

# END TIMES

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4 VIEWS ON THE 2ND COMING OF CHRIST

*Blessed is the one reads aloud the words of this prophecy...for  
the time is near. (Revelation 1:3)*

# OBJECTIVES

- Introduce the 4 main orthodox views of the end times.  
(Dispensationalism, Historic Premillennialism, Amillennialism, Postmillennialism)
- Provide Biblical support for each.
- What is the millennium?

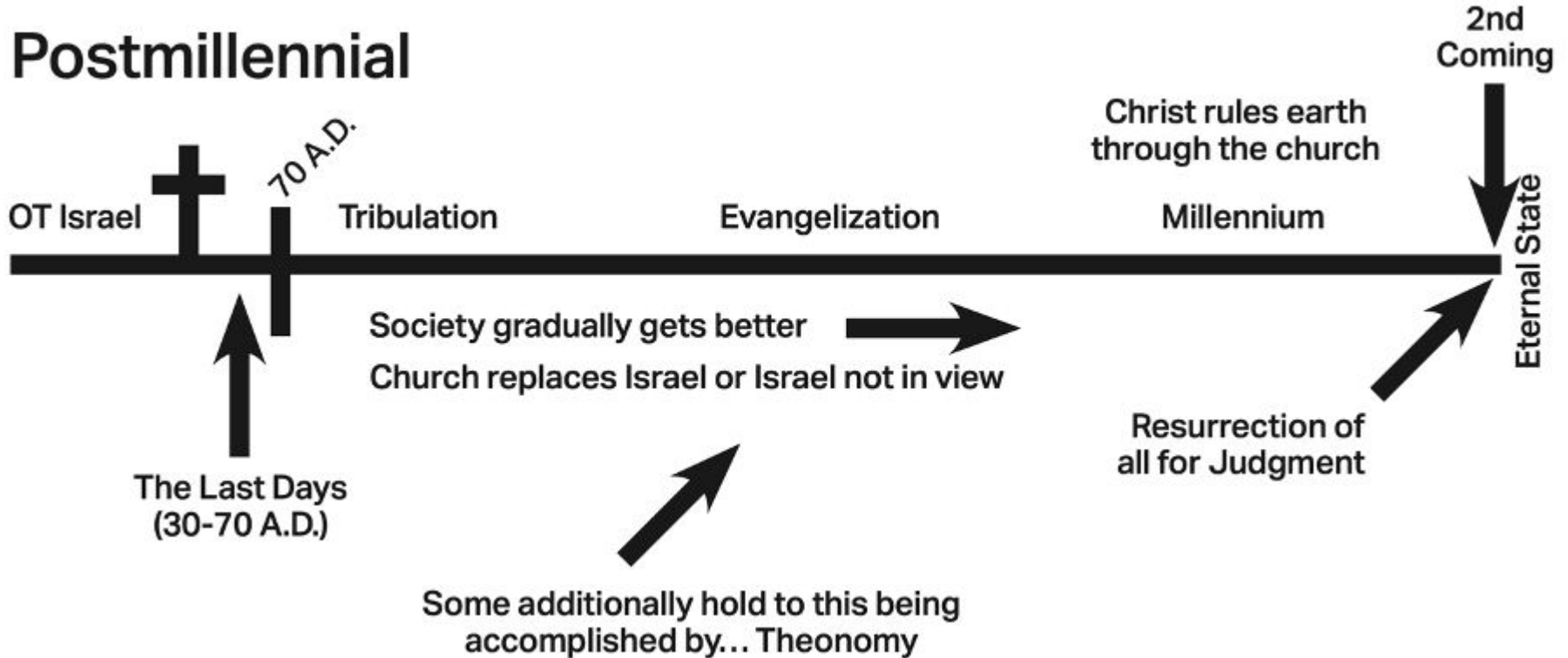
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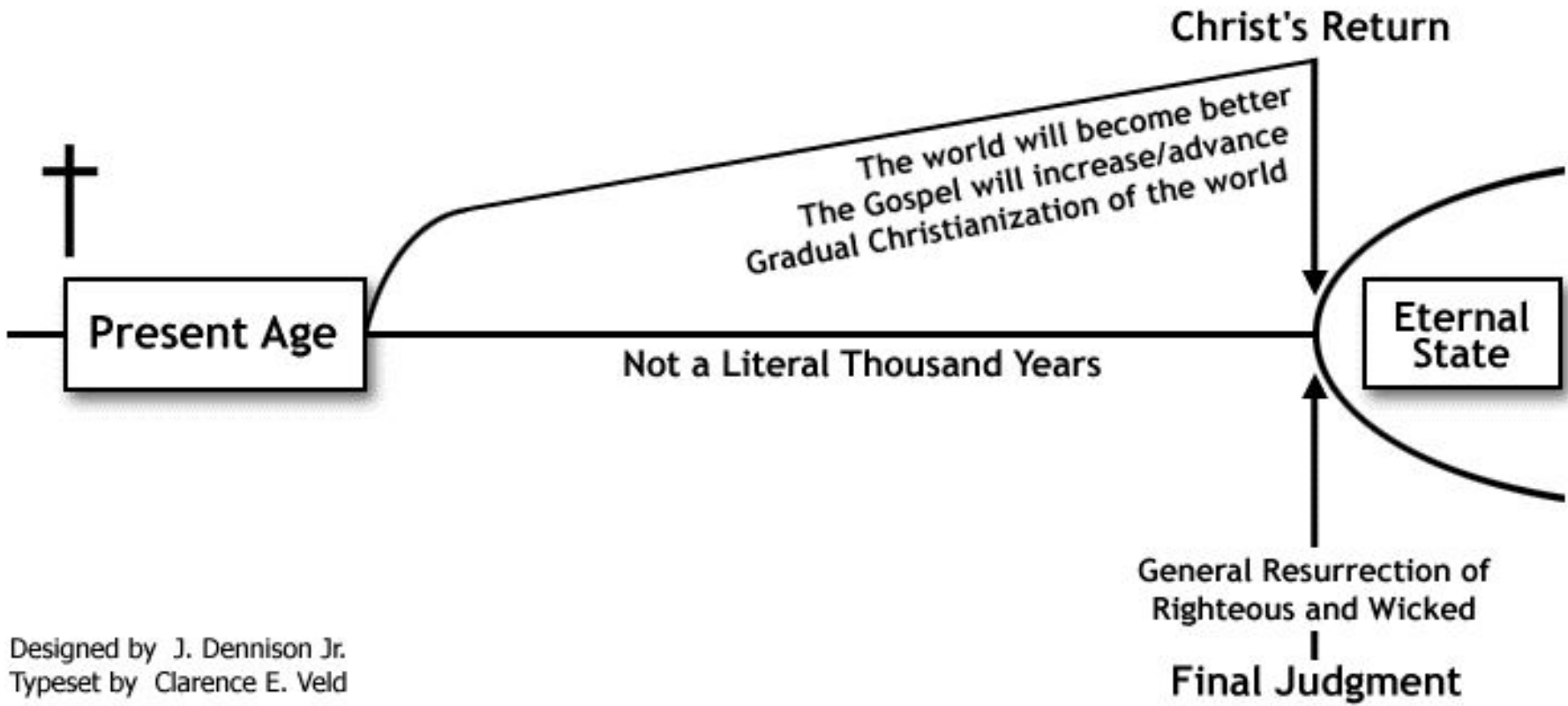
- What does each view say about the tribulation and final judgement?
- Discuss the role of the nation of Israel.
- Antichrist/Satan.
- Practical Implications.
- Discussion.

