

The Four Views of the End Times at a Glance

	Dispensational Premillennial: Pretribulation	Historical Premillennial: Post-tribulation	Postmillennial	Amillennial
Overview	Jesus will return before the Millennium. The rapture of the Church will occur at the start or immediately prior to the seven-year Tribulation.	Jesus will return before the Millennium; His return and the rapture of the Church will occur at the same time at the sounding of the seventh trumpet.	Jesus will return after the Millennium, after the Church successfully evangelizes the entire world and brings the governments of the earth to conform to the righteousness of the kingdom of God. He will judge men and angels, then usher in the eternal state.	There is no literal 1000-year reign of Christ. The Kingdom of God is already present in the Church. Christ will return at some point to end this age, resurrect the dead, judge all, and usher in the eternal state.
Nature of the Kingdom of God	A physical, earthly kingdom which will be established during the Millennium and which will be primarily Jewish.	The kingdom is both spiritual and physical. Currently spiritual with Christ ruling from heaven, it will be a physical, earthly kingdom during the Millennium and the age to come.	The kingdom is spiritual in nature and encompasses heaven and earth. Growing gradually as more and more turn to Christ and are saved, God’s kingdom will fill the whole earth.	The kingdom is spiritual in nature. While the gospel will reach every tongue, tribe, people, and nation, a relatively small percentage will come to salvation.
Timing of the Kingdom of God	Established suddenly and cataclysmically at the return of Christ.	The kingdom is a present reality that began at Christ’s first coming.	The kingdom is a present reality that began at Christ’s first coming.	The kingdom is a present reality that began at Christ’s first coming.
Satan’s Binding & Current Status	Satan will be bound at the second coming. Right now we are still in “this present evil age” (Gal. 1:4) of which Satan is its god and ruler (2 Cor. 4:4), subject to the permission of God (Job. 1:12; 2:6)	Satan will be bound at the second coming. Right now we are still in “this present evil age” (Gal. 1:4) of which Satan is its god and ruler (2 Cor. 4:4), subject to the permission of God (Job. 1:12; 2:6)	Satan was bound at Christ’s death and resurrection which opened the door to world evangelization by hindering his ability to deceive the nations.	While Satan was bound at Christ’s death and resurrection, his ability to deceive the nations was not completely ended.
Nature and Length of the Millennium	A future, physical 1000-year reign of Christ on earth that begins with His return.	A future, physical 1000-year reign of Christ on earth that begins with His return.	The Millennium began at the death and resurrection of Christ. Both spiritual and physical in nature, it will progressively become the “Golden Age” at which point Christ will return.	The Millennium is the Church Age. Spiritual in nature, it began at Pentecost and ends with the return of Christ. Both good and evil grow progressively. Immediately prior to Christ’s return, there will be great apostasy from the truth in most churches.

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The Tribulation	A future 7-year period immediately preceding Christ's return. The Church will be raptured immediately prior to the Tribulation. It will be a time of God's wrath upon the unbelievers and Satan's wrath upon the Jews.	A future 7-year period immediately preceding Christ's return. While the Church will go through the Tribulation, believers will be raptured at Christ's return preceding the outpouring of the wrath of God (the 7 bowls) during Daniel's final 30 days (Dan. 12:11).	Took place from AD 64-70, beginning with the persecution of Christians by Nero and ending with the destruction of the Temple. Predicted by Christ, believers in Jerusalem escaped it by following His instructions.	Either took place AD 64-70 OR the Church is in the Tribulation now which will progressively worsen until the return of Christ.
Israel & the Church	Israel and the Church are separate and distinct peoples of God. During the Church Age, God suspends His plan for Israel. At the pre-tribulation rapture of the Church, God resumes His plan for Israel.	Believing Gentiles are grafted into the people of God alongside believing Jews, becoming one new man in Christ. Israel's physical, land promises will be fulfilled by believing Jews beginning at the Millennium and continuing in the eternal age.	The Church is spiritual Israel. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, as all are one new man in Christ. All Israel's promises are spiritualized to belong to the Church and are not believed to be literal.	The Church is spiritual Israel. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, as all are one new man in Christ. All Israel's promises are spiritualized to belong to the Church and are not believed to be literal.
The Antichrist	A future Antichrist: He will become a world dictator who will persecute both Christians and Jews. After the rapture of the Church, he will increase in power and target the Jews more specifically throughout the Tribulation.	A future Antichrist: He will persecute both Christians and Jews.	Happened in the past, both as individuals (1 Jn. 2:18) or as a spirit of deception (1 Jn. 4:3); the Daniel 11 "antichrist" was fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 BC.	Past fulfillment of antichrist prophecies; <i>Reformed Amillennialism</i> also posits a future Antichrist: at the end of the Church Age when Satan will be loosed to empower the Antichrist to lead a final rebellion against God immediately prior to the return of Christ and the start of the eternal age.
Rev. 19 & 20	Chronological and literal; enthroned saints are on earth; two physical resurrections (one at the Rapture before the Tribulation and one after the Millennium.)	Chronological and literal; enthroned saints are on earth (Rev. 20:1); two physical resurrections (one at the Rapture before the Tribulation and one after the Millennium.)	Not Chronological. Chapter 19 refers to the Church age. Saints reign in heaven. Chapter 20 speaks of Christ's coming and of the Church age; the resurrections are spiritual.	Not Chronological. Saints reign in heaven; the resurrections are spiritual. Preterists interpret figuratively as "Christ will triumph." Parallelists place a break between chs. 19 & 20. Also, 20:1-3 is on earth and parallels 20:4-6 in heaven.