

Defining Millennialism

Defining Millennialism – The idea or concept of millennialism is derived from the word “*Millennium*” which means “*a thousand years*” and is referred to six times in Revelation 20:1-10. It speaks of a specific (or general) period of time on earth when specific events spoken of in the passage will take place. There have been three major views among biblical interpreters throughout the years. These will be explained below.

Revelation 20:1-10 - 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**. 3 and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the **thousand years** were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years** were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a **thousand years**.

7 And when the **thousand years** are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. NASB

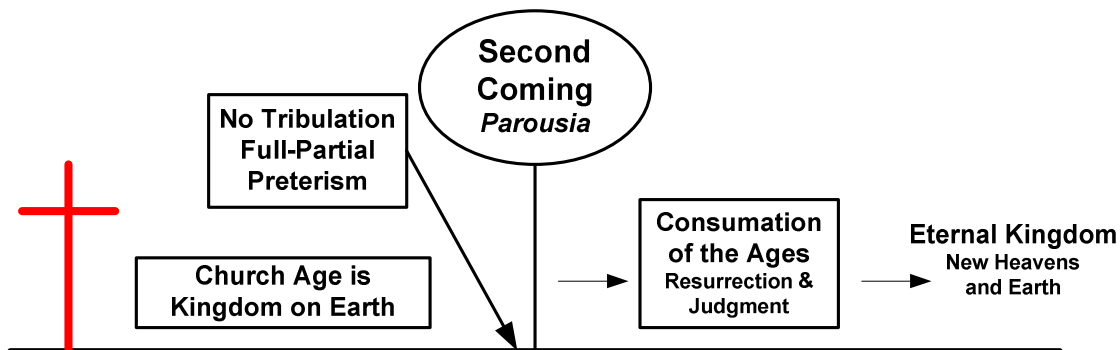
Amillennialism

Amillennialism – There is NO future Millennium. Amillennialism is the belief that the current church age is the fulfillment of the Millennium spoken of in Revelation 20:1-10. Thus, the Millennium is now. Amillennialism uses an interpretation of Revelation 20:1-10 which is allegorical and non-literal. The 1000 years is simply a figure of speech referring to a long period of time. It typically assumes that Christ will bring the final judgment and eternal state at his Second Coming. It sees no practical purpose for a future millennium on earth where Christ must rule. There are differences between Amillennial believers on various issues. Since Amillennialists believe that the millennium is now, an alternative term has been suggested called “Realized Millennialism.”

Key Points in Amillennialism

- Revelation 20:1-10 describes the present church age
- 1000 yrs is *figurative*
- Christ reigns from heaven
- Satan is currently bound
- Binding of Satan greatly enhances the spread of the gospel in the world
- Those who reign with Christ are Christians who have already died and are with Christ in heaven
- Christ returns at the end of the church age
- One resurrection of both believers and unbelievers
 - Believers to Bema Seat judgment for degrees of reward
 - Unbelievers to final judgment eternal condemnation
- New Heavens and Earth begin at Christ’s return after judgment
- Nature of the Millennium is *non-utopian* with a significant presence of sin
- Imminency – some hold, some do not
- Replacement Theology – No distinction between Church and Israel
- Covenantal, Non-dispensational

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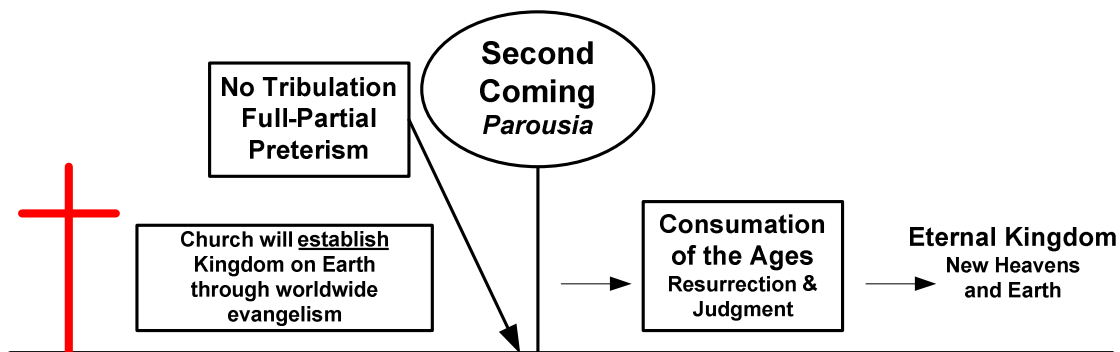
Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism – Christ will return AFTER the Millennium. Postmillennialism is the belief that the Kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the gospel and the saving work of the Holy Spirit, that the world will eventually be Christianized, and that the return of Christ will occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly called the Millennium spoken of in Revelation 20:1-10. These events will be followed by the resurrection, judgment and the eternal state. There are differences between Postmillennial believers on different issues.

