



Amillennialism:

Postmillennialism:

Premillennialism:

The Pre-tribulational Rapture:

Argument for: Jesus took all of God's wrath on Himself for believers, therefore believers will be raptured.

⁹ For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, -1 Thessalonians 5:9 (ESV)

Argument for: The Holy Spirit, who indwells believers, is currently restraining Satan. So believers will be removed and thus the Holy Spirit will no longer be restraining.

⁶ And you know **what is restraining him** now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so **until he is out of the way**. -2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 (ESV)

The Anti-Christ (Little Horn, King of the South in Daniel)

For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and **the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (ESV)

The 7-year Tribulation Period

27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator." -Daniel 9:27 (ESV)

1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. - Daniel 12:1 (ESV)

Why study eschatology?

- Hope in the midst of life
- To know what God has revealed
- It assures us of God's victory
- It assures us that the world is not out of control
- It assures us that God knows the future
- It assures us of life after death

Why do the various views matter?

- They form our expectations and can shape our behavior
- Ex: Postmillennialist's who believe the church will grow and grow until the world is transformed emphasize transformation of culture
- Ex. Pretribulation Premillennialists who believe in a future 1000 year Millennium emphasize supporting national Israel.

For Further Study

Bible Texts:

Daniel: 9, 11, 12

Matthew: 24-25 (Olivet Discourse)

1 Thessalonians: 4:13-5:11

2 Thessalonians: 1-2

Revelation: 6-21

Revelation: 19-20 (Millennium)

Books: Three Views of The Millennium and Beyond, Jesus Wins

Survey:

Article 9: Christ's Return

We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.

Article 10: Response and Eternal Destiny

We believe that God commands everyone everywhere to believe the gospel by turning to Him in repentance and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that God will raise the dead bodily and judge the world, assigning the unbeliever to condemnation and eternal conscious punishment and the believer to eternal blessedness and joy with the Lord in the new heaven and the new earth, to the praise of His glorious grace. Amen.