

39. Views concerning the Last Things

	AMILLENNIALISM	POSTMILLENNIALISM	HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM	DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM
Second Coming of Christ	Single event; no distinction between Rapture and Second Coming; introduces eternal state.	Single event; no distinction between Rapture and Second Coming; Christ returns after Millennium.	Rapture and Second Coming simultaneous; Christ returns to reign on earth.	Second Coming in two phases: Rapture of the church; Second Coming 7 years later.
Resurrection	General resurrection of believers and unbelievers at Second Coming of Christ.	General resurrection of believers and unbelievers at Second Coming of Christ.	Resurrection of believers at beginning of Millennium. Resurrection of unbelievers at end of Millennium.	Distinction of three resurrections: 1. The church at Rapture; 2. Old Testament/Tribulation saints at Second Coming; 3. Unbelievers at end of Millennium.
Judgments	General judgment of all people.	General judgment of all people.	Judgment at Second Coming, at end of Tribulation.	Distinction of three judgments: 1. Believers' works at Rapture; 2. Jews/Gentiles at end of Tribulation; 3. Unbelievers at end of Millennium.
Tribulation	Tribulation is experienced in this present age.	Tribulation is experienced in this present age.	Posttribulation view: the church goes through the future Tribulation.	Pretribulation view: the church is raptured prior to Tribulation.
Millennium	No literal Millennium on earth after Second Coming. Kingdom present in church age.	Present age blends into Millennium because of progress of Gospel.	Millennium is both present and future. Christ is reigning in heaven. Millennium not necessarily 1,000 years.	At Second Coming Christ inaugurates literal 1,000-year Millennium on earth.
Israel and the Church	The church is the new Israel. No distinction between Israel and the church.	The church is the new Israel. No distinction between Israel and the church.	Some distinction between Israel and the church. Future for Israel, but the church is spiritual Israel.	Complete distinction between Israel and the church. Distinct program for each.
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