

# NEW TESTAMENT JOURNEY

## End Times and Revelation – Part 2

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# BRBC

**SECOND COMING:** We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the earth as He promised. We believe that this will occur prior to the millennium. We also believe that the church universal will be raptured, that is to be caught up together and meet the Lord in the air, and that this may happen at any moment. We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers who have died to join with those who are alive to meet Christ. We believe that subsequent to the rapture the earth will be gripped in seven years of intense tribulation after which Christ and his forces will return to earth, take dominion, and rule on earth for a thousand years. The Eternal Kingdom will be established in heaven subsequent to the Great White Throne judgment in which all unbelievers will be judged. Satan and all his forces will be defeated and cast into the Lake of Fire.

# BRBC

- Pre tribulation
  - Referring to the timing of the RAPTURE
- Pre Millennial
  - Referring to the timing of His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

# Three Views

- Pre – Millennial
  - Return before the Millennium
- Post – Millennial
  - Return after the Millennium
- A – Millennial
  - There is No Millennium

# A Mill

Amillennialists believe that the "thousand years" of Revelation 20 is a figurative number indicating the whole period between Jesus' resurrection and his return (i.e. the current church age). In this view Christ now reigns and rules from heaven in and through the church bringing people into the kingdom of God through the preaching of the gospel.

# Post Mill

Postmillennialists generally see the millennial kingdom as a "golden age" ushered in by the church through the triumph of the gospel, not only in bringing individuals to salvation, but also in dominating culture. In this view, Christ's return is at the culmination (conclusion) of this millennial age, hence the name post-millennial.

# Pre Mill

Dispensational premillennialists propose that Christ's return will precede the millennium but will be in two stages: First, to rapture his saints, leaving all others behind, and then after seven years of tribulation, to publicly institute his visible millennial reign. Dispensationalism also has a uniquely Jewish view of the millennium in which God will literally fulfill his OT promises to ethnic Israel, promises not given to Gentile believers.

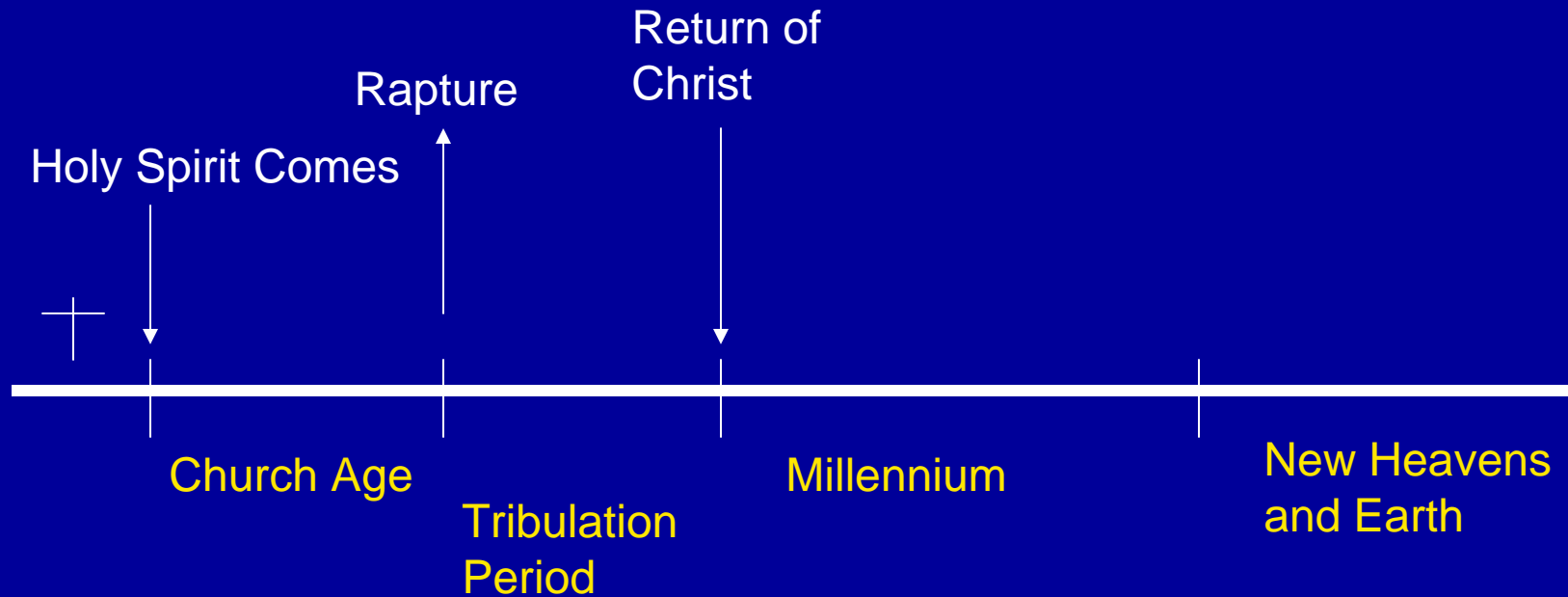
# Pre Mill

- Pre – Millennial
  - Christ will return to earth and set up His 1000 year kingdom in which all of the promises will be fulfilled
  - Popular
    - *Left Behind and Late Great Planet Earth*
  - Minority view in the evangelical world

