return **AFTER** A Symbolized Non-Literal “*thousand years*” age, it is a present time, **Christ** will Reign from **Heaven**, **Christ's Kingdom** is Now.
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
2. **Postmillennialism, (Post-Mill), Jesus' 2nd Coming, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom**
 - a. The **Millennial Kingdom**, is a “*future spiritual reality*”, with a “*spiritual reign of Jesus*”
 - b. **Christ** will return **AFTER** A Symbolized Non-Literal “*thousand years*” age, a coming age in which the gospel will triumph as to thoroughly transform the world's societies and cultures. During this age **Christ** is reigning in **Heaven**, not on **Earth**; but **He** exercises **His** reign through **His** Spirit and the **Church's** preaching of the Gospel.
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
3. **Historic Millennialism, (Hist-Mill), Jesus' 2nd Coming, BEFORE a Millennial Kingdom**
 - a. The **Millennial Kingdom**, is a “*future physical reality*”, with a “*physical reign of Jesus*”
 - b. **Christ** will return **BEFORE** a future Literal 1000 year age, with **Christ** reigning on **Earth**.
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Reformed (Covenant) Theology**.
4. **Premillennialism, (Pre-Mill), Jesus' 2nd Coming, BEFORE a Millennial Kingdom**
 - a. The **Millennial Kingdom**, is a “*future physical reality*”, with a “*physical reign of Jesus*”
 - b. **Christ** will return **BEFORE** a future Literal 1000 year age, with **Christ** reigning on **Earth**.
 - i. Advocates are primarily of **Dispensational Theology**.

Millennial View – Based on a Theology

Reformed (Covenant) Theology

Amillennialism

Postmillennialism

Historic Premillennialism

“An Evening of Eschatology”, (3 Views), John Piper (Reformed Theologian)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/an-evening-of-eschatology>

“The End? Finding Hope in the Millennial Maze”, (3 Views), R. C. Sproul (Reformed Theologian)
1999 National (Ligonier Ministries) Conference”,

https://www.ligonier.org/learn/conferences/orlando_1999_national_conference/

Key Prophetic Passages > Interpreted “**Allegorically** (Spiritually)”

Dispensational Theology

Contemporary Premillennialism

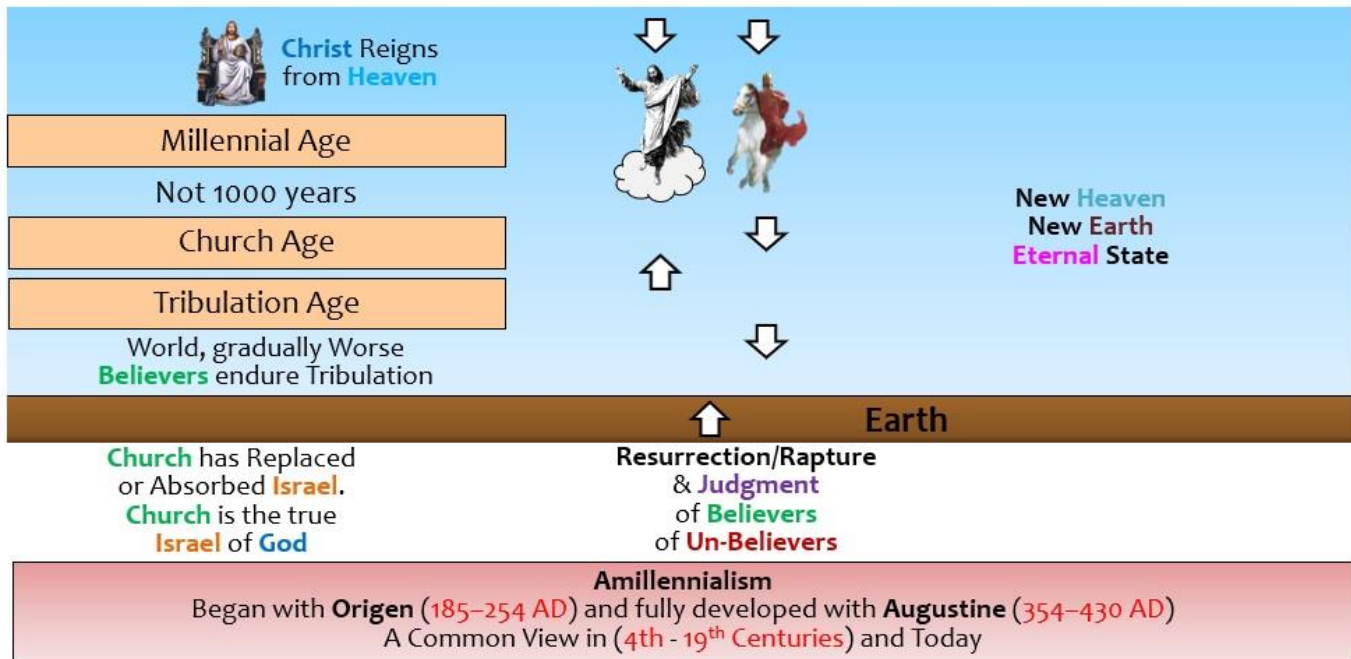
Key Prophetic Passages > Interpreted “**Literally**”

Millennial Views - Are Not Very Helpful

because they don't show HOW advocates came to that View,
they only show WHAT View they came to.

