

BOOK OF REVELATION – REVELATION 19:17-21

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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In the previous Lesson we covered **Rev 19:1-16**,

Jesus' 2nd Coming to Judge and Wage War with His Enemies, Rev 19:1-16

Jesus Comes from **Heaven** on a White Horse

Jesus Comes to Judge and Wage War

Jesus Comes with **Armies** from **Heaven**, in fine linen, **Believers** on White Horses and with **Angels**.

Jesus Comes with a sharp sword from **His mouth (His Word)**, to smite **the Nations**.

Jesus Comes to **Rule** the Nations with a **Rod of Iron**.

Jesus Comes to tread the **wine press** of the fierce **Wrath of God**.

Jesus Comes as **King of Kings** and **Lord of Lords**

The **War** between **Jesus** and **His Army** and **the Beast** and **His Army**, **Rev 19:17-21**

First an **Angel** calls all the **Birds** of **Mid-Heaven** to **assemble** for the **Great Supper of God**.

The **Angel** calls all the **Birds** to **assemble** to eat **the flesh** of:

Kings, Commanders, Mighty Men, Horses, Horse Riders, and of **All Men**.

Then **the Beast** and **the Kings of the Earth**, and **their Armies** have **assembled** to make **War**,
with **Jesus** and **His Armies** from **Heaven**, of **Believers** and **Angels**.

Then **the Beast** and **the False Prophet** were **seized** and **thrown** into **the Lake of Fire**.

Then All the **Men, Kings, and Horses** were **Killed** with **the sword** from **Jesus' mouth (His Word)**.

Then all the **Birds** of **Mid-Heaven** were filled with the **Men's** and **Horse's flesh**.

The **War** between **Jesus** and **His Army** and **the Beast** and **His Army**, **Other Passages**

Demons go out to **gather the Kings of the Earth** for the **War of the great day of God**, **Rev 16:14**

The Euphrates was **dried up** by **God**, "so that the way would be prepared for **the kings** from **the east**", **16:12**

the Son of Man coming every eye will see **Him**, **Rev 1:7, Matt 24:30**

The Lord is revealed in **flaming fire** to **those** who do not know **God**, **2 Thes 1:8-10, Lk 17:30**

Armageddon, the War of the great day of the Lord, **Rev 16:12-16**,

The time came to **destroy those** who **destroy the Earth**, **Rev 11:18d, 19:19-20**

Armageddon concludes "**the time of Jacob's trouble**" in the **7 year Tribulation**, **Jer 30:7**

Armageddon concludes all **Israel's enemies** being **destroyed**, leading to **Israel's restoration**, **Ezek 37:21-28**

Armageddon concludes **the Lord** punishing **the Earth's inhabitants**, **Isa 26:21, 34:1-6, 63:1-6, 66:15-16**

Armageddon marks the final **judgment** upon the armies of **the Kings of the Nations**, **Rev 19:19-20**

Armageddon in **The Valley of Jehoshaphat, The Valley of Decision, the Day of the Lord**, **Joel 3:9-17**

the Day of the Lord, a period of time, Not 24 hours, but **7 years** when **the Lord Judges** the Earth.

The **Gathering** by **Angels** or **Harvesting** of **the Earth**, by **Cutting** or **Reaping**, **Rev 14:14-20**,

The **Gathering** by **Angels** and **Trodden (Crushed)** in the **great wine press** of the **Wrath of God**,
that **Crushes/Destroys**, **Rev 14:19, Rev 19:15, Isa 63:1-6**

The **Gathering** by **Angels** of **Unbelievers (Tares, Sons of Evil one, Mt 13:38) (Chaff, Mt 3:12, Lk 3:17)**

Unbelievers are spoken of as being **Harvested, Gathered, Cut, Reaped, Trodden, Taken, and Killed**

Unbelievers are spoken of as being **eaten** by **Vultures**, **Mt 24:28, Lk 17:37**, or **Birds**, **Rev 19:17-18, 21**

Unbelievers after **Gathered** are spoken of as being **Judged**, **Rev 20:11-15, Jn 5:29, 12:48, Rom 2:5, 2 Tim 4:1**

Unbelievers after **Gathered** are spoken of as being **Burned** with unquenchable **Fire**, **Mt 3:12, Lk 3:17**,

Burned up, Mt 13:30, Burned with Fire, Mt 13:40, the Lake that Burns with Fire the 2nd Death, Rev 21:8

All the Birds are called to assemble for the Great Supper of God

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 19:17-18** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 19:17-18

