Premillennialism

Premillennialism - Christ will return BEFORE the Millennium. The belief that Christ will return before the millennium and actually establish a physical Davidic Kingdom which he will rule from Jerusalem. This also will be the time of the fulfillment of many Old Testament prophecies to the nation Israel, which will at this time be saved and restored to the entire original Abrahamic inheritance. (Rev 20:1-9, Jer 3:16-18, Gen 15:9-21) It should be noted that there are many differences between premillennialists on various issues, typically concerning the time of the rapture and other key end-time events.

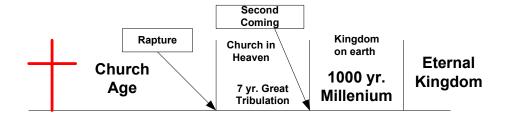
Key Points in Premillennialism

- Revelation 20:1-10 describes a future Millennium (1000 yrs) when Christ will rule, (physically in His resurrected body and His resurrected saints with Him), the earth from His throne in Jerusalem. This will be a time of unprecedented peace and righteousness on the earth. During the 1000 yrs Satan will be bound and have little or no influence in the world. Toward the end of the 1000yrs, Satan will be loosed again and shall deceive the nations and gather them for war against the saints in Jerusalem. There they will be supernaturally defeated by Christ and the final judgment will commence. After the Judgment will commence the New Heavens and the New Earth and the eternal State.
- 1000 yrs is *literal*
- Satan is bound during the 1000 yr Millennium
- Resurrected *saints* will rule and reign with Christ and will never again be subject to sin and death
- A time of *Great Tribulation* and suffering directly precedes Christ's return. Premillennialists differ on the exact nature and timing of this period.
- Promises to *Israel* of Land, Seed and Blessing shall all be literally fulfilled
- Two resurrections of both believers and unbelievers
 - Believers to Bema Seat judgment for degrees of reward at Christ's return
 - Unbelievers to final judgment eternal condemnation after Millennium
- New Heavens and Earth begin after Christ's defeat of Satan and the final judgment
- Nature of the Millennium is *utopian* with a very limited presence of sin
- *Imminency* some hold, some do not
- Variant Views There are many *differences between Premillennial* believers on various issues(see chart below for a few– Premillennialism Four Views)
- Covenantal or Dispensational

Premillennialism Great Second Satan released **Tribulation** Coming Deception of the 70 th Week nations Parousia Rapture Defeated at war **Antichrist Final Judgment** 1000 yr. Millennium Christ Rules physically upon the earth from **Church Age** Jerusalem 7 yrs Saints Resurrected

Premillennialism and the Rapture Four Views on Timing

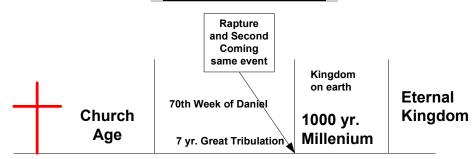
Pretribulational View



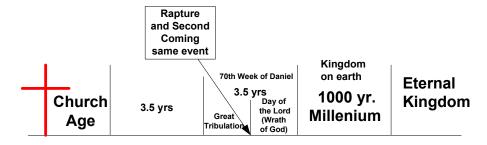
Midtribulational View



Posttribulational View



Pre-Wrath View



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