Amillennialism

Christ Comes AFTER a Millennium Age and AFTER a Tribulation Age



(Reformed) Amillennialism

Amillennialism assumes MOST, if not All Events in Revelation, WERE Fulfilled Historically, except the Rapture, 2nd Coming, and Resurrection/Judgment of Believers/Unbelievers are FUTURE Events. The Second Coming of Christ will occur AFTER (a Non-Literal, Not a 1000 year, Millennial Kingdom). Millennial Kingdom is NOW, a long period of time, NOT a 1000-years, and aligns with the Church Age. Christ is Ruling the Earth NOW, Spiritually (Non-Physically) through Hearts of Believers, from Heaven. Satan is Bound or Restrained NOW. Nation of Israel is Cursed and replaced or superseded by the Church, as “the people of God”, (Rom 9:6–8). The Church is the “New Israel” of God, (Gal 6:16, Rom 9:6), The Church fulfills Prophetic Promises given to Israel by God in OT. Great Tribulation is NOW, a period of Tribulation of Believers during the Church Age. First Resurrection, Rev 20:4-6, is a Spiritual (Non-physical) Resurrection, of Believers or Regeneration. Second Resurrection, Dan 12:2-3, is a Physical (Non-Spiritual) Resurrection, of Believers and Unbelievers. Judgement of Believers and Unbelievers, at Second Coming.

Proponents of (Reformed) Amillennialism

Origen* (185-254 AD), Augustine* (354-430 AD), John Calvin* (1509-1564), Martin Luther* (1483-1546), Louis Berkhof (1873-1957), Herman Bavinck (1854-1921), Geerharhus Vos (1862-1949),

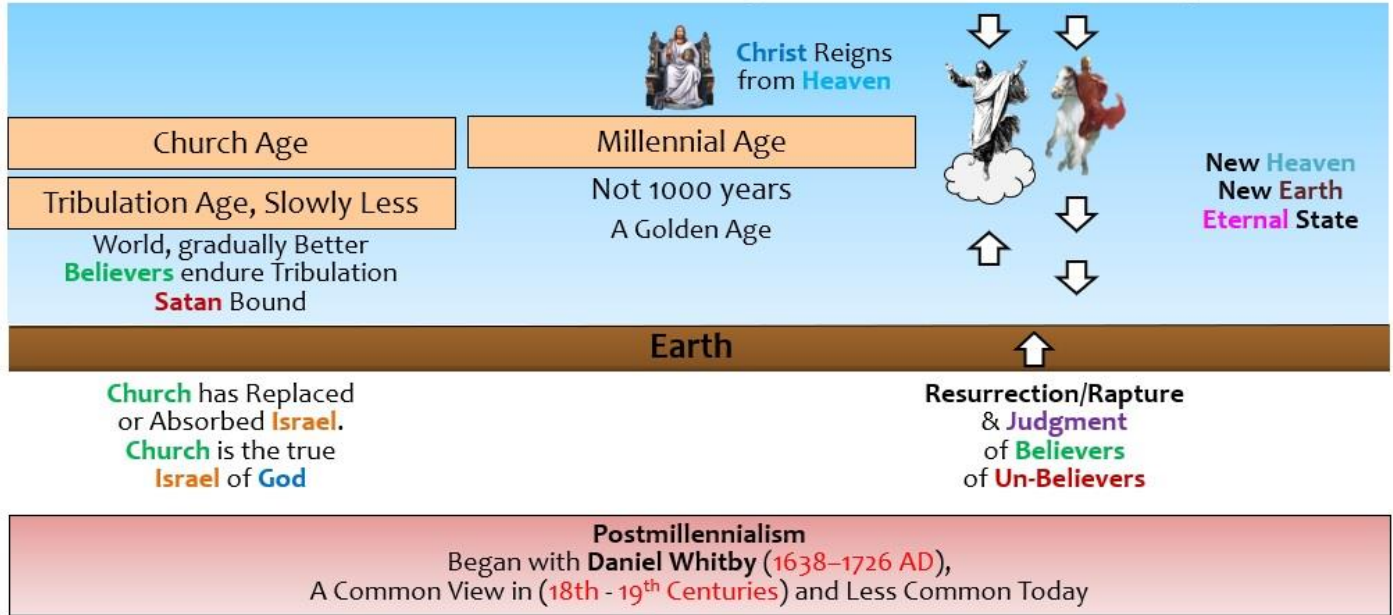
Modern Proponents

Sinclair Ferguson (Ligonier), J.I. Packer, Tim Keller, Sam Storms, Jay E. Adams, Leon Morris, Reformed Theologians, Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church

*Individual is identified as having a different View by different scholars.