Key Points in Postmillennialism

- Revelation 20:1-10 describes the present church age which **culminates in a worldwide reception of the Gospel and a time of unprecedented peace** at the end of which Christ will return
- 1000 yrs is *figurative*
- Christ reigns from heaven, **implements authority through Church and gospel**
- Satan is currently bound
- Binding of Satan greatly enhances the spread of the gospel in the world
- Postmillennialism is **very optimistic about the power of the gospel** to change lives and society as well
- Christ returns at the end of or AFTER the Millennium or church age
- One resurrection of both believers and unbelievers
 - Believers to Bema Seat judgment for degrees of reward
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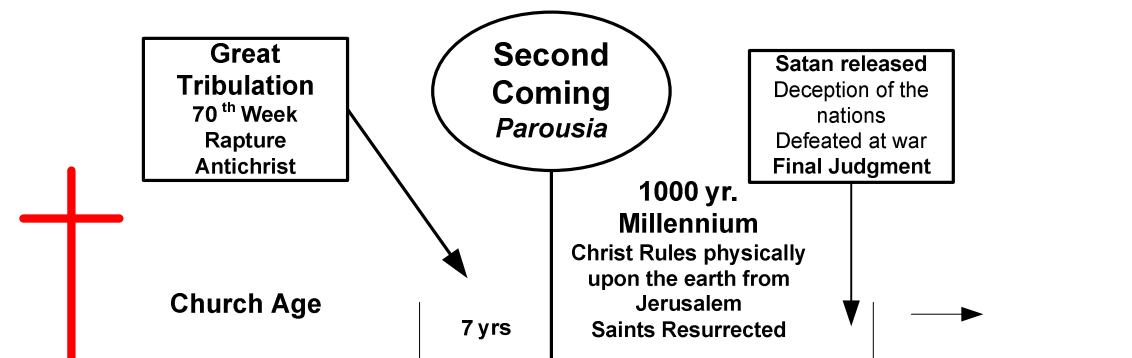
Premillennialism

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

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Variant Views and Key Differences

The Great Tribulation -

Nelson's Bible Dictionary - A short but intense period of distress and suffering at the end of time. The exact phrase, the great tribulation, is found only once in the Bible (Rev 7:14). The great tribulation is to be distinguished from the general tribulation a believer faces in the world (Matt 13:21; John 16:33; Acts 14:22). It is also to be distinguished from God's specific wrath upon the unbelieving world at the end of the age (Mark 13:24; Rom 2:5-10; 2 Thess 1:6).

It should be noted that there are variant views within Premillennialism about the *length, nature and timing of the Great Tribulation*. A few key distinctions would be;

- **Length of the Great Tribulation**
 - Some see the Great Tribulation as a *7 year period* and equivalent to the *Seventieth Week* of Daniel
 - Some see the Great Tribulation as only the *second 3.5 years* of it. (Mid Trib)
 - Some believe the length of this time period is *NOT specifically defined* in scripture, (its length is never clearly defined in scripture)
- **Nature of the Tribulation**
 - Some hold it includes the "*wrath of God*"
 - Some hold it is simply the events connected with the rise of Antichrist to power and subsequent persecution and suffering
 - Some see the section of Revelation from Chapters 6-19 as an outline of this period, others see it only in shorter sections of Revelation
- **Day of the Lord**
 - Some see the events connected to the "*Day of the Lord*" as a part of the Great Tribulation
 - Some make a distinction between the "*Day of the Lord*" and the Great Tribulation as two separate time periods
- **Persecution and the Tribulation Saints**
 - The *presence of Christians during this time period and the persecution of them* is something almost all premillennialists agree on. However, many see these Christians as the church in general whereas others see them as a group called "*tribulation saints*" made up of people who are saved during the Great Tribulation by the preaching of believing Jews.
- **Apostasy and Falling Away**
 - Many see a fulfillment of a great *Apostasy and Falling Away* which will take place before the return of Christ happening during the time of the Great Tribulation