- I. 17 Then I (John) saw an angel standing in the sun,
 - A. and he (angel) cried out with a loud voice, 5:2, 5:12, 7:2, 14:7, 14:9, 14:15, 14:18,
 - B. saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, 19:21, 8:3, 14:6, Gen 1:20, 26, 28, 30,
 1. “Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 1 Sam 17:44, Ezek 39:17
 2. 18 so that (Reason) you (birds) may eat
 3. the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders Ezek 39:18-20, Rev 6:15,
 4. and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them
 5. and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.” 13:16, 11:18

an angel, cried out, for the Birds to assemble for the great supper of God, Rev 19:17-18

Then John saw an angel standing in the sun, darkened in Rev 8:12,

and the angel cried out with a loud voice, as in Rev 5:2, 12, 7:2, 14:7, 9, 15, 18,

the angel cried out to all the birds which fly in midheaven, 8:3, 14:6, Gen 1:20, 26, 28, 30,

Midheaven is where the announcing eagle flies, in Rev 8:3, and where the angel flies, in Rev 14:6.

Midheaven is “the sky” where Birds normally fly, as in Gen 1:20, 26, 28, 30, ...

the angel commands the Birds, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God.”

the Birds are to assemble so that they may eat, Ezek 39:18-20, Rev 6:15, 1 Sam 17:44, Ezek 39:17

eat the flesh of: kings, commanders, mighty men, horses, horse riders, and the flesh of all men,

This all men, includes both free men and slaves, and small and great men. 13:16, 11:18

This list of Men is like the list in Rev 6:15, who hid from the wrath of the Lamb,

after experiencing Seal Judgments 1-4 and Seal Judgment 6.

Notice that the Birds are assembled to eat, BEFORE the Armies of the Beast are killed.

This shows how God understood their fate was coming and sure and was preparing for it.

This is the Time that has come, “to destroy those who destroy the earth”, in Rev 11:18 at end of verse.

and announced when there was 3 1/2 years left in the 7 year Tribulation, Rev 11:2.

1 Samuel 17:44

44 The Philistine (Goliath) also said to David,

“Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.”



The Beast (Antichrist) and his armies assemble to make War against Jesus and his armies

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 - A. assembled to make war against Him (Jesus) 11:17,
 1. who sat on the horse and against His (Jesus') army. 19:11, 19:14, 19:21, 2 Thes 1:7, 1:10
- II. 20 And the beast (Antichrist) was seized, 14:19-20, 17:14, Ezek 38, Ezek 39,
 - A. and with him the false prophet 16:13-14, 13:11-17,
 1. who performed the signs in his presence, 13:12-16,
 2. by which he deceived those (men) who had received the mark of the beast 13:14, 13:16,
 3. and those (men) who worshiped his (Antichrist's) image; 13:12, 13:15,
 - B. these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire 20:10, 20:14-15, Dan 7:11, 2 Thes 1:8, 2 Thes 2:8-9,
 1. which burns with brimstone. 21:8
- III. 21 And the rest (the men army) were killed with the sword 17:12-14, 14:9-11, 14:19-20, 1:16, 19:15, 2 Thes 1:8
 - A. which (sword) came from the mouth of Him (Jesus) 19:15,
 1. who sat on the horse, 19:11, 19:21
 - B. and all the birds were filled with their (the men's) flesh. 19:17-18

the beast and the king's armies assembled to make War with Jesus and His army, Rev 19:19

Then John saw the beast (Antichrist) and the kings (of the East, 16:12) of the earth (the whole world, 16:14) and their armies, already assembled (gathered by demon spirits, 16:14) (to Har-Magedon, 16:16) to make war against Jesus' armies (for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty, 16:14).

This means the king's armies did not need to assemble to make War with Jesus

because they are already assembled (gathered together in a place called Har-Magedon, 16:16)

Assembling or Gathering: of the kings of the earth and their armies See Lesson 24 Rev 16:12-16

The 6th angel poured his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates and its water was dried up, 16:12

The Euphrates was dried up by God, "so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east", 16:12

John saw, coming out of the mouths of the dragon (Satan), the beast (Antichrist), and the false prophet, three unclean spirits (demons) like frogs. 16:13

"for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which (signs) go out to the kings of the whole world. 16:14

These signs "go out to the kings (Kingdoms) of the whole world (the Earth)", 16:14

These Demon Spirits "go out" "to gather them (the Kings/Kingdoms, of the Earth) together",

"for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty", 16:14, 16:16

These Kingdoms include the Kingdoms that receive authority with the Beast (Antichrist) King, in 17:14.

Assembling or Gathering Place: of the kings of the earth and their armies

Demon spirits gather the Kings to the place called Har-Magedon (Armageddon), Rev 16:16

Then the demon spirits from Satan, the Beast, and the False prophet, 16:13, gathered the Kings from the East, 16:12, together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon (Armageddon).