Postmillennialism

Christ Comes AFTER a Millennium Age and AFTER a Tribulation Age



(Reformed) Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism assumes MOST Events in Revelation, WERE Fulfilled Historically, except

the Rapture, 2nd Coming, and Resurrection/Judgment of Believers/Unbelievers are FUTURE Events.

The Second Coming of Christ will occur AFTER (a Non-Literal, Not a 1000 year, **Millennial Kingdom**).

Millennial Kingdom is FUTURE, a long period of time, NOT a 1000-years, a "Golden Age".

Christ will **Rule** the **Earth** in FUTURE **Spiritually** (Non-Physically) through **His Spirit/Church**, from **Heaven**.

Satan is Bound or Restrained NOW.

Nation of Israel is **Cursed** and replaced or superseded by the **Church**, as "the people of **God**", (**Rom 9:6–8**).

The **Church** is the "**New Israel**" of **God**, (**Gal 6:16**, **Rom 9:6**),

The **Church** fulfills **Prophetic Promises** given to **Israel** by **God** in OT.

Great Tribulation is a period of **Tribulation** of **Believers** during the **Church Age** that gradually subsides.

First Resurrection, **Rev 20:4-6**, is a **Spiritual** (Non-physical) **Resurrection** or **Regeneration**, of **Believers**.

Second Resurrection, **Dan 12:2-3**, is a **Physical** (Non-Spiritual) **Resurrection**, of **Believers** and **Unbelievers**.

Judgement of **Believers** and **Unbelievers**, at **Second Coming**.

Proponents of (Reformed) Postmillennialism

Augustine* (354-430 AD), Joachim of Fiore (1135-1202 AD), John Calvin* (1509-1564), William Perkins (1558-1602), Daniel Whitby (Founder) (1638-1726), Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), Charles Hodge (1797-1878), George Whitefield (1714-1770), B. B. Warfield (1851-1921), A. A. Hodge (1823-1886), James H. Thornwell (1812-1862)

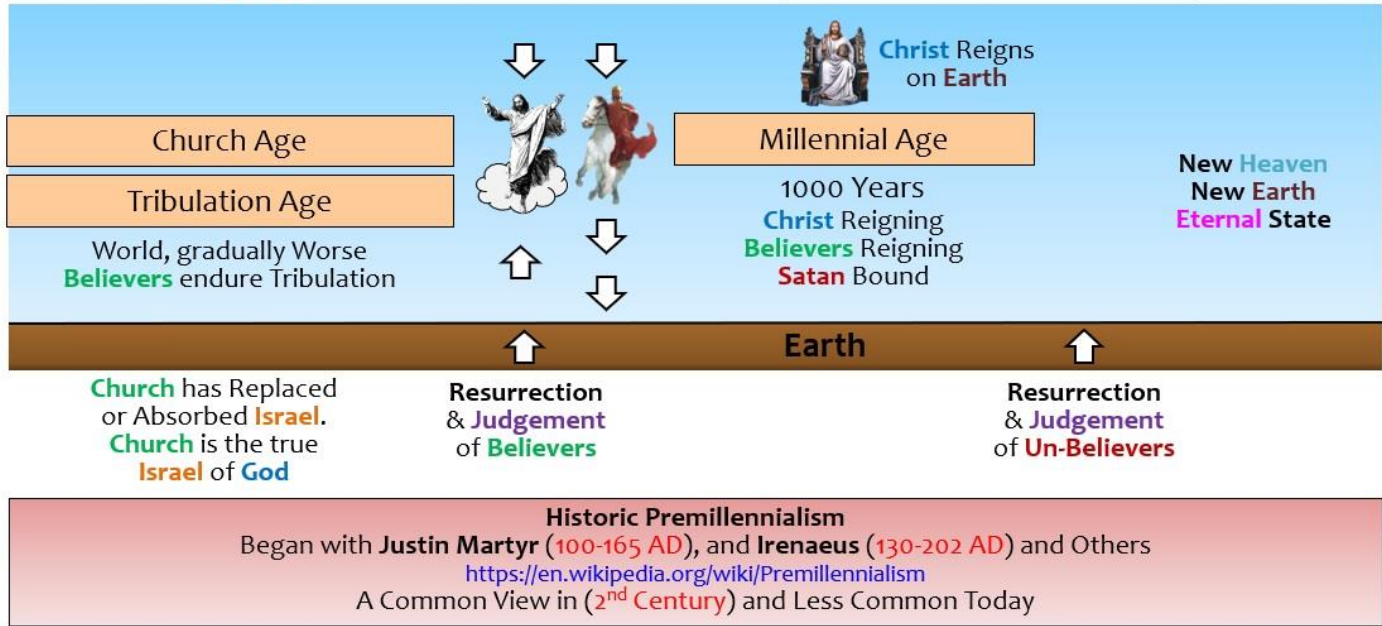
Modern Proponents

Kenneth Gentry, R. C. Sproul (Ligonier Ministries, formerly A-Mill), Doug J. Wilson, Hank Hanegraaff, Loraine Boettner, Keith Mathison, Gary DeMar, **Reformed Theologians**, **Christian Reconstructionists**

