



The Book of
Revelation

Revelation Overview

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Reading Time: 1 hour 6 minutes.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

The book of Revelation is a prophecy given to John describing the end times. The book is divided into three sections - past, present, and future (the largest section is the future). Seven letters are written to seven churches delivering messages from Jesus.

After that John is invited to the throne room of God where he gets a birds eye view of the end times. Jesus, the lamb that was slain, opens seven seals unleashing disaster on the earth, and seven angels blow trumpets releasing more catastrophes. A dragon and two beasts rise up against God demanding the worship of the remaining people on the earth. God pours out seven bowls of wrath on the earth, and Jesus reigns on the earth for 1000 years. Following one final rebellion the scene turns to a description of a new Heaven, Earth and Jerusalem.

Revelation Outline.

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.”

Revelation 1:19

- I. Things Which You have Seen (1).
- II. Things Which Are (2-3).
- III. Things Which Will Take Place After These Things (4-22).

Things You Have Seen.

*“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the **prophecy**, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

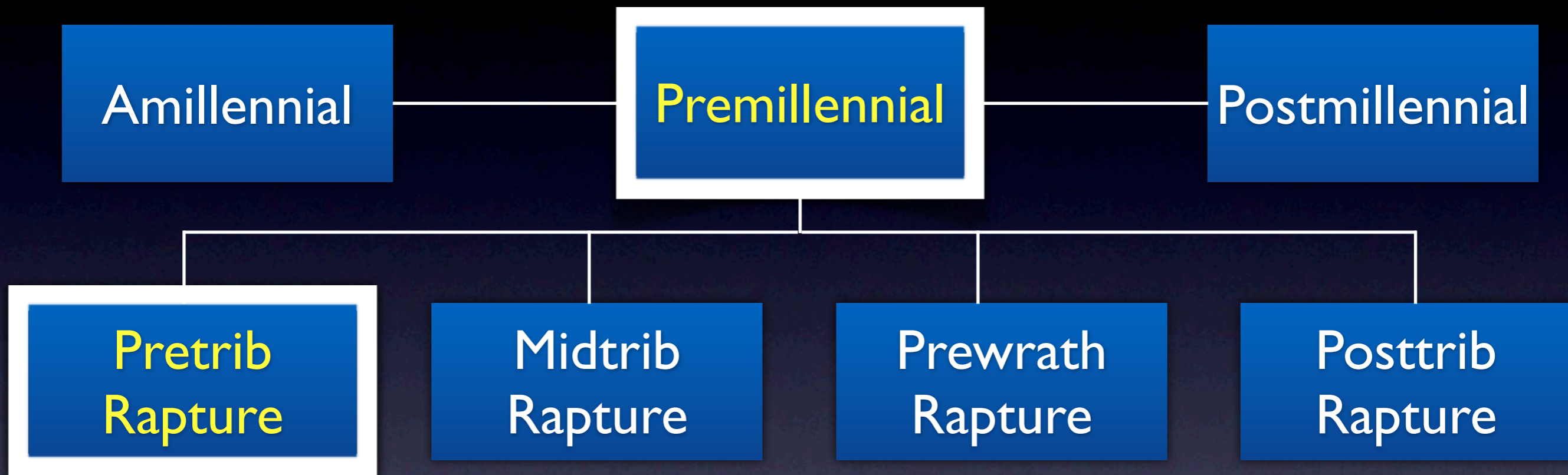
Revelation 1:1-3

Father → Son → Angel → John → Servants

Four Views.

- Preterist - all or most of the events in Revelation occurred in 70AD in the Roman Empire.
- Spiritual - the book is only symbolic and should be studied as a symbol of things God will do in your heart.
- Historical - sees the book as an overview of all of church history from Acts until the 2nd coming.
- Futurist - the book is prophecy that has not yet all been fulfilled (as it claims in 1:3; 10:11; 22:7,10,19).
- All these views have value and something to teach us.

Eschatology - End Times.



Eschatology is an in-house Christian debate. Those who have different end-times views are not unbelievers. If they didn't believe in Jesus Christ they would not care how the world ends, when Jesus comes back, or when He will reign for 1000 years.

Things Which Are.

- Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia:
 1. Ephesus (2:1-7).
 2. Smyrna (2:8-11).
 3. Pergamum (2:12-17).
 4. Thyatira (2:18-29).
 5. Sardis (3:1-6).
 6. Philadelphia (3:7-13).
 7. Laodicea (3:14-22).
- This section of Revelation contains the most personal application for us as a church, and as individuals.

After These Things - The Visions.

- The Throne in Heaven (4-5).
- The Great Tribulation (6-18).
 - Seven Seals (6-8:1).
 - Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19).
 - Signs in Heaven (12-14).
 - Seven Bowls (15-16).
 - Babylon's Judgement (17-18).
- The Second Coming of Jesus Christ (19).
- The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ (20).
- Then New Heaven, Earth, and Jerusalem (21-22).