

Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 4: Amillennialism

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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

Historic Premillennialism

Agreements, Differences

Amillennialism

Core Contention

**“Amillennialists believe
the spiritual realities
of the millennium are already present.”**

**1 - God's kingdom has come,
and God's will is being done.**

“The events of history are unfolding like a cornucopia of grace, with the spiritual realities of Christ’s kingdom progressing and expanding according to God’s mission for gathering and blessing his people.”

Luke 17:20-21

Romans 14:17

Colossians 1:13

**2 - Satan's binding began with
the first coming of Christ.**

Luke 10:17-20

1 Corinthians 15

**3 - The New Testament shows us
how to interpret
the Old Testament prophecies.**

**“Amillennialists claim that we should view
Old Testament prophecies as the Holy Spirit
has directed through
the lens of the New Testament.”**

**The contrast between the Old Testament
and the New Testament is between
shadow and reality, promise and fulfillment.**

“This perspective understands the New Testament to be teaching us how we should interpret the Old Testament prophecies in the way that it shows us how Christ fulfilled the symbols and types that prefigured him.”

**“The shadows are not to be restored
in the future because they have been
entirely fulfilled in Christ.”**

**4 - God has had one unified plan
for the entirety of both testaments.**

Covenantal

Expansion

**5 - There is no rapture
— open or secret —**

that will precede the second coming.

**“Jesus will descend from heaven but once,
at which time he will rapture and
resurrect his church to be with him forever.”**

**6 - The tribulation is a feature of the
entire church age.**

2 Timothy 3:12-13

1 John 4:3

2 Thessalonians 2:8-10

“Various beasts (governments) and their leaders and henchmen will come and go until one final manifestation of Satanic rage and deception breaks out, immediately before the Lord returns.”

**7 - You can interpret Revelation through
the lens of progressive parallelism.**

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4-7

8-11

12-14

15-16

17-19

20-22

**“Amillennialists see the separate sections
variously cycling through history and
prophecy, wisdom and warning,
cautions to heed and hope to note.”**

Revelation 20

**8 - By his death and resurrection,
Jesus won the decisive battle
over Satan.**

Matthew 12:28-29

John 12:31

Colossians 2:15



9 - The millennium is now.

**10 - The next great event is
the second coming.**

Tribulation

Intensification

Consummation

“After Jesus returns, nothing intervenes before our Lord rescues all believers from the evil of this world. They’re immediately taken to be with their Savior for the eternal blessings of the new heaven and new earth.”

Already/Not Yet

