

Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 6: The End of the Matter

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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

Amillennialism

Postmillennialism

Which View Should I Believe?

**1 - What is the relationship between the
Old Testament and the New Testament?**

**2 - What do we do with
the Old Testament prophecies?**

3 - What do we do with Israel?

4 - What do we do with Revelation 20?

| Issue | Dispensational Premillennialism | Historic Premillennialism | Amillennialism | Postmillennialism |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Direction | Bad to Worse | Bad to Worse | Bad to Worse | Bad to Better |
| Rapture | Secret | Open | At Christ's Return | At Christ's Return |
| Tribulation | Seven Years | Now | Now | Now |
| Millennium | 1000 Literal Years | 1000 Literal Years | Symbolic | Symbolic |
| OT Prophecies | For Israel | For the church | For the church | For the church |
| Israel | Separate Plan From Church | One Plan With Church | One Plan With Church | One Plan With Church |

Our Common Hope

Our Foundations

1 - The Bible is the Word of God.

Inspired

Inerrant

2 - Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Eternal Forgiveness

Eternal Righteousness

3 - Jesus rose from the dead.

“This was the evidence that the power of sin, which had reigned since Adam brought death into the world, was broken and all who united themselves to Christ by faith would ultimately experience the same victory over death.”

4 - The Holy Spirit indwells all true believers.

No external force is stronger.

No internal force is stronger.

Our Future

**1 - Suffering and persecution
will intensify in the last days.**

**2 - There will be a rapture and a
second coming of Christ.**

**3 - We will be transformed
at the resurrection.**

4 - God will judge the living and the dead.

**5 - The last days will usher in
the new heavens and the new earth.**

Aspects

The coming of Christ's kingdom

Literal interpretation

Physical return

Millennium

Apostasy and Tribulation

Aspects

Antichrist

Armageddon

Rescue and rapture

Resurrection

Imminent return

Aspects

A place for Jews

Judgment of the living and the dead

Satan and his allies defeated

New heaven and new earth

Shared rule

Westminster Confession - 32-33

**1 - When we die, our souls go to
heaven or hell.**

Westminster Confession - 32-33

**2 - At the last day, our souls
will be reunited to our bodies.**

Westminster Confession - 32-33

**3 - Some will be raised to honor;
others will be raised to dishonor.**

Westminster Confession - 32-33

4 - God will judge the world through Jesus.

Westminster Confession - 32-33

**5 - The righteous will get everlasting life,
and the unrighteous everlasting destruction.**

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**6 - We must always be watchful and say,
“Come quickly, Lord Jesus.”**

Curiosity

Humility

Charity

Expectancy