# POSTMILLENNIALISM

Jesus will return and establish a 1,000-year reign (an era, not necessarily literal) of peace on the earth, foreshadowing the perfect world that will soon come after the judgment day and the restoration of all things.

# Postmillennial





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## Postmillennialists Believe:

- Resurrection at the Return of Christ
- Final Judgment
- New Heaven and New Earth

All these things are happening at the same time according to their timeline.

## The Reign of Christ

“1000 years” is figurative -- an era.

At its core, the distinctive of Postmillennial thought is the ever-expanding progress of the Gospel until the world becomes distinctly Christian. *Then, Christ returns.*

The millennial age is ushered in by the unrelenting advance of the Gospel.



## Role of Satan

There is no definitive position on the role of Satan within postmillennial thought. Some postmillennial theologians argue that Satan was bound by Jesus (similar to amillennialism), while others would argue it remains a future event (in agreement with Premillennialism).

## Israel and the Church:

The postmillennial position agrees with amillennialism: The Church is the fulfillment of Israel. The Church is spiritual Israel.

The Church is VITAL because it is through the Church that the world will become more and more Christian. The World, then, is becoming an increasingly better place.

## Kingdom of God:

A spiritual entity experienced on Earth through the Christianizing effect of the Gospel.

## The Millennium:

A “Golden Age” previous to Christ's second advent during which Christ will virtually rule over the whole earth through an unprecedented spread of the Gospel; the large majority of people will be Christian.