"Armageddon" comes from the Greek *Harmagedōn*, which transliterates the Hebrew words

for Mount (*har*) of Megiddo. The word Megiddo means "place of troops" or "place of slaughter."

The Mount of Megiddo is near the city of Megiddo, about 60 miles North of Jerusalem.

The city of Megiddo is in the Valley of Jezreel, southwest of Galilee and the Valley is about 14 miles wide and 20 miles long, also known as the Valley of Esdraelon, Valley of Armageddon, and Valley of Megiddon.

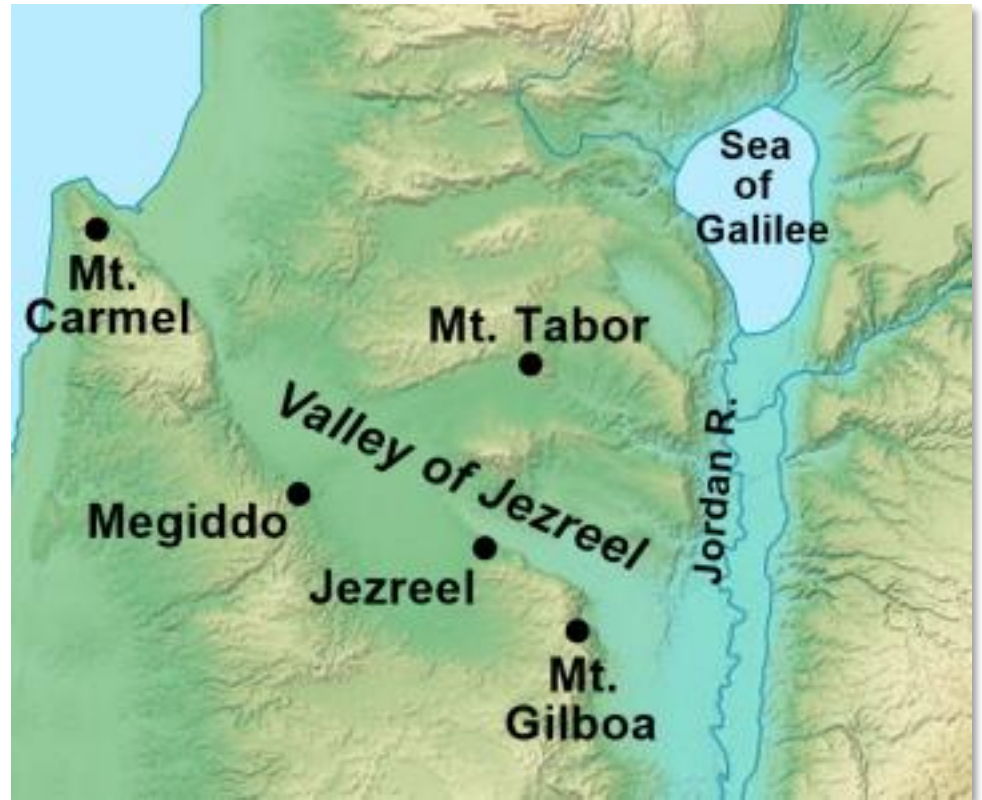
"Har-Magedon" is also called Armageddon, Harmagedon, Legio, Megiddon, Tel Megiddo.

The Valley of Armageddon was the scene of many Old Testament battles *Jug 4, 5, 7, 2 Kings 23:29, Zech 12:11*, and later Historical battles of Napoleon, Titus and his Roman army, and the Crusades.

the Valley of Armageddon the Valley of Jezreel

the **demon spirits** gathered **the Kings** from the **East**, **16:14** but this was all according to **God's Purpose**. **Rev 17:17**

God's Purpose was to gather **the Kings** to a specific location, to **War** with **Him** and be **killed** at **His 2nd Coming**, "until **the words of God** will be **fulfilled**", in **Rev 19:17-21** and **Rev 17:14**.



Revelation 17:17 **GOD'S PURPOSE**

17 "For **God** has put it in **their (Kings) hearts** to execute **His (God's) purpose** by having a **common purpose**, and by giving **their (Kings) kingdom** to **the beast**, until **the words of God** will be **fulfilled**."

Revelation 17:14 **GOD'S PURPOSE**

14 "**These (Kings)** will **wage war** against **the Lamb**, and **the Lamb** will **overcome them**, **19:21** because **He** is **Lord of lords** and **King of kings**, and **those** who are with **Him** are the **called** and **chosen** and **faithful**."