The Timing of the Rapture

- **Pretribulation View** – In the Pretribulation view, the rapture happens before the 70th week of Daniel and the Great Tribulation. Thus the church does not go through the Great Tribulation. Also, they make a sharp distinction between Israel and the church and insist that God cannot be dealing with both groups during Daniel's 70th week.
- **Midtribulation View** – In the Midtribulation view, the rapture happens at the mid-point of the 70th week of Daniel and before the Great Tribulation which is defined as the last 3.5 years of Daniel's 70th week. Thus the church does not go through the Great Tribulation.
- **Posttribulation View** - In the Posttribulation view, the rapture happens after the 70th week of Daniel and the Great Tribulation. Thus the church will go through the Great Tribulation. In this view the *rapture and the second coming are the same event*.
- **PreWrath View** - In the PreWrath view, the rapture happens during the 70th week of Daniel and after the Great Tribulation which is distinguished from the Day of the Lord, God's wrath on the unbelieving world. Thus the church will go through the Great Tribulation, *but not through the wrath of God*. In this view the *rapture and the second coming are the same event*.

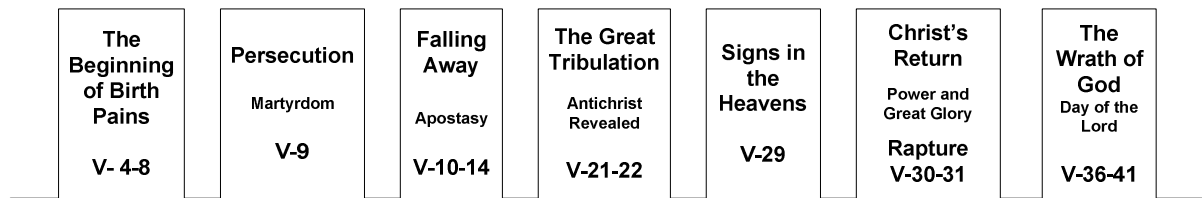
Imminency – Imminency is the belief that Christ could return at any moment with no warning signs prior to it. Scriptures used in this view are (Matt 24:36-39,42-44, 50, 25:13, Mark 13:32-33, Luke 12:40, Phil 3:20, 1 Thes 5:2-6, Titus 2:12-13, Heb 10:25, James 5:7-9, 1 Pet 4:7, 2 Pet 3:10, Rev 22:7, 20). It is clear from these scriptures that in a certain sense, the Lord’s return is *imminent*, but clearly states that we do not know the “*day or the hour,*” but to interpret the times and seasons we should not be unaware or overtaken as the wicked. However, the bible also clearly teaches that *certain signs will precede the Lord’s coming* and that we should be paying attention to these signs as they happen. These signs would include;

- **The Preaching of the Gospel to all Nations** – (Mark 13:10, Matt 24:14)
- **The Great Tribulation** – Matt 24:15-22, Mark 13:7-8, Luke 21:20-24)
- **False Prophets working Signs and Wonders** – (Matt 24:23-24, Mark 13:22)
- **Signs in the Heavens** – (Matt 24:29-30, Mark 13:24-25, Luke 21:25-27)
- **The Coming of the Man of Sin** - (Matt 24:15-22, Mark 13:14-20, 2 Thess 2:1-10)
- **Great Persecution of the Church** – (Matt 24:9-14, Mark 13:9-13, Rev 13:5-10, 15-17)
- **Apostasy, Falling Away and Rebellion** – (Matt 24:10-12, Mark 13:12-13, 2 Thess 2:3)

Therefore we should conclude that as we see these signs coming to pass, we should be eagerly awaiting the Lord’s return and our subsequent deliverance. This is explicit in the teaching of Jesus (Matt 24:25,33, Mark 13:29, Luke 21:28).