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Historic Premillennialism

Christ Comes BEFORE the Millennium, But AFTER a Tribulation Age



(Reformed) Historical Premillennialism

Historical Premillennialism assumes MOST Events in Revelation, WERE Fulfilled Historically, except the Rapture, 2nd Coming, and Resurrection/Judgment of Believers/Unbelievers and Millennium are FUTURE Events.

The Second Coming of Christ will occur BEFORE (a Literal, 1000-year Millennium Kingdom).

Millennial Kingdom is FUTURE, a 1000-years, a future event.

Christ will Rule the Earth in FUTURE Physically (Non-Spiritually), from Earth.

Satan is the Ruler of the World NOW (Not Bound or Restrained).

Nation of Israel is Cursed and replaced or superseded by the Church, as “the people of God”, (Rom 9:6–8).

The Church is the “New Israel” of God, (Gal 6:16, Rom 9:6),

The Church fulfills Prophetic Promises given to Israel by God in OT.

Great Tribulation is a period of Tribulation of Believers during the Church Age that gradually increases.

A common **historicist view** is that the Tribulation began with Constantine in the latter years of the Roman Empire (circa 313 AD). They believe that since that time, most of the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments of Revelation have occurred or are being fulfilled.

First Resurrection, Rev 20:4-6, is a **Physical** (Non-Spiritual) Resurrection, of Believers.

Second Resurrection, Rev 20:11-15, is a **Physical** (Non-Spiritual) Resurrection, of Unbelievers.

Judgement of Believers before Millennium and Unbelievers, at Second Coming, (Rev 20:11:15)

Proponents of Historic (Reformed) Premillennialism

Irenaeus* (125-202 AD), Justin Martyr (165-180 AD), Papias (60-130 AD),

Charles Spurgeon* (1834-1892), George Eldon Ladd (1911-1982), James M. Boice (1938-2000),

Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984)

Modern Proponents

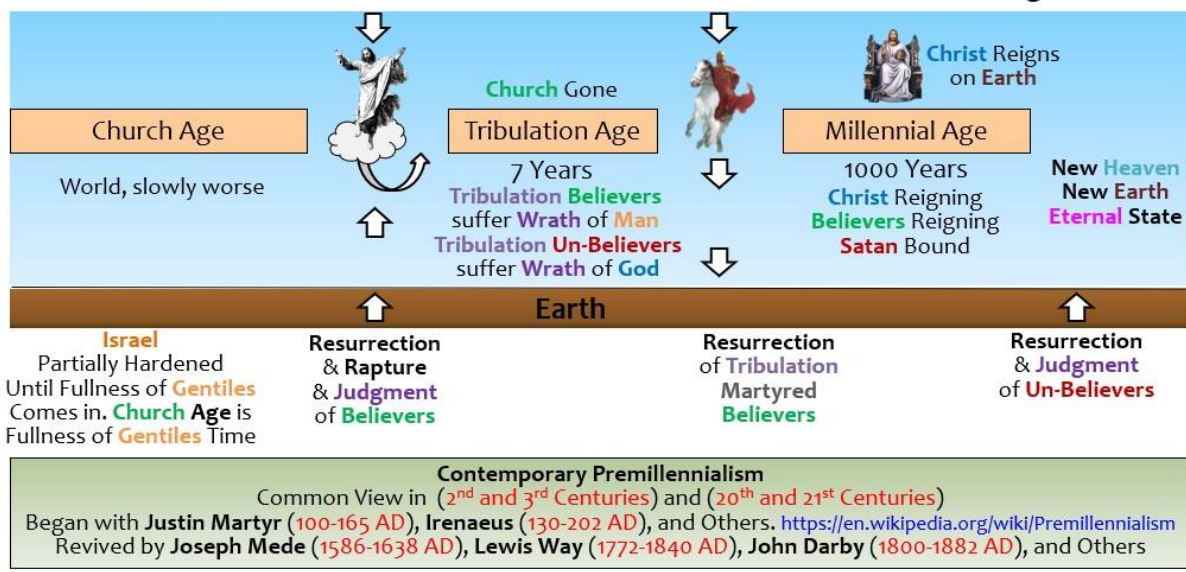
John S. Piper, Albert Mohler, Wayne Grudem, D. A. Carson, Bryan Chapell, Richard Stortz (Ligonier),

Millard Erickson, Reformed Theologians

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Contemporary Premillennialism

Christ comes BEFORE the Millennium and BEFORE the Tribulation Age



(Dispensational) Contemporary Premillennialism

Contemporary Premillennialism assumes MOST Events in Revelation, Will Be Fulfilled in the Future.

