

Brief Overview of "End Times" Interpretations

Shared Beliefs of All Views:

- Christ is going to return to earth
- there will be a future resurrection
- the resurrected will be judged either to eternal death or life

How Views Get Their Names:

- The millennium (1,000 years referred to in Rev 20) is the point of reference
- name comes from: Christ's 2nd coming in relation to the millennium

The Views:

1. PreMillennialism- Christ's 2nd coming is prior to (pre-) the millennium; literal 1,000 years
2. Dispensational PreMillennialism (subset of 1st group)- Christ's 2nd coming is followed by a 7-year tribulation, then the millennium kingdom; literal 1,000 years
3. PostMillennialism- Christ's 2nd coming is after (post-) the millennium; symbolic or literal 1,000 years
4. AMillennialism- "no" millennium (time between 1st and 2nd coming is the millennium); Christ's 2nd coming is future; symbolic 1,000 years

Comparison of Christian millennial teachings

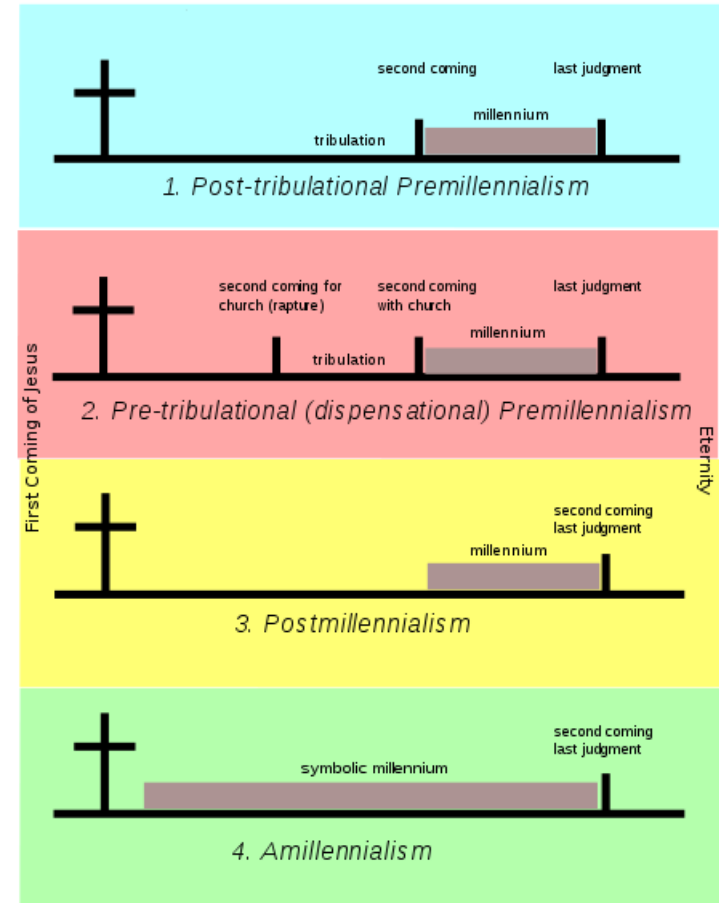


Chart from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millennialism>