Olivet Discourse – In regard to eschatological events and their timing and sequence, the most clear passages in all of the bible are recorded in the *Olivet Discourse*. These passages are Matt 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21. In these passages there are clear *chronologies* given of events leading up to Christ return and the end of the age. In fact, these passages are Jesus’ answer to His disciples’ question, “What will be the signs of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Chronology of the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24



Distinctions between Israel and the Church

Dispensationalism - A theological system that began in the nineteenth century with the writings of J. N. Darby. Among the general doctrines of this system are the distinction between Israel and the church as two groups in God’s overall plan, the Pretribulational rapture of the church, a future literal fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies concerning Israel, and the dividing of biblical history into seven periods or “dispensations” of God’s ways of relating to his people.

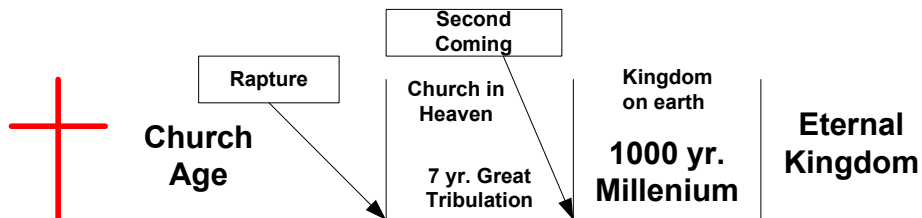
Progressive Dispensationalism – A view of Dispensationalism which takes into account certain principles of continuity commonly found with Covenantalists. Typically there is a less pronounced distinction between Israel and the Church and allows for a mingling of eschatological events for both groups during the 70th week of Daniel.

Covenantal - Covenant Theology believes that there is and has always been only one people of God. They believe that Israel was the Church in the Old Testament, and the Church is Israel in the New Testament, thus the Church has “replaced” Israel. What were promises of land, many descendants, and blessing in the Old Testament to Israel has been converted to spiritual blessings for the Church in the New Testament.