These (Kings) are the ones made **drunk** with **Babylon's immorality**, in **Rev 17:2**

These (Kings) are the **ten horns** who were **drunk** with **the blood** of **the saints**, **Rev 17:7**

These (Kings) are the ones who have **one purpose**, to give **their power** and **authority** to **the Beast**, **Rev 17:13**

These (Kings) are part of **the Nations** enraged and **those** who **destroy the Earth**, **Rev 11:18**

These (Kings) are part of **the Nations** to be **destroyed** by **the Wrath of God**, at **His Coming**, **Rev 11:18**

These (Kings) are the ones **assembled** to **make war** against **Him (Jesus)**, **Rev 19:19, 16:14**

These (Kings) are the ones who **make war** against **Him (Jesus)**, who **sat on the horse**, **Rev 19:19, 19:11, 19:21**

These (Kings) are the ones who **make war** against **His (Jesus') army** (**angels** and **saints**), **Rev 19:19, 19:14**

This is "when **the Lord Jesus** will be revealed from **heaven** with **His mighty angels** in **flaming fire**", **2 Thes 1:7**

This is when **Jesus** will be "dealing out **retribution** to **those** who do not know **God**", **2 Thes 1:8**

and "dealing out **retribution**" "to **those** who do not obey the gospel of **our Lord Jesus**." **2 Thes 1:8**

retribution > a **justly deserved penalty**, for the purpose of **correcting wrongdoing**.

The **wages** (payment for work done) of **sin**, is **death**..., **Rom 6:23**

The Beast and false prophet were seized, and thrown into the lake of fire, Rev 19:20

Then the beast (Antichrist) was seized, as Daniel said in Dan 7:11, Rev 17:14

“These (Antichrist, false prophet, and Kings) will wage war against the Lamb,
and the Lamb will overcome them”, as said in Rev 17:14

Ezek 38, Ezek 39,

and with him (Antichrist) the false prophet (was seized),

who performed the signs in his (Antichrist's) presence, described in Rev 13:11-17

by which he deceived those (men) who had received the mark of the beast 13:14, 13:16,
and those (men) who worshiped his (Antichrist's) image; 13:12, 13:15,

these two (Antichrist, false prophet) were thrown alive into the lake of fire, as in Rev 20:10

Dan 7:11 says, “... the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire”

2 Thes 2:8-9 says, “..that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth”

Therefore, the beast was seized, overcome, slain or killed, with the breath of Jesus' mouth, His sword,
and the beast's body was destroyed, 19:20, 17:14, Dan 7:11,

and the beast was thrown alive into the lake of fire or given to the burning fire, 19:20, 20:10, Dan 7:11
the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. 21:8

Notice: the Kings and their armies were Not thrown in into the lake of fire, because they are Men
who will be resurrected from Hades and Judged a 1000 years later, at the White Throne Judgment,
in Rev 20:11-15, and then thrown in into the lake of fire, Rev 20:11-15.

When an unbeliever dies, his spirit goes to Hades, “the unseen world” or “the realm of the dead”

Hades is emptied of its dead unbelievers, Rev 20:13, then they will be Judged and sentenced to Hell.

the Kings and their armies were killed with the sword from the mouth of Jesus, Rev 19:21a

Then the rest, the men of the Kings armies, were killed with the sword of Jesus, Rev 19:21a

These Kings are, “the ten horns, the ten kings”, in Rev 17:12

These Kings are, “the ten kings, who give their power and authority to the Beast for one hour”, 17:12

These Kings are, “the ten kings, who “wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them”, 17:14

These Kings are, “the ten horns, the ten kings”, that come from the 4th Iron Beast, in Dan 7:23-24

These Kings are, “the ten kings, who have another king arise, the Antichrist, the Beast.

the Antichrist, the Beast, “will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints”, Dan 7:25

the saints (Israel), “will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time”, Dan 7:25, Rev 12:13-14, 13:5

These Kings are, “the Nations”, who “will tread underfoot the holy city (Jerusalem) for 42 months”, Rev 11:2

These King's armies are who “worships the beast and his image”, Rev 14:9

These King's armies are who “receive a mark on their forehead or on his hand”, Rev 14:9

These King's armies are who “will drink of the wine of the wrath of God”, Rev 14:10, Isa 63:1-6

These King's armies are who “will be tormented with fire and brimstone

in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb”, Rev 14:10

These King's armies are who the angel gathers with his sickle from the earth, Rev 14:19

These King's armies are who are thrown into the great wine press of the wrath of God, Rev 14:19, Rev 19:15

These King's armies are who are in the wine press was trodden outside the city, Rev 14:20, Rev 19:15

These King's armies are those whose blood came out from the wine press, for 200 miles, Rev 14:20, Rev 19:15

These King's armies are those who are those smitten by the Lord, Rev 19:15

These King's armies are those who do not know God, that the Lord deals out retribution to, 2 Thes 1:8

These King's armies are those who are killed with the sword from the mouth of Jesus, Rev 19:15, 21

These King's armies are those kings, commanders, mighty men, horses, horse riders, and all men, Rev 19:18

all the birds were filled with their (the men's) flesh, Rev 19:21b

Then once the King's armies were killed by Jesus, then all the birds were filled with their flesh. Rev 19:17-18

The Birds eat, the flesh of kings, commanders, mighty men, horses, horse riders, and the flesh of all men.