The Second Coming of Christ will occur BEFORE (a Literal, 1000-year Millennial Kingdom).

Millennial Kingdom is FUTURE, 1000-year event.

Christ will Rule the Earth in the FUTURE, Physically (Non-Spiritually), from Earth, from Jerusalem.

Satan is the Ruler of this World NOW (Not Bound or Restrained). (Jn 12:31, 2 Cor 4:4, Rev 12:7-9)

Nation of Israel is Cursed NOW, Not Rejected (Rom 11:1), But Restored in FUTURE. (Jer 30:1-3, 31:27-40)

The Church is primarily Elect Gentiles (Eph 3:1-21) with a Remnant of Elect Israel (Rom 11:5)

Israel fulfills Prophetic Promises to Israel in OT, all OT Promises and Covenants belong to Israel, (Rom 9:4)

The Tribulation Period is the 7th Week of Daniel, Dan 9:26-27, and a 7-year FUTURE Tribulation.

During The 7-year Tribulation Period, God's Wrath is Poured out on Unbelieving Mankind.

During The 7-year Tribulation Period, Mankind's Wrath is Poured out on Believing Mankind.

The First 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation, God's Wrath is with the Seal and Trumpet Judgments, Rev 6:1-11:19

The Great Tribulation is the last 3 1/2 years of a 7-year FUTURE Tribulation, Rev 12:1-18:24

For these 3 1/2 years, Satan's Wrath is on the Nation of Israel, Rev 12:1-6

But, for these 3 1/2 years, the Nation of Israel, flees to the Wilderness, Rev 12:13-14

For these 3 1/2 years, the Beast (Antichrist) is given authority to War with the Saints, Rev 13:7

For these 3 1/2 years, God's Wrath is with the Bowl Judgments, Rev 15:1-16:21

First Resurrection, Rev 20:4-6, is a Physical (Non-Spiritual) Resurrection, of Killed Tribulation Believers.

Second Resurrection, Rev 20:11-15, is a Physical (Non-Spiritual) Resurrection, of Dead Unbelievers.

God Judges Believers at (Rapture), (2 Cor 5:10) and Unbelievers, after Millennial Kingdom, (Rev 20:11:15)

Proponents of Contemporary (Dispensational) Premillennialism

Justin Martyr* (100-165 AD), Irenaeus* (130-202 AD), Joseph Mede (1586-1638), Lewis Way (1772-1840 AD), John N. Darby (1800-1882), C. I. Scofield (1843-1921), Lewis Sperry Chafer (1871-1952),

Modern Proponents

John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Dwight Pentecost, Tim LaHaye, John MacArthur, David Jeremiah, Charles R. Swindoll, Charles Feinberg, John Feinberg, Alva McClain, Tim LaHaye, Robert L. Thomas, Thomas Ice, Dispensational Theologians

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It is often said, that (Dispensational) Premillennialism was invented by John N. Darby (1800-1882) and made popular by C. I. Scofield (1843-1921). There is much evidence to the contrary as explained in: “Dispensationalism before Darby”, by William C. Watson and “Ancient Dispensational Truth, Refuting the Myth that Dispensationalism is New”, by James C. Morris

III. Tribulation Views: on Timing of **Jesus’s Rapture (Resurrection) of Believers**

The Resurrection OR (Rapture) OR Catching Up of **Believers in Christ, 1 Thes 4:13-18**

The (Rapture) is the event in which:

“**the Lord himself** descends from **Heaven**”

“**the Lord himself**” comes with “**those** who have fallen asleep in **Jesus** (the **spirits** of dead **Believers**)”
the Lord himself will **first** “rise” (resurrect) “the **dead** in **Christ** (the **bodies** of dead **Believers**)”
the Lord himself will **second** catch up (“caught up”) the “**alive**” in **Christ** (the **bodies** of **alive** **Believers**).
Both “the **dead** in **Christ**” and the “**alive**” in **Christ** will be “caught up”/snatched away, from **Earth**.
They both will “meet **the Lord** in the **air**”, “in the **clouds**” “to always be with **the Lord**”.
Believers are to “comfort **one another** with these words (of Rapture/Resurrection)”.

The (Rapture) is described primarily in **1 Thes 4:13–18** and **1 Cor 15:50–54**.