# Key Scriptures

Psalm 2

Isaiah 2:2-4

Matthew 13 and 28

John 12

# History

- Puritan Postmillennialism
- Christian Reconstruction  
Postmillennialism

# POSTMILLENNIALISM

- Theonomists (“God’s Law”)
- Partial-Preterists

## Potential Positives (in practice)

- Fervent Evangelism
- Commitment to Righteousness
- Positive Outlook (the world is becoming better)



# Potential Negatives (in practice)

- Legalism
- Works-based

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Jonathan Edwards, Charles Hodge, George Whitefield, AA Hodge, B.B. Warfield, Loraine Boettner, John Calvin\*, Doug Wilson, William Perkins, Greg L. Bahnsen, Kenneth L. Gentry Jr., David Chilton, and Gary North.

5 Minute Break

# Dispensationalism

Dispensationalism- Means a structuring or ordering of a period of time. It looks at different times (events) as a divine administration of these periods to accomplish God's eternal plan.

It does have 2 overarching points however:

- 1) A consistent and literal interpretation of Scripture. Especially Bible prophecy
- 2) The unique and other role of Israel as a nation. It would hold that Israel and the church are both unique and wholly different.

# Dispensationalism

## IMPORTANT VERSES:

GEN 12- I will bless...

Book of Daniel especially the last couple chapters

Rev- 1-3 Church/churches mentioned 19 times and then no mention until Revelation 22 reigning with Christ as he returns to earth to set up new Heaven and new Earth- 1000 year reign.

The Epistles contain no mention of the kind of a future great tribulation but warn often about being firm in the current suffering- tribulations (better understood as trials)

Revelation 7 supports a distinct view of Israel and the Gentile church

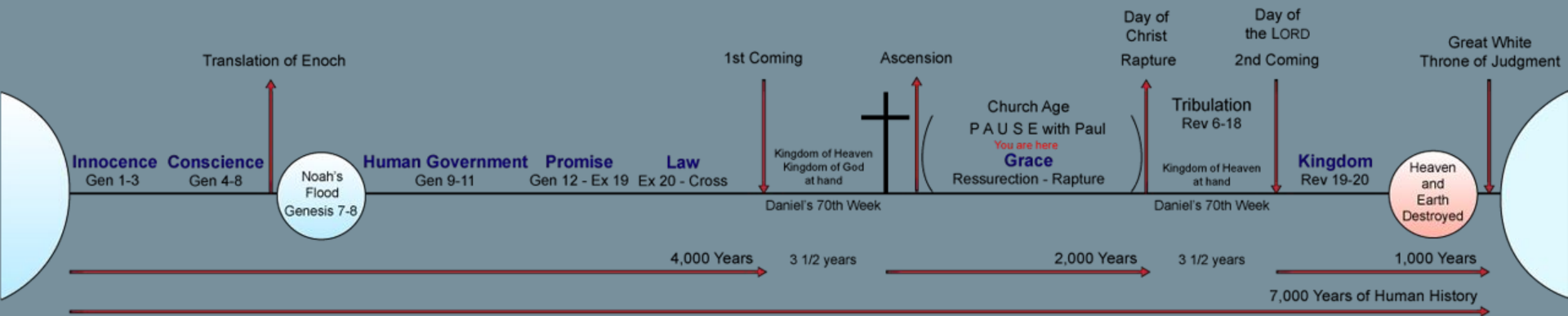
# Dispensationalism

## Dispensations of the Holy Scriptures

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15

Old Testament

New Testament



# Dispensationalism

## Dispensationalism-

- 1) Literal interpretation- This is important on several fronts but the main line of thinking is this- Literal interpretation leads to the best Hermeneutics, and avoids such lines of interpretation that quickly devolve into a free for all of “ what does this passage say to me.” Everything in the Bible even Symbolism and figurative sayings have a literal meaning behind them.

# Dispensationalism

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2) The Church and Israel are separate and wholly unique. Therefore, the church didn't replace Israel, and all of the Old Testament promises, prophecies etc to Israel in the Old Testament that are yet to be fulfilled will be fulfilled in the Milenium (1000 year Reign of Christ)

The pattern of Dispensationalism-

Each dispensation includes a recognizable pattern of how God worked with people living in the dispensation. That pattern is 1) a responsibility, 2) a failure, 3) a judgment, and 4) grace to move on.



# Dispensationalism

## 7 Dispensations of God

- 1) The Age of Innocence- The main focus is Creation and the relationship between God and Man and ended at the time of his expulsion from EDEN!
- 2) Conscience- From Cain murdering Abel to the Flood (judgement for the wickedness of Man)
- 3) Government- Starts with Noah after the Flood to the tower of Babel
- 4) Promise- Starts with Abraham and his Promised blessings on and being carried out- through the time of captivity in Egypt

# Dispensationalism

5) Law- Starts with the Exodus and the giving of the Mosaic Law- Ends with the Captivities in Babylon and Assyria and finally in 70 ad with the destruction of the temple.