This all men, includes both free men and slaves, and small and great men. 19:18

Those **Not Killed** at the **2nd Coming** of **Christ**

All those **Unbelievers** and **Believers**, Not of the **King's** armies, are Not **Killed** at the **2nd Coming** of **Christ**.

They are separated and **Judged** at the **Sheep and Goat Judgment**, **Matt 25:31-46**.

Those **Judged** as **Believers** will enter the **1000 year Millennial Kingdom** and **eternal life**

and those **Judged** as **Unbelievers** will go into **eternal punishment**, with **the Devil** and **his angels**.

Tribulation Believers Killed, come to Life (**Resurrected**) and **reign** with **Christ** for a **1000 years**, **Rev 20:4**

The War between **Jesus** and **His Army** and **the Beast** and **His Army**, **Other Passages**

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the Son of Man coming every eye will see **Him**, **Rev 1:7**, **Matt 24:30**

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Armageddon, the War of the great day of **the Lord**, **Rev 16:12-16**, **Rev 19:11-21**, **Zech 12:2-9**, **Zech 14:1-7**

See more on **Zech 12** and **Zech 14** on my personal website, <http://allscriptureinspired.com/zechariah/>

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Burned up, **Mt 13:30**, **Burned with Fire**, **Mt 13:40**, the Lake that **Burns** with **Fire** the **2nd Death**, **Rev 21:8**

the **2nd Coming** of **Christ** answers the **Mockers** in the last days

2 **Peter 3:3-9**

3 Know this first of all, that **in the last days mockers** will come with **their mocking**,
following after **their** own lusts,

4 and (**mockers**) saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?**

For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

5 For when **they** maintain this, it escapes **their** notice

that by **the word of God** the **heavens** existed long ago

and **the earth** was formed out of **water** and by **water**,

6 through which **the world at that time** was **destroyed**, being flooded with **water**.

7 But by **His word** the present **heavens** and **earth** are being reserved for **fire**,

kept for **the day of judgment** and **destruction** of **ungodly men**.

8 But do not let this one fact escape **your** notice, **beloved**,

that with **the Lord one day is like a thousand years**, and **a thousand years like one day**.

9 **The Lord** is not slow about **His promise**, as **some** count **slowness**, (**mockers**)

but is **patient** toward **you** (**beloved**),

not wishing for **any** to perish but for all to come to **repentance**. **1 Tim 2:4**

the **2nd Coming** of **Christ** fulfills the **Blessed Hope**

Titus 2:13

13 looking for the **blessed hope** and the **appearing** of **the glory** of **our** great **God** and **Savior**, **Christ Jesus**,