God will **Resurrect** all **dead believers** from Grave and give **them** new **spiritual bodies**. (Resurrection)

Their Old **Natural Bodies** will be Raised, from Grave, and united with **their spirits** already with **the Lord**.

God will catch up all **living believers**, not in Grave, and give **them** new **spiritual bodies**. (Rapture)

Their Old **Natural Bodies** Not in Grave, will be “caught up”, and united with **their spirits**.

All **Christianity** believes in the **Resurrection** of **Believers**, **1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:12-58**

All **Millennial Views** believe in the **Resurrection (Rapture or Catching Up)** of **Believers**

Scholars disagree as to WHEN the (Rapture) will occur: (**Pre-Trib**), (**Mid-Trib**), (**Late-Trib**), or (**Post-Trib**).

The (Rapture or Catching Up) is a “**MYSTERY**” Revealed in the NT

The (Rapture) is a “**MYSTERY**” NOT Revealed in the OT, But Revealed later in the NT, **1 Cor 15:51-52**

Behold, I tell **you** a **mystery**; **we** (**alive**) will not all sleep (not dead), but **we** will all be changed (**bodily**),

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound,

and the **dead** will be raised imperishable (**bodily**), and **we** (**alive**) will be changed (**bodily**). **1 Cor 15:51-52**

Tribulation (Rapture/Catching Up) or Resurrection Views: 1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:12-58

Pre-Tribulational (Rapture/Catching Up) or Resurrection (Pre-Trib)

Christ’s (Rapture) Coming, BEFORE a 7-year **Tribulation**, to **Resurrect** the **Church**

Mid-Tribulational (Rapture/Catching Up) or Resurrection (Mid-Trib)

Christ’s (Rapture) Coming, MIDDLE of a 7-year **Tribulation**, to **Resurrect** the **Church**

3/4 - Tribulation (Pre-Wrath) (Rapture/Catching Up) or Resurrection (Late-Trib)

Christ’s (Rapture) Coming, LATE in 7-year **Tribulation**, to **Resurrect** the **Church**

Post-Tribulational (Rapture/Catching Up) or Resurrection (Post-Trib)

Christ’s (Rapture) Coming, AFTER a 7-year **Tribulation**, to **Resurrect** the **Church**

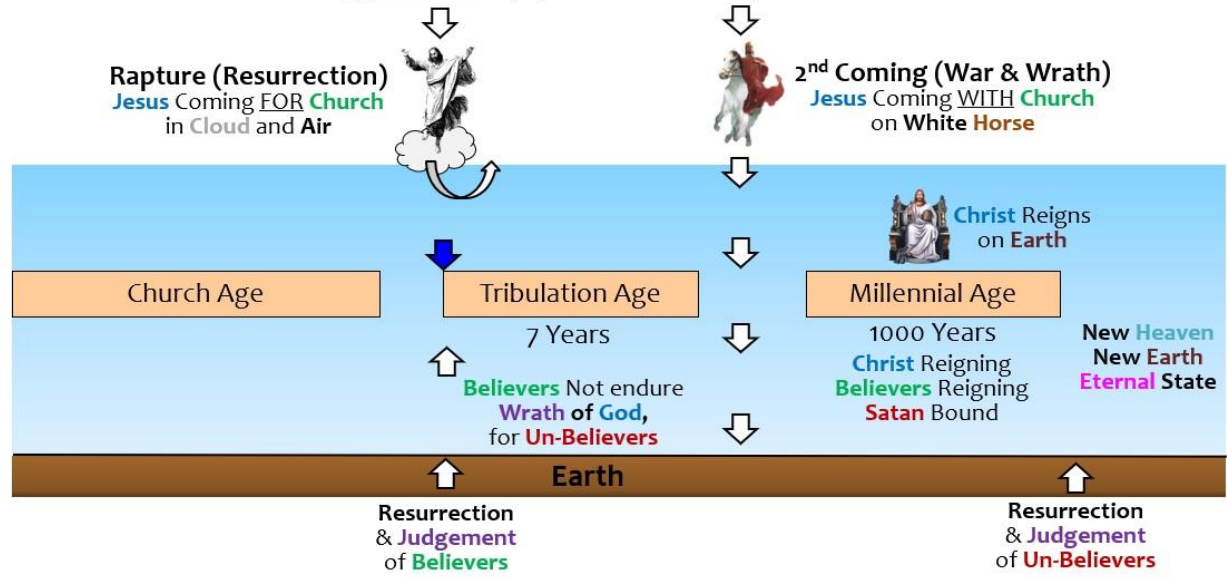
Other **Resurrections** or (Rapture/Catching Up) in the Bible

Enoch, **Gen 5:24, Heb 11:5**, Elijah, **2 Kings 2:1**, OT Saints, **Matt 27:52-53**,

Jesus, **Matt 28:6, Luke 24:50, Acts 1:9**, Two Witnesses, **Rev 11:12**, Tribulation Saints, **Rev 20:4-6**

