



THE END TIMES

A dramatic sky with a sunset or sunrise, featuring large, dark, stylized text that reads "END TIMES". The text is rendered in a bold, blocky font with a distressed, grunge-like texture. The background is a vast expanse of clouds, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow and creating a strong lens flare effect. The clouds are illuminated from below, creating a gradient of colors from deep blue to bright yellow and orange. The overall mood is apocalyptic and intense.

END TIMES

TITUS 2:13

Waiting for our blessed **hope**, the appearing of the *glory* of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ

PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

Hermeneutics

1. Jesus is the central focus of the Bible
2. Context determines meaning
3. Scripture interprets Scripture

REVELATION 1:3

- *“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”*

MATTHEW 24:36

- “... concerning that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, not the Son, but the Father only.”

INTERPRETING REVELATION

1. Preterists: First century setting
2. Futurists: Will be fulfilled all in the future
3. Historicists: Being fulfilled throughout Church history
4. Idealists: timeless principles of victory of good over evil

UNDERSTANDING REVELATION

- *“God rules history, and will bring it to its fulfillment in Christ.”*
 - Vern Poythress

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- Revelation 7:14
- Matthew 24:21-22
- Cf Daniel 12:1

THE RAPTURE

- 1 Thessalonians 4:17
- ‘Caught up’ = Harpazō (Greek) is translated *rapturo* in Latin, from which we get rapture.

TIMING OF THE RAPTURE?

- Pre-Tribulation: before the seven years of the Great Tribulation
- Mid-Tribulation: halfway through after 3 ½ years
- Post-Tribulation: at Jesus' Second Coming.

THE ANTI-CHRIST

- 1 John 2:18
- 1 John 2:22
- 1 John 4:2-3
- 2 John 7

THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

THE BEAST

- Beast out of the sea. Rev 13:1-10.
 - The AntiChrist? Political and military power
- Beast out of the Earth. Rev 13:11-18.
 - The False Prophet. Religious deceiver

UNHOLY TRINITY

- The dragon (the devil)
- The beast out of the sea (antichrist)
- The false prophet

THE MILLENNIUM

- Revelation 20:2-7
- Thousand years (*chilioi etos* in Greek)
- Pre-Millennialists say that after the Second Coming, Jesus will reign for a thousand years on earth before the final judgement

DISPENSATIONALISM

- Pre-Tribulation rapture
- Seven years tribulation
- Second Coming of Jesus
- Thousand year reign of Christ in Jerusalem
- Satanic rebellion by nations
- Final judgement

HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM

- Post-tribulation rapture
- Seven years Tribulation
- Second Coming of Jesus
- Thousand year reign of Christ in Jerusalem
- Satanic rebellion by nations
- Final judgement

POST-MILLENNIALISM

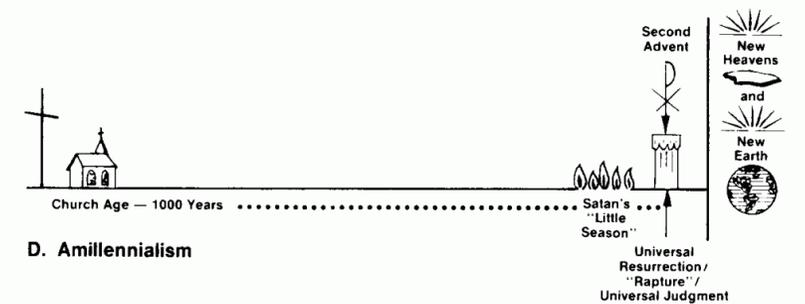
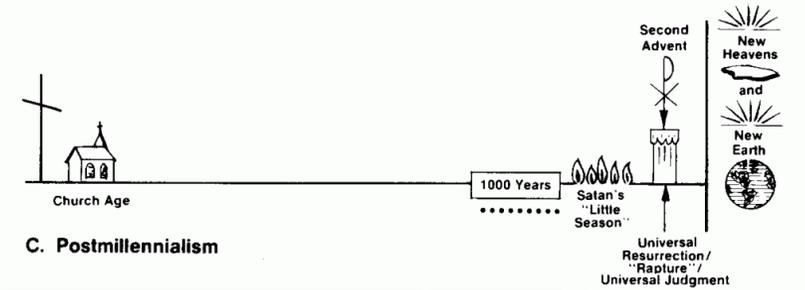
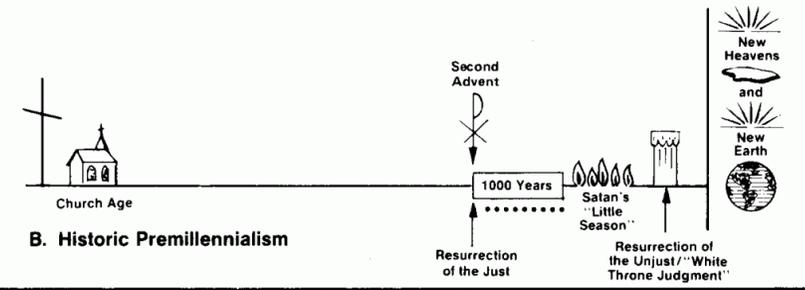
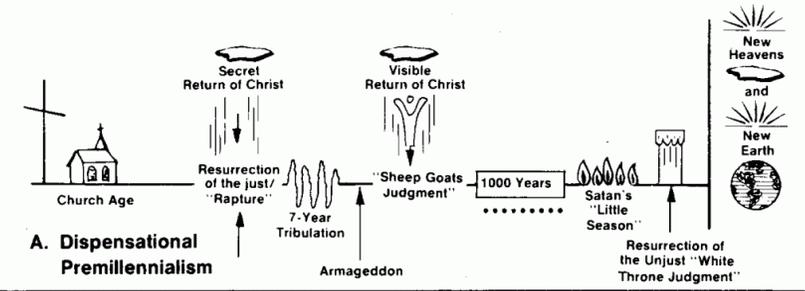
- The world will become Christianised through the preaching of the Gospel
- Jesus will return as King
- Not a literal thousand year reign
- Gradual merger with the eternal state

AMILLENNIALISM

- Christ is reigning in heaven now
- The thousand years is a symbolic number indicating the length of time between Jesus' first and second coming
- Believers who have died are reigning with Christ in heaven
- Widespread tribulation before Jesus' second coming

APPENDIX I

Diagrams of Millennial Views



ISRAEL

- The Church has not replaced Israel
- Jesus is the true Israel who fulfills all the OT promises
- All believers are grafted into Israel
- Romans 11:25-26: “And so all Israel will be saved”
- How? Through faith in Jesus the Messiah

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

- Love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
Mark 12:30-31
- Love one another. John 13:34-35. 1 Peter 4:7-11.
- Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness. Matthew 6:33.
- Preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations.
Matthew 24:14, 28:19-20.

HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

- Set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2.
- Encourage one another. 1 Thessalonians 4:18.
- Live holy and godly lives in light of Christ's appearing. 2 Peter 3:11.
- Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives while we await the glorious appearing of King Jesus. Titus 2:11-14.