I. 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.

Chart

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

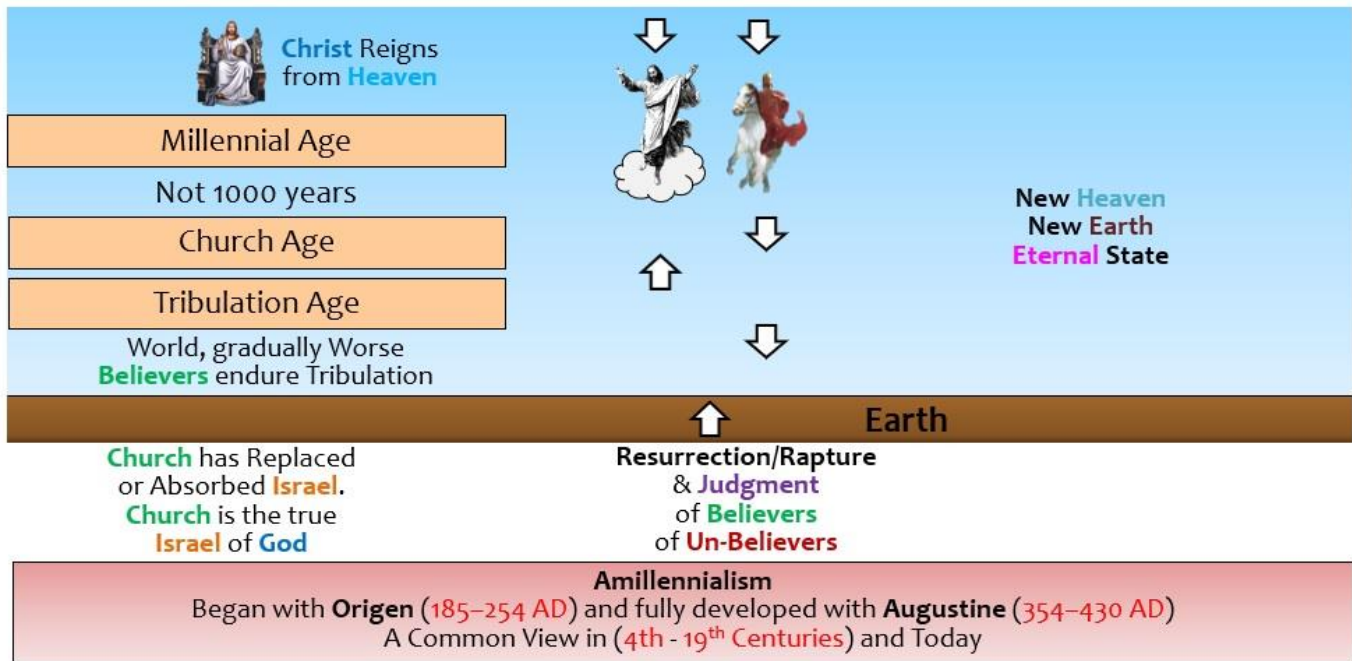
Key Prophetic Passages > Interpreted "Literally"

Chart

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.

Post-Tribulational (Rapture) Resurrection (Post-Trib) at Christ’s 2nd Coming

Christ’s 2nd Coming, AFTER about a 2000 year Tribulation Age
 Christ’s 2nd Coming, is to Resurrect and (Rapture) and Judge the Church
 Christ’s 2nd Coming, is also to Resurrect and Judge UnBelievers
 Christ’s 2nd Coming, Resurrection of the Church and Resurrection of UnBelievers, coincides.

Moving from Literal Interpretation to Non-Literal Interpretation of Prophecy

Reformed (Covenant) Theology moves away from Literal interpretation when it sees a different Type of Literary Genre present in Prophetic portions of Scripture.

A Literary Genre, they call “Apocalyptic Genre”, is often assigned to the Book of Revelation. R. C. Sproul¹

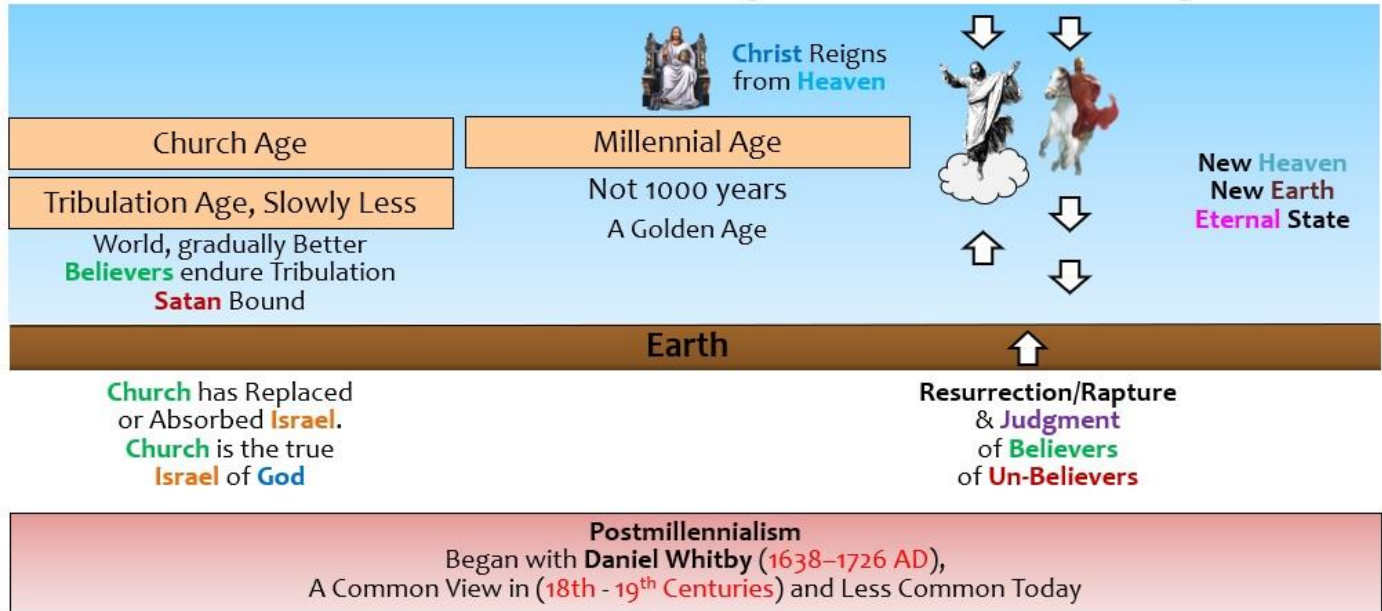
Once “Apocalyptic Genre” is assigned, they vary between Literal and Non-Literal Interpretation.

