ESCHATOLOGY TIMELINES

PREMILLENNIALISM



RAPTURE, RESURRECTION OF CHURCH A 7-year period of extreme hardship for the nation of Israel culminating in her salvation at Christ's return and the punishment of her enemies including the binding of Satan.

TRIBULATION

CHRIST RETURNS, RESURRECTION OF OT & TRIBULATION SAINTS



RESURRECTION OF UNBELIEVERS, FINAL JUDGMENT

God will make a new heavens and a new earth and all believers will enjoy this new creation with Him forever. All unbelievers and demons will suffer in hell forever.

NEW CREATION

CHURCH AGE

An undisclosed period of time for the Church to bring the gospel to all nations. The Church is not Israel. The focus of God's purposes on earth will transition to Israel during the Tribulation once the Church is raptured. That is a Pre-Tribulational Rapture view. Alternate rapture views include a Post-Tribulational Rapture (Church raptured after the Tribulation) or a Mid-Tribulational Rapture (Church raptured in the middle of the Tribulation).



MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

A 1,000-year period of time when Jesus will reign physically on the earth in righteousness. The Church and a redeemed Israel will reign over the earth under Christ's rule. At the end of the Millennium, unbelieving descendants of survivors from the Tribulation spearheaded by a recently released Satan will rise up against Christ and all will meet a swift final judgment.



AMILLENNIALISM



CHRIST RETURNS, FINAL JUDGMENT, RESURRECTION OF ALL A final permanent age introduced after the return of Christ and a resurrection of all people when God will make a new heavens and a new earth for all believers to enjoy with Him forever. All unbelievers and demons will be judged and thrown in hell forever.

NEW CREATION

SPIRITUAL KINGDOM / CHURCH AGE

A kingdom age where Christ is either reigning spiritually from heaven or from earth through the salvation of people throughout every generation. Because the kingdom is spiritual, it lasts indefinitely (not 1,000 years) and takes place during the Church Age. The Church is either a replacement for Israel as God's people or has been the true Israel all along. During this time, Satan is bound and unable to keep the nations from hindering the progress of the gospel. The Tribulation takes place sometime during this age, either now or sometime in the future.



POSTMILLENNIALISM





CHRIST RETURNS, FINAL JUDGMENT, RESURRECTION OF ALL A final permanent age introduced after the return of Christ and a resurrection of all people when God will make a new heavens and a new earth for all believers to enjoy with Him forever. All unbelievers and demons will be judged and thrown in hell forever.

NEW CREATION

CHURCH AGE

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

An age for the Church, which is the new Israel, that either is the Millennial Kingdom or will transition to it, whether abruptly or slowly over time. Whatever the case, the length of the kingdom is undefined (not 1,000 years), and the world will eventually get better and better. The Church's role is to usher in the Millennial Kingdom through either evangelistic or political, socioethical efforts or both. The Tribulation takes place sometime during this age with varying opinions as to when. After the kingdom has been established for some time, Christ will return.