# Pre Mill

- Church
  - Mystery revealed in NT
- Interpretation
  - Consistent Literal Approach
- Covenants
  - Abraham, Palestine, Davidic, New
- Distinguish
  - Israel and the Church

# Outline of End Time Events



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- Church Age
- Rapture
- Tribulation
- Second Coming
- Millennium
- New Heavens and New Earth

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- Rapture
  - Term
    - 1 Thessalonians 4:17 ‘caught up’
    - From Latin *rapio* – ‘to seize or snatch’
  - Fact of
    - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
    - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
    - John 14:1-3

# Outline of End Time Events

- Rapture
  - Timing of
    - The pre-mill camp is the only one who understands the rapture as being a future event in which believers are taken out of this world.
    - In the pre-mill camp there are different teachings as to the timing of the rapture in regard to the Tribulation Period.
      - Pre-trib
      - Mid-trib
      - Pos-trib
      - Partial

# Outline of End Time Events

- Rapture
  - Timing of
    - Each of the views differs due to various points, primarily the time frame of the events of the Tribulation Period. Each view states 'when' the rapture takes place:
      - Pre-trib: before the Trib
      - Mid-trib: middle of the Trib
      - Pos-trib: after the Trib
      - Partial: throughout the Trib
    - These will be discussed in minor detail when we look at Revelation.

# Outline of End Time Events

- Tribulation Period
  - What is it?
    - The prophecy of the “70 weeks” of Daniel 9:24-27 are significant because it can explain the existence of the church age as a “parenthesis” between the two parts of God’s plan for Israel. Sixty-nine weeks of Daniel’s prophecy were fulfilled literally. The 70th week will be also but it hasn’t been fulfilled yet. So we live in the gap between those fulfillments. The prophecy of the “70 weeks” also lays an Old Testament foundation for the major emphasis in Revelation on the 7-year Tribulation.

# Outline of End Time Events

- Tribulation Period
  - Character of Period
    - First 3 ½ Years
      - Matthew 24:4-14
    - Middle
      - Matthew 24:15-20
    - Second 3 ½ Years
      - Matthew 24:21-28

# Intro to Revelation

- Majority of Revelation describes Trib
- Last book of NT
- Written 95
- John the Apostle

# Revelation

- ***Preterist***
  - believes that Revelation is simply a sketch of the conditions of the empire in the first century

# Revelation

- ***Historicist***
  - a symbolic presentation of the entire course of the history of the church from the close of the first century to the end of time

# Revelation

- ***Idealist***

- represents the eternal conflict of good and evil which persists in every age, although here it may have particular application to the period of the church

# Revelation

- ***Futurist***

- usually argues that “all of the visions from Revelation 4:1 to the end of the book are yet to be fulfilled in the period immediately preceding and following the second advent of Christ

# Revelation

- 1:19
  - What you have seen
  - What is now
  - What will take place later

# Revelation

- Messages to 7 Churches
  - Chapters 2 and 3
    - Christ
    - Commendation
    - Rebuke
    - Exhortation
    - Promise

# Revelation

- Chapters 4-18
  - Tribulation Period
    - Book is not strictly chronological
    - Parenthetical Sections
  - First 3 ½ Years
    - Begins with signing of treaty (Dan 9:27)
    - Time of General Peace
  - Middle
    - Breaks treaty (Dan 9:28)
  - Second 3 ½ Years
    - Great Tribulation

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- Second Coming
- Millennium
- New Heavens and New Earth

# THEOLOGY 102 – NEW TESTAMENT JOURNEY

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Acts 1-12		Acts 13-28 “utter most parts of the earth”					Release from Prison	Paul’s 2 <sup>nd</sup> Imprisonment	Church Expands	Revelation
				Jerusalem Judea	Samaria	1 <sup>st</sup> Journey	Jerusalem Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Journey	3 <sup>rd</sup> Journey	Paul’s Imprisonment				
				James 44-47	Galatians 49	1 <sup>st</sup> Thess 51 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thess 51		1 <sup>st</sup> Cor 56 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cor 56 Rom 57	Eph 60 Col 61 Plm 61 Phil 62	Jude 75 Hebrews 67-69				
Gospels				Acts										