See a more detailed description of the Interpretation of Prophecy, in Lesson 04

¹“Apocalyptic Genre”, R. C. Sproul, The Last Days According to Jesus, (page 59)

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.

Post-Tribulational (Rapture) Resurrection (Post-Trib) at Christ’s 2nd Coming

Christ’s 2nd Coming, AFTER about a 2000 year Tribulation Age and a Millennial Age, Not a 1000 years
Christ’s 2nd Coming, is to Resurrect and (Rapture) and Judge the Church
Christ’s 2nd Coming, is also to Resurrect and Judge Unbelievers
Christ’s 2nd Coming, Resurrection of the Church and Resurrection of Unbelievers, coincides.

Moving from Literal Interpretation to Non-Literal Interpretation of Prophecy

Reformed (Covenant) Theology moves away from Literal interpretation when it sees a different Type of Literary Genre present in Prophetic portions of Scripture.

A Literary Genre, they call “Apocalyptic Genre”, is often assigned to the Book of Revelation. R. C. Sproul²

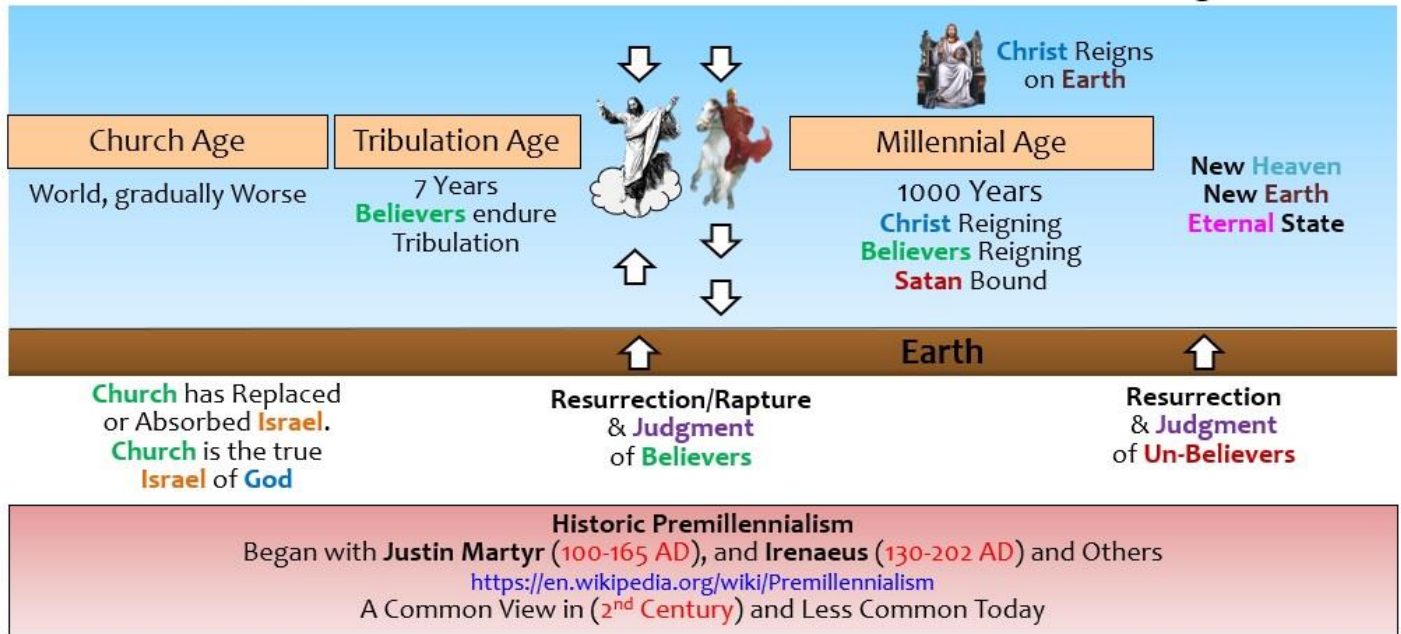
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Historic Premillennialism

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 Millennial 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)