Pre - Tribulation Rapture

Christ's Coming, BEFORE a 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church



Pre-Tribulation (Rapture) Resurrection (Pre-Trib)

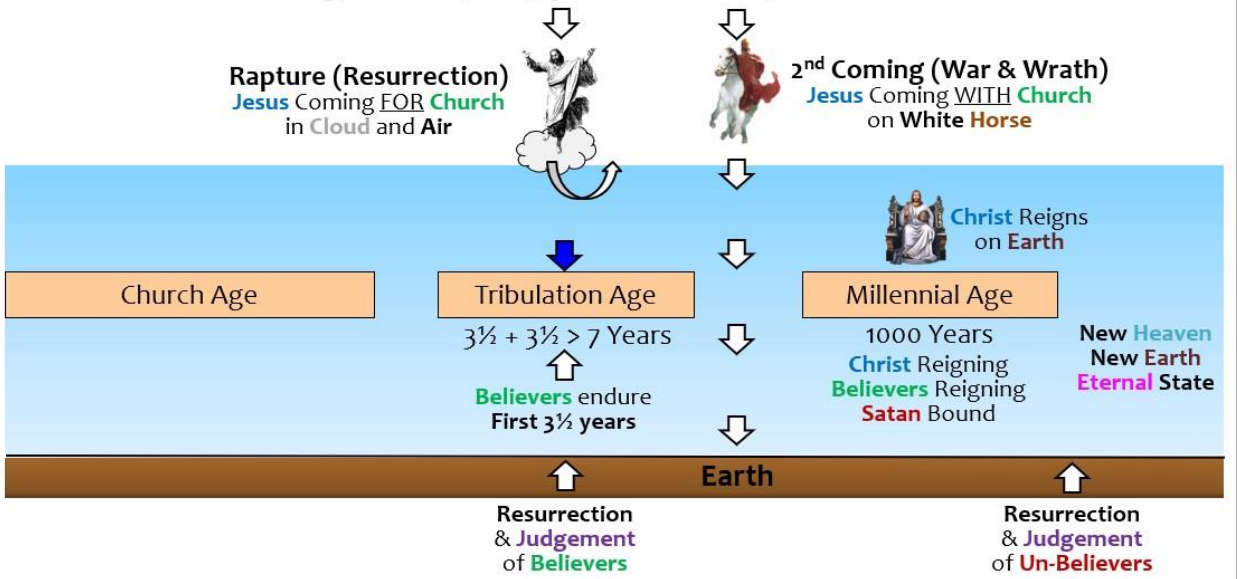
Christ's (Rapture) Coming, BEFORE a 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church

The Resurrection (Rapture) of Believers is BEFORE the Second Coming of Christ.

is BEFORE a 7-year Tribulation Age, the 70th Week of Daniel, Dan 9:26-27,
 Jesus Comes FOR Believers, at Resurrection (Rapture), 1 Thes 4:13-18
 Jesus Comes WITH Believers, at Second Coming of Christ, 1 Thes 3:13, Zech 14:5, Rev 19:4

Mid - Tribulation Rapture

Christ's Coming, MIDDLE of a 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church



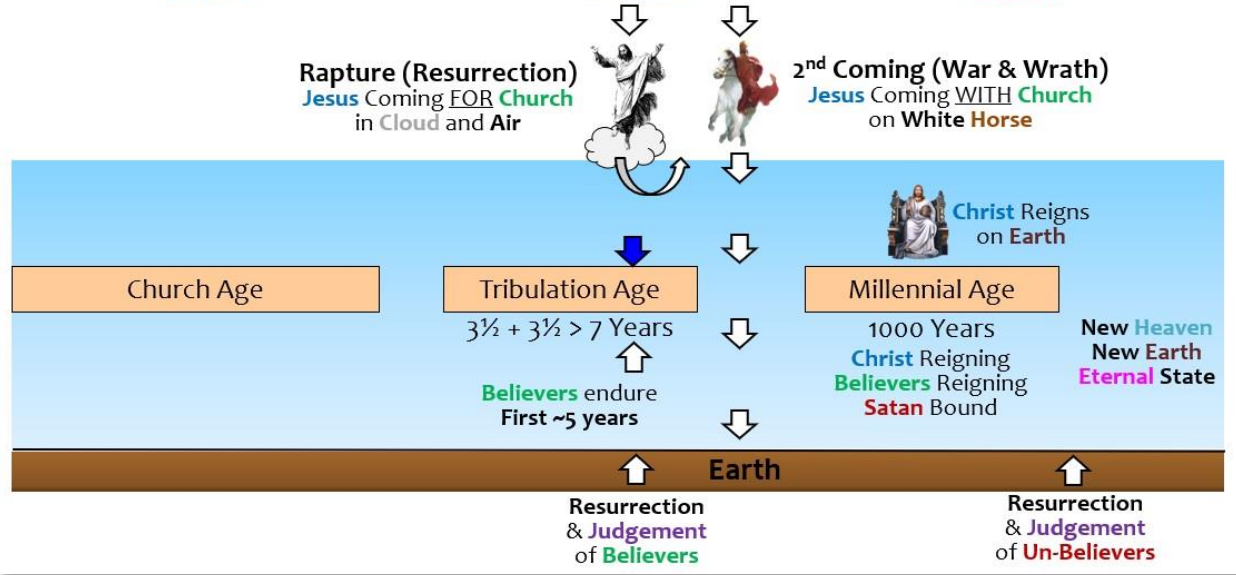
Mid-Tribulation (Rapture) Resurrection (Mid-Trib)