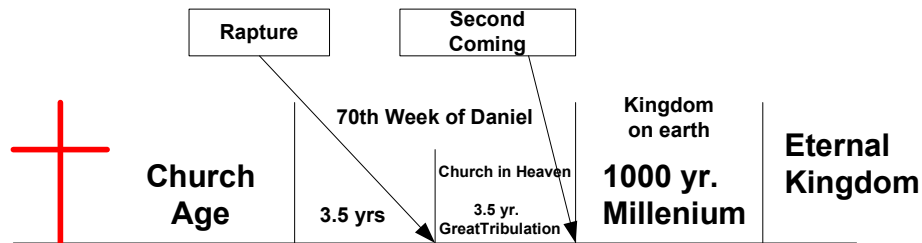
Premillennialism and the Rapture

Four Views on Timing

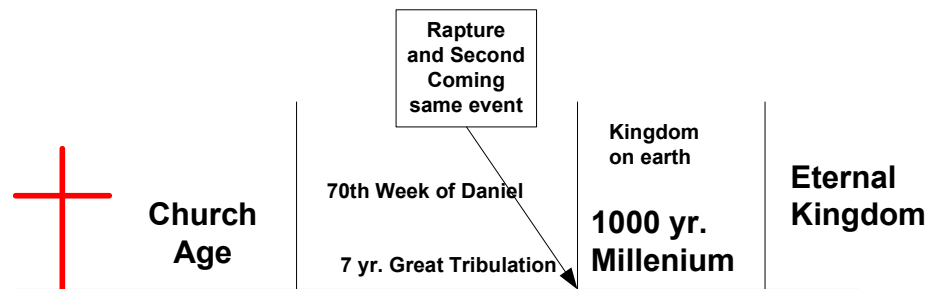
Pretribulational View



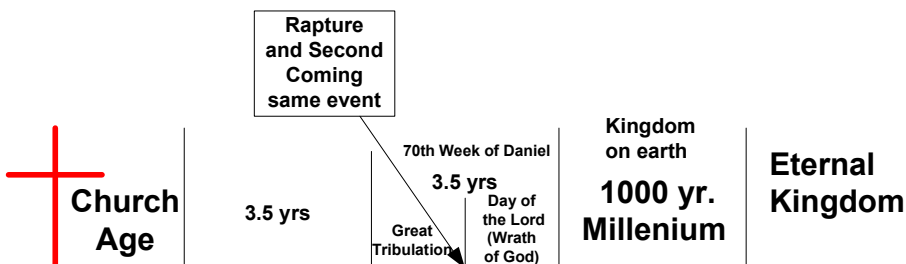
Midtribulational View



Posttribulational View



Pre-Wrath View



Defining Terms for Eschatology

Defining terms

Eschaton – The time between the first and second advent of Christ, or that period of time from the cross until the second coming. Also called the “*last days*” or “*end times*” and not to be confused with the time period directly preceding the Second Coming. (Acts 2:17, 2 Tim 3:1, Heb 1:2, Jam 5:3, 2 Pet 3:3)

Parousia – The Second Coming of Christ from the gk. *parousia*

Great Tribulation - A short but intense period of distress and suffering at the end of time. The exact phrase, the great tribulation, is found only once in the Bible (Rev 7:14). The great tribulation is to be distinguished from the general tribulation a believer faces in the world (Matt 13:21; John 16:33; Acts 14:22). It is also to be distinguished from God's specific wrath upon the unbelieving world at the end of the age (Mark 13:24; Rom 2:5-10; 2 Thess 1:6). Many times the tribulation is equated with the “*Seventieth Week*” of Daniel, and at times is equated only with the latter 3.5 years of the “*Seventieth Week*.”

70th Week of Daniel – The last week in a prophecy given by Daniel the prophet. In Daniel's vision, God revealed that the Captivity of His people in Babylon would come to an end and they would be restored to glory as a nation within a period of 70 weeks of seven years each-or a total of 490 years. It has been interpreted that 69 of the 70 weeks has been fulfilled culminating at the first advent, but that the “*Seventieth Week*” has not yet been fulfilled. Many see this as the final time of Great Tribulation as noted above.

Abomination of Desolation - A despicable misuse of the Temple of the Lord during a time of great trouble-an event foretold by the prophet Daniel. The phrase is found in Matt 24:15 and Mark 13:14 as a quotation from Dan 11:31 and 12:11. In Daniel, the words mean "the abomination that makes desolate." In other words, Daniel prophesied that the Temple would be used for an "abominable" purpose at some time in the future. As a result, God's faithful people would no longer worship there-so great would be their moral revulsion, contempt, and abhorrence at the sacrilege-and the Temple would become "desolate."

Day of the Lord - A special day at the end of time when God's will and purpose for mankind and His world will be fulfilled. Many Bible students believe the Day of the Lord will be a long period of time rather than a single day-- a period when Christ will reign throughout the world before He cleanses heaven and earth in preparation for the eternal state of all mankind. But others believe the Day of the Lord will be an instantaneous event when Christ will return to earth to claim His faithful believers while consigning unbelievers to eternal damnation. <Amos 5:18-20> is probably the earliest occurrence in Scripture of the phrase, "Day of the Lord." According to Amos, that day would be a time of great darkness for any in rebellion against God, whether Jew or Gentile. The day would be a time of judgment <Is. 13:6,9; Jer. 46:10>, as well as restoration <Is. 14:1; Joel 2:28-32>. (Mal 4:5, 2 Pet 3:10, Zeph 1:2-3,14-18, Isa 24:1-6, 13:9-11, Jer 25:31-33, - (Revelation 6:12-13, 14:19-20, 16, Isaiah 26:21,34:1-4,66:15-16, Jeremiah 25:29-33, Joel 2:10-11, 2:28-32, 3:13-16)

Millennium - A term that refers to the period of 1,000 years mentioned in Revelation 20:4-5 as the time of the reign of Christ and believers over the earth (from Lat. *millennium*, “thousand years”).