Post-Tribulational (Rapture) Resurrection (Post-Trib) at Christ’s 2nd Coming

Christ’s 2nd Coming, AFTER about a 2000 year Tribulation Age and BEFORE a 1000 year Millennial Age

Christ’s 2nd Coming, is to Resurrect and (Rapture) and Judge the Church

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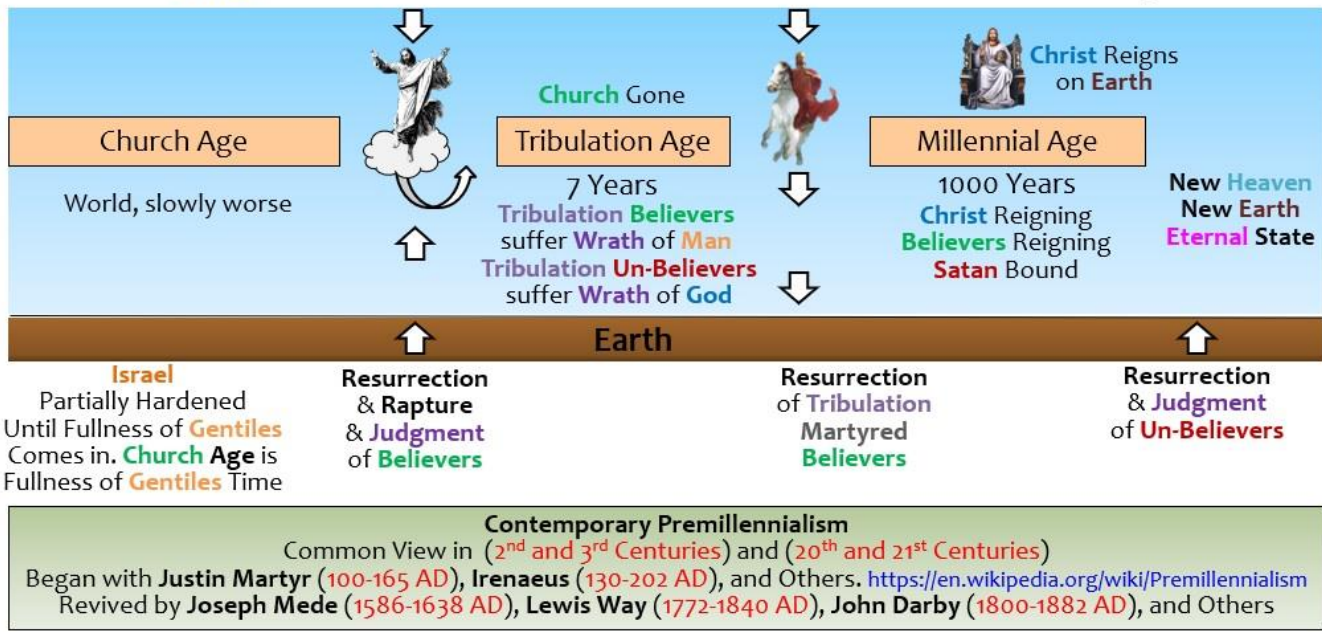
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Contemporary Premillennialism

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 70th 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)

Pre-Tribulational (Rapture) Resurrection (Pre-Trib) is 7 years Before Christ's 2nd Coming

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

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

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

Christ's (Rapture) Coming, Jesus Comes FOR Believers, to Resurrect and Catch Up the Church, 1 Thes 4:13-18

Christ's (Rapture) Coming, is to First Judge Believers at Beginning of 7-year Tribulation

Christ's 2nd Coming, Jesus Marries Believers at End of 7-year Tribulation

Christ's 2nd Coming, Jesus Comes WITH Believers, 1 Thes 3:13, Zech 14:5, Rev 19:4

Holding to Literal Interpretation of Prophecy

Dispensational Theology “holds that both the **Old Testament** and **New Testament** are interpreted using **Literal/Historical/Grammatical Interpretation.**” *Wikipedia*

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“**Prophetic Genre**” is represented in many **Books of the Old Testament**, such as Genesis, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, as well as **Revelation**.

“**Prophetic Genre**” is often found in **Visions, Dreams, and Theophanies** in the Old and New Testaments.

Dispensational Theology

One Method: Literal/Historical/Grammatical Interpretation, for all “**Prophetic Genre**” in Scripture, including **Revelation**. This includes “**Figures of Speech**” as part of **Grammatical Interpretation**.

Dispensational Theology sees **No Difference in Genre** between:

The **Beast John** SAW, in **Revelation, Rev 13:1-2**, and the **Beasts Daniel** SAW, in **Daniel, Daniel 7:1-8**.

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³ Literary Genre and Hermeneutics of The Apocalypse, Robert L. Thomas, <https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj2e.pdf>