Views Concerning the End Times

HISTORIC

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| CATEGORIES | AMILLENNIALISM | POSTMILLENNIALISM | PREMILLENNIALISM | PREMILLENNIALISM |
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| 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: phases: Rapture for church; Second Coming to earth seven 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 in resurrections: Church at Rapture Old Testament/Tribulation saints at Second Coming Unbelievers at end of Millennium |
| Judgments | General judgment of all people. | General judgment of all people. | Judgment at Second Coming; judgment at end of Tribulation. | Distinctions in judgment: Believers' works at rapture. Jews/Gentiles at end of Tribulation. Unbelievers at end of Millennium. |
| Tribulation | Tribulation is experienced in this present age. | Tribulation is experienced in this present age. | Posttrib view: church goes through the future Tribulation. | Pretrib view: 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 the 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 | Church is the new Israel; no distinction between Israel and church. | Church is the new Israel; no distinction between Israel and church. | Some distinction between Israel and church; future for Israel, but church is spiritual Israel. | Complete distinction between Israel and church; distinct program for each. |
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