Antichrist - The “man of lawlessness” who will appear prior to the second coming of Christ and will cause great suffering and persecution, only to be destroyed by Jesus. The term is also used to describe other figures who embody such an opposition to Christ and are precursors of the final antichrist.

Imminency - Imminency is the belief that the Lord could return at any moment.

Rapture - The “taking up” or snatching up (from Latin *rapio*, “seize, snatch, carry away” or gk. *harpazo*) of believers to be with Christ when he returns to the earth.

New Heavens and New Earth: A description of the entirely renewed creation in which believers will dwell after the final judgment.

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Covenantalism - A theological system that represents the whole of Scripture as being covered by (3) covenants; Covenant of Redemption, Covenant of Works, and the Covenant of Grace. God's overall plan is carried out in consistency with these covenants. It is typically distinguished from Dispensationalism.

Scripture Index for above

Tribulation –

Matt 24:15-31 - 15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! 20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 for **then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.** 22 "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short. 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 29 "**But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,** 30 and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. 31 "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. NASB

Rev 7:14 - 14 And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation** , and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. NASB

Dan 12:1-3 - 12:1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. **And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.** 2 "**And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.** 3 "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. NASB

Judgment -

Matt 25:31-34 - 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. NASB

John 5:29 - 29 and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment . NASB

Rom 14:10-12 - 10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God. NASB

1 Cor 3:11-16 - 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. NASB

Future promises to Israel

Land, Seed, Blessing –

Isa 19:24-25 - 24 In that day **Israel will be** the third party with Egypt and Assyria, **a blessing in the midst of the earth**, 25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." NASB

Ezek 34:25-31 - 25 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 "**And I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing** . And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing . 27 "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28 "And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid. 29 "And I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore. 30 "Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people," declares the Lord GOD. 31 "As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God," declares the Lord GOD. NASB

Gen 13:14-18 - 14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; 15 **for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. 16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.**" 18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD. NASB

Gen 17:4-8 - 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. 6 "**And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you.** 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. 8 And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." NASB

Jeremiah 3:16-18 - 16 "And it shall be in those days when you are multiplied and increased in the land," declares the LORD, "they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' And it shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they miss it, **nor shall it be made again.** 17 "At that time **they shall call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the LORD,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem,** for the name of the LORD; nor shall they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart. 18 "In those days **the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance.** NASB

Jeremiah 30:2-3 - 3'For, behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The LORD says, **'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall possess it.'** " NASB

Zechariah 10:6-10 - 6 "And I shall strengthen the house of Judah, And I shall save the house of Joseph, **And I shall bring them back,** Because I have had compassion on them; And they will be as though I had not rejected them, For I am the LORD their God, and I will answer them. 7 "And Ephraim will be like a mighty man, And their heart will be glad as if from wine; Indeed, their children will see it and be glad. Their heart will rejoice in the LORD. 8 "I will whistle for them to gather them together, For I have redeemed them; And they will be as numerous as they were before. 9 "When I scatter them among the peoples, They will remember Me in far countries, **And they with their children will live and come back. 10 "I will bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria; And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no room can be found for them.** NASB

Genesis 15:12-21 - 12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. 14 But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out with many possessions. 15 And as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 **Then in the fourth generation they shall return here**, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete." 17 And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, **"To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:** 19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite 20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girschite and the Jebusite. " NASB

Jer 30:1-9 - 30:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book. 3'For, behold, days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The LORD says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall possess it.' " 4 Now these are the words which the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah, 5 "For thus says the LORD, 'I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and there is no peace. 6'Ask now, and see, If a male can give birth. Why do I see every man With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And why have all faces turned pale? 7'Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it. 8'And it shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from off their neck, and will tear off their bonds; and strangers shall no longer make them their slaves. 9'But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. NASB

Utopian

Zech 14:16-18 - 16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 **And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.** 18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. NASB

Seventy Weeks -

Dan 9:24-27 - 24 **"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city,** to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place. 25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 **"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction,** one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." NASB