

Eschatology 101

Matthew 24:40-41

“Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.”

Matthew 24:38-39

“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and *took them all away*; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

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1) The Rapture of the Church

Doctrinal Statement

“We believe that the return of Jesus Christ at the Rapture is imminent and personal.. He will meet His church in the air, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). We teach that the Rapture is pretribulational and after the seven-year period of tribulation, Christ will visibly return with the saints to occupy the throne of David (Luke 1:31-33) and establish His 1,000 year kingdom reign upon the earth (Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6).”

I Thessalonians 5:9

“For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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- 1) The Rapture of the Church
- 2) The Judgment Seat of Christ

II Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Romans 14:10

“But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.”

BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

“**BEMA**” = “A raised place mounted by steps (a platform) used of the official seat of a judge”
(Thayer’s Greek Lexicon)

II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10

The **BEMA** was used as a place for judging cases (cf. Acts 18:12); and it was also the place where rewards were given out to those who were winners at the games.

THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT

JESUS is the all knowing, fair and good Judge
(Cf. Rev. 22:12)

ALL BELIEVERS who are involved in the
Rapture event (Cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)

Saints from the **OLD TESTAMENT** and the
TRIBULATION are apparently evaluated on at
the 2nd Coming of Christ

THE CRITERIA OF OUR EVALUATION BY THE LORD

- (1) **THE WORD OF GOD.** How close did our lives line up with the standards found in the Word? This requires understanding and application of scriptural principles.
- (2) **OUR FAITHFULNESS.** How faithful were we in using what Christ gave to us? (Our spiritual gifts/natural abilities, finances, IQ, opportunities, positions, etc.)
- (3) **OUR MOTIVES.** Why did we do what we did?

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- 1) The Rapture of the Church
- 2) The Judgment Seat of Christ
- 3) The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Revelation 19:9

“Then he said to me, ‘Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true words of God.’”

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4) The Tribulation

Purposes for the Tribulation

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- 2) To judge the wicked and the nations
(Revelation 5-16)

Matthew 24:21-22

“For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”

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- 4) The Tribulation
- 5) The Second Coming of Christ

The Second Coming of Christ

- A. The Judgment of the Living Gentiles
- B. The Judgment of Living Israel
- C. The Resurrection of Old Testament Saints and Tribulation Martyrs

Daniel 12:2

“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.”

Daniel 12:13

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

Matthew 27:51-53

“And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.”

Revelation 20:4

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their 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 on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

The Second Coming of Christ

D. The Binding of Satan

Revelation 20:1-3

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”

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D. The Binding of Satan

E. The Establishment of the Kingdom

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4) The Tribulation

5) The Second Coming of Christ

6) The Millennial Kingdom

TERMINOLOGY REGARDING THE MILLENNIUM

1. **New Testament Greek words**
“chilia” (1,000) + “hetā” (years)
2. **Our English word “Millennium”**
Literally from the Latin:
“mille” (1,000) + “annus” (years)
3. **Key Text: Rev. 20:1-6**
“Satan bound for a 1,000 years”
“Christ reigning for a 1,000 years”

THREE VIEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM

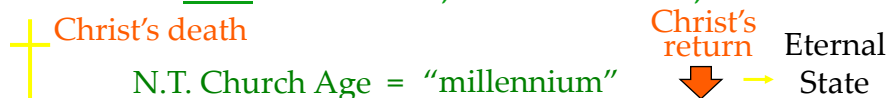
PRE * MILLENNIALISM:

CHRIST RETURNS BEFORE 1,000 YRS.



A * MILLENNIALISM:

NO LITERAL, EARTHLY 1,000 YRS.



POST * MILLENNIALISM:

CHRIST RETURNS AFTER "1,000 YRS.



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7) The Final Judgments

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- A. Satan and his fallen angels

- B. Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers

Revelation 20:5

“The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.”

Revelation 20:11-12

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.”

Revelation 20:13-14

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”

Revelation 20:15

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Final Judgments

- A. Satan and his fallen angels
- B. Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers
- C. Judgment of the Heavens and the Earth

II Peter 3:7

“But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”

II Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”

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- 7) The Final Judgments
- 8) The Eternal State

Revelation 22:3-5

“There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.”