

Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 3: Historic Premillennialism

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LAST DAYS?

FOUR VIEWS OF THE HOPE WE SHARE
ABOUT REVELATION AND CHRIST'S RETURN



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**An accurate, clear description
of the major views,
so we can process
what we hear from popular teachers
and what we see in our world.**

“To provide the encouragement we need to endure faithfully our present days on earth with confidence in God’s eternal promises.”

**The last days began with
the first coming of Jesus
and will conclude
with the second coming of Jesus.**

Dispensational Premillennialism

Dispensations

Programs

“Literal”

Israel

Dispensational Premillennialism

Divides/Unites

Israel - Conflates

Symbolism

Assumptions

Historic Premillennialism

Agreements

1 - There will be a literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth.

2 - God's promises to Israel will be fulfilled.

3 - Tribulation will lead to Christ's return.

**“After the Second Coming of Christ,
he will reign for a thousand years
over the earth before the final consummation
of God’s redemptive purpose
in the new heavens and the new earth.”**

The Sequence

**1 - Christ returns and conquers
the antichrist, Satan, and death.**

The Sequence

**2 - Jesus sets up his millennial reign,
with Satan bound.**

The Sequence

3 - After a thousand years,

Satan is loosed and defeated in a final war.

The Sequence

**4 - This leads to a second resurrection —
and the end comes.**

Differences

**1 - Historic Premillennialism unites
God's plan for Israel and the church,
rather than the separation of
Dispensational Premillennialism.**

**Historic Premillennialism interprets
Old Testament prophecies
with more help from the
New Testament.**

“We need to interpret prophetic fulfillments according to the ways that New Testament authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, explained how the grace of God unfolding before them was the fulfillment of God’s original promises.”

Examples

Matthew 2:15

“Matthew isn’t saying Hosea meant to prophesy Christ’s childhood time in Egypt, but that people on this side of the cross can look back and understand how the pattern of events in Christ’s life are consistent with the ancient prophet’s observation of how God repeatedly provided for his people’s rescue.

Just as Egypt was often God's haven for developing the rescue of his people in the Old Testament, so it served New Testament people by providing a haven for their Redeemer until after the death of Herod."

Examples

Matthew 2:15

Galatians 3:8-9

Acts 2:16-17

Romans 10:11-21

**“With death, there is grief,
and there is hassle.”**

“When Old Testament passages that unquestionably reflect God’s intention to spread his grace beyond the people of Israel are read through the gospel lens of the New Testament writers, then God’s plans for the church seem emblazoned throughout Scripture.”

A Question

Has God totally abandoned the Jews?

Romans 11:25-29

We must “distinguish between Jews who are born again and those who are Jews by ethnicity — between spiritually alive Jews and Jews who merely live in Israel.”

**2 - Historic Premillennialism
believes in a visible rapture.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**3 - Historic Premillennialism
doesn't believe in a separate
seven-year tribulation.**

4 - Historic Premillennialism

envisions a different kind of millennium.

Three Agreements

Three Differences