6) Grace- The begins after the Ascension of Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit. (Current age)

TRIBULATION is not a dispensation but an event- more on that later

7) Kingdom- the literal and earthly rule of Christ in the Milenium. No end goes on for eternity

# Dispensationalism

## The Role of Israel:

Israel and the church are not the same- God must and will fulfill all of his Old Testament promises in literal and complete ways in future. Israel's role during this age is put on hold as God ushers in and fulfills the Time of the Gentiles.

# Dispensationalism

## TRIBULATION:

This Theology often results in a Pre-tribulation Rapture, this means that Believers will be taken before the time of great persecution and the time of the Antichrist.

Although not every dispensationalist would hold that view- most and certainly classical Dispensationalism would.

# Dispensationalism

## The Millennium:

This is the Literal and earthly 1000 Year reign of Christ. This means that Christ's second coming will happen and the final judgement and then a 1000 year reign.

That means that future events are literal and not yet happened: such as the Great Tribulation, Rule of the Antichrist, and final return of Christ and setting up of His Kingdom are all still future events.

# Dispensationalism

## The Coming of Christ

- Can't happen at any moment- because the Gospel has not been preached to all nations-
- Second because the fulfillment of all the prophecy concerning Israel has not been fulfilled.

# Dispensationalism

## Famous Dispensationalists:

- Isaac Watts
- C I Scofield
- Charles Ryrie
- Tim Lahaye
- D L Moody
- John MaCarthur

# Dispensationalism

- People hold a high view of Israel's promises and that they must be both literal and fulfilled. As such they have a keen interest in current world events involving her.
- Deep interest in the timing of world events involving Wars, natural events, and events surrounding the end times.
- Approach to understanding the Bible is literal and therefore, we can watch for all the promises and events of the Bible to come true.
- For most folks it impacts them in that they view and support politically around ideas and issues that support Israel and the role as an actual nation.



# What Connects us all!

## SO WHAT: ALL CHRISTIANS AGREE

- Christ is coming again- we need to be about sharing the Good News of Christ and what He has done!
- The time is limited! There is an end and it is coming and after that there are no more chances to repent!
- We need to be focused on the fulfilment of the Great Commission and reaching the unreached who have never heard!

# What Connects us all!

## SO WHAT: Evangelism

- We have approximately 7500 unreached and least reached people groups. Most of which have no known believers, church, or Bible in their own language. This is out of 17,500 people groups (Joshua Project) 42% of people groups are in this category!
- Evangelism is for everyone Great Commission, Acts 1 and 2
- Diaspora least reached are in our backyard

PEOPLE GROUPS

RESOURCES



PRAY

GET INVOLVED



Photo	People Group ▲	Country	Population	Primary Language	Primary Religion	Progress Scale	% Christian Adherents	% Evangelical	% Indigenous	Est. Workers Needed *
	A Che	China	43,000	Ache	Ethnic Religions	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	A'ou	China	2,800	Chinese, Mandarin	Ethnic Religions	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abai Sungai	Malaysia	1,500	Abai Sungai	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abaza	Russia	45,000	Abaza	Islam	☀️	0.10 %	0.02 %	●	1
	Abaza	Turkey	14,000	Abaza	Islam	●	0.20 %	0.00 %		1
	Abaza, Arabized	Egypt	14,000	Arabic, Egyptian Spoken	Islam	☀️	0.10 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abdul	Bangladesh	27,000	Bengali	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abdul	India	35,000	Urdu	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abdul	Nepal	1,200	Urdu	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Abkhaz	Syria	4,900	Abkhaz	Islam	●	4.00 %	1.00 %		1
	Abkhaz	Turkey	164,000	Abkhaz	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	3
	Abu Sharib	Chad	83,000	Mararit	Islam	☀️	0.01 %	0.01 %	●	2
	Acehnese	Indonesia	3,966,000	Aceh	Islam	●	0.12 %	0.00 %	●	79
	Acehnese	Malaysia	85,000	Malay	Islam	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %		2
	Achang, Husa	China	7,600	Achang	Ethnic Religions	●	2.00 %	2.00 %	●	1
	Acheron	Sudan	22,000	Acheron	Islam	●	5.00 %	2.00 %	●	1
	Ad Dharmi	India	1,035,000	Punjabi, Eastern	Hinduism	●	0.34 %		●	21
	Adap	Bhutan	300	Dzongkha	Buddhism	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Adaviar	India	200	Tamil	Hinduism	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %	●	1
	Adi	Bhutan	2,700	Adi	Unknown	☀️	0.00 %	0.00 %		1

