

IMAGE ONE - BABYLON ALWAYS FALLS!

Revelation 19:11-16 (NLT)

“11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.”

Revelation 17:5 (NLT)

“5 A mysterious name was written on her forehead: “Babylon the Great, Mother of All Prostitutes and Obscenities in the World.””

Revelation 17:9 (NLT)

*9 This calls for a mind with understanding: The **seven heads** of the beast represent the **seven hills** where the woman rules. They also represent **seven kings**.”*

“The numbers are symbols, representing the oppressive power of world government throughout the ages which arrogates to itself divine prerogatives (claims to be a society without a need of God) and persecutes God’s people when they do not submit to the evil state’s false claims. John may have had the seven mountains of Rome in mind but knew it goes beyond Rome.” -G.K. Beale

The prostitute riding the back of the beast in John’s time was manifested in Rome. But it wasn’t just Rome, it would be any kingdom or nation to come that would seek to be a society that is anti-god & that would seek to define good & evil for itself & would increasingly grow hostile towards God’s Kingdom & His people.

Revelation 18:1-2 (NLT)

“1 After all this I saw another angel come down from heaven with great authority, and the earth grew bright with his splendor. 2 He gave a mighty shout: “Babylon is fallen—that great city is fallen!”

Babylon always falls. Christ always stands.

IMAGE TWO - THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB!

Revelation 19:9 (NLT)

“9 And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.”

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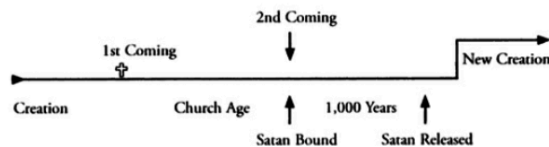
IMAGE THREE - THE MILLENNIAL REIGN!

In Revelation 20, John describes a vision of an angel sealing Satan away for a thousand years. He then talks about those who have been martyred for the gospel reigning with Christ for a thousand years. This millennium has been the subject of much debate among Christians for a long time. There are three interpretive views that fall within the realm of historic, orthodox Christianity: premillennialism, postmillennialism, and amillennialism. No matter which view you hold, one thing remains sure: Christ will return and establish His kingdom, and He will reign on earth as He does in heaven.

Premillennialism

Premillennialism interprets Revelation 20 to mean that before the final judgment, Christ will return to establish His kingdom and physically reign over all the earth for a literal 1,000 years. Within this view, there is additional debate over when Christ will return to rescue His people from tribulation—either before or after His thousand-year reign.

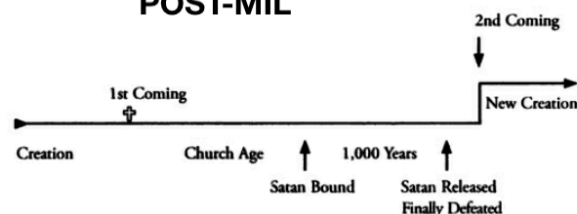
(I) PRE-MILLENNIALISM



Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism interprets Revelation 20 to mean that before Christ returns in the flesh, the gospel will make such progress that societies around the world will be transformed into bastions of justice and peace. The majority of the world will be obedient to Christ, and at the end of this period, He will return to forever reign over the new heavens and new earth.

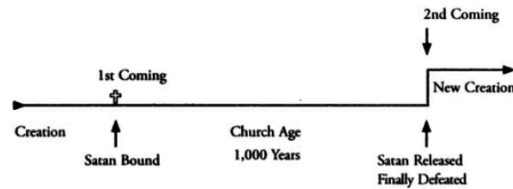
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Amillennialism

Unlike the first two views, amillennialism holds that the “millennium” has already begun. John’s use of “1,000 years” is figurative and refers to the present age in which the Church is fulfilling Christ’s reign and will continue until His return. Amillennialism also holds that some of the events prophesied in Scripture have already been fulfilled in the first century following the death of Christ, while some events will not find their fulfillment until the return of Christ.

A-MILLENNIALISM



Where the different views of Revelation 20 all agree:

- Jesus wins.
- Christ returns.
- The beasts & the dragon are gonna be thrown in hell forever.
- The future is not up for grabs. It belongs to Jesus.

Mark 3:23-27 (NLT)

23 He says “‘How can Satan cast out Satan?’ he asked. 24 “A kingdom divided by civil war will collapse. 25 Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart. 26 And if Satan is divided and fights against himself, how can he stand? He would never survive. 27 Let me illustrate this further. Who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? **Only someone even stronger**—someone who could **tie him up** and then plunder his house.”

Remember:

- Babylon always falls. Christ always stands.
- Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- The Battle is already won. The real Rider on the white horse simply speaks & it’s all over.
- Jesus has overcome Satan & we now rule with Him as His church. And the gates of hell will not prevail.

What are we to do now? We fight!

1. Connect with God
2. Pursue holiness
3. Overcome a “me-centered” life
4. Commit to the masterplan of discipleship enforced by Jesus.