Christ's (Rapture) Coming, MIDDLE of a 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church

Is in MIDDLE of a 7-year Tribulation Age, the 70th Week of Daniel, Dan 9:26-27,
 Jesus Comes FOR Believers, at Resurrection (Rapture), 1 Thes 4:13-18
 Jesus Comes WITH Believers, at Second Coming of Christ, 1 Thes 3:13, Zech 14:5, Rev 19:4

3/4 - Tribulation (Pre-Wrath) Rapture

Christ's Coming, LATE in 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church



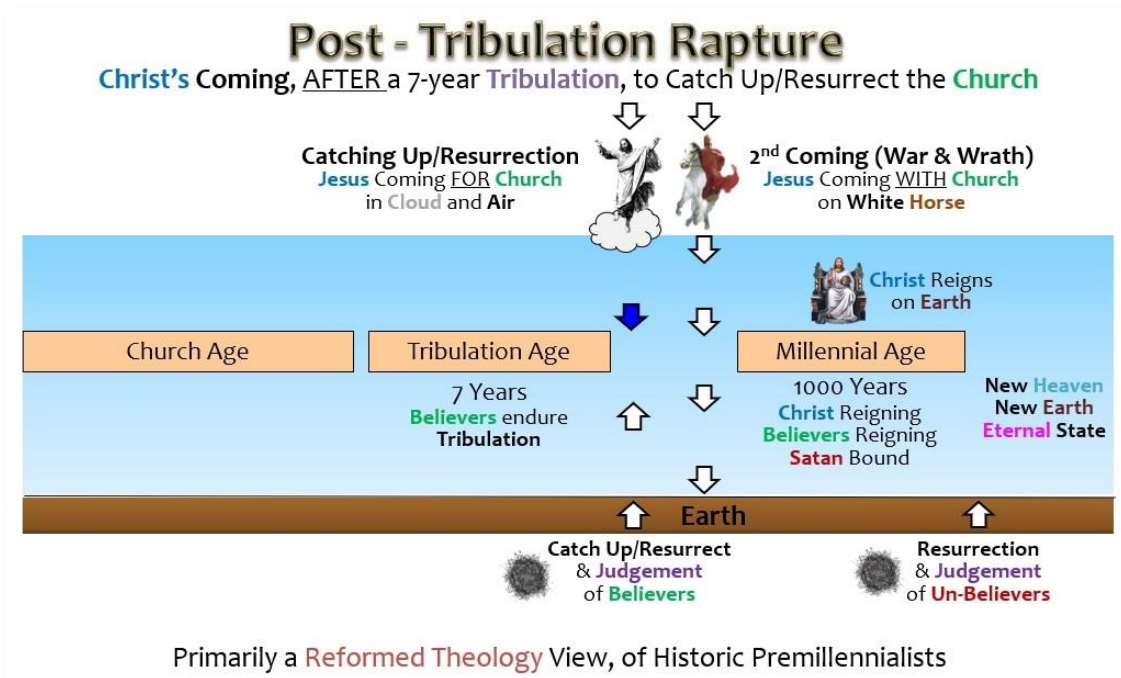
3/4 - Tribulation (Pre-Wrath) (Rapture) Resurrection (Late-Trib)

Christ's (Rapture) Coming, LATE in 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church

is LATE in a 7-year Tribulation Age, the 70th Week of Daniel, Dan 9:26-27,

Jesus Comes FOR Believers, at Resurrection (Rapture), 1 Thes 4:13-18

Jesus Comes WITH Believers, at Second Coming of Christ, 1 Thes 3:13, Zech 14:5, Rev 19:4



Post-Tribulation (Rapture) Resurrection (Post-Trib) (Reformed)

Christ's (Rapture) Coming, AFTER a 7-year Tribulation, to Resurrect the Church

is AFTER a 7-year Tribulation Age, the 70th Week of Daniel, Dan 9:26-27,

Jesus' Coming FOR Believers, at a coinciding (Rapture) / Second Coming of Christ.