

Section 1: Introduction

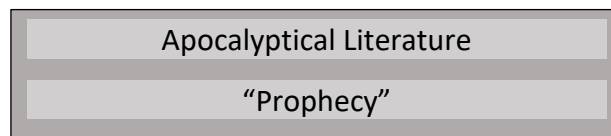
Revelation 1:1-3

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

- The translation of Revelation in the Greek is apokalypsis
 - Uncovering
 - Unveiling
- The main idea is not about end times but about seeing Jesus Christ
- Satan hates the book of Revelation
 - Satan tries to keep people from reading this book
 - Why? This speaks of his defeat
- The adversary, that is tempting you, has already been defeated
- The book tells the glorious victory of Jesus Christ
- It is the only book of the Bible that attaches a blessing if you read it

Section 2: Hermeneutics (Establishing the Foundations)

- **Hermeneutics** – Methodological Principles of Interpreting Scripture



- The Lord meant for us to understand the book of Revelation
- Most of what is in the book is not new information
- There are hundreds of references to the Old Testament
- Understanding the symbols
 - Let scripture interpret scripture

Three Prophetic Understandings

- Fact
(No one can buy or sell without the mark)
- Assumption
(Example: Cashless Society)
- Speculation
(Example: Chips tha control commerce)

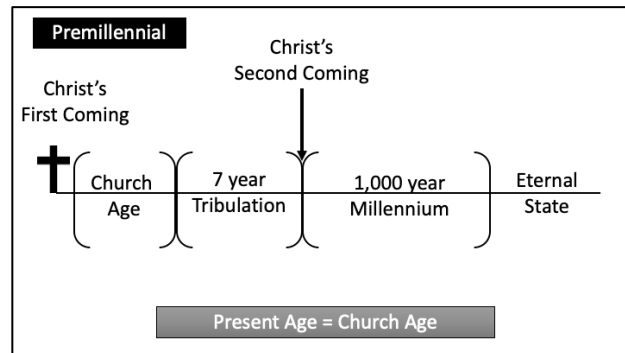
Revelation 13:17
So tht they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

Premillennialism vs. Amillennialism

Revelation 20:1-2
And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Amillennialism	Premillennialism
<u>Figurateive</u> Intepretation	<u>Literal</u> Intepretation

Amillennial	Premillennial
A (not) – no literal thousand reign of Christ (or tribulation period)	Literal thousand-year reign of Christ
Examples: Presbyterian, Lutheran, Reformed, Catholic	Examples: C&MA, Baptist, Fundamentalists
Christ rules over a spiritual kingdom in hearts of believers on earth and over the souls of the redeemed in heaven (Spiritual Reign)	Christ will rule personally for one thousand years over a literal, physical, earthly kingdom with Satan bound and the curse of the fall removed



The

Jesus snatching the church up in the air

- “Harpazo” to snatch up
- Saints will receive glorified Bodies (1 Corinthians 15:51-51)
- Three main views
 - Pretribulation
 - Midtribulation
 - Posttribulation

1 Thessalonians 4:17

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Second Coming of Christ

Jesus comes to the earth to set-up His kingdom

Keeping the Distinction

Rapture – the church being caught up in the air.

- Three Views
 - Pre-trib (before the tribulation)
 - Mid-trib (middle of tribulation)
 - Post-trib (end of tribulation)

Second Coming – Christ coming back to the earth to set up his kingdom

Millennium – the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth

- Two main views
 - Amillennial (does not believe in a literal one thousand-year reign of Christ)
 - Premillennial (Literal one thousand-year reign of Christ)

Section 3: Common Questions.

Question #1 – Is the United States mentioned in prophecy?

- The United States is not mentioned in prophecy

Some Different Scholarly Opinions

Option 1

America is not mentioned because she will be destroyed by other nations

Option 2

America is not mentioned in Bible prophecy because she will have lost her influence as a result of moral and spiritual deterioration (internal rot)

She may have made a treaty with the antichrist which comes from European area and plays a minor role

Option 3

If the rapture is pre-trib, America may be crippled with the loss of Christians

Question #2 – Is the moral decay of modern society a sign of the end times?

- In the end days there will be an increase of evil

Question #3 – Is the covid vaccine the Mark of the Beast? Can a person who takes the Mark of the Beast be saved?

- We need to understand what the Mark of the Beast is

Section 4: The Basics

Eschatology: The doctrine of “end” times

Who wrote the book of Revelation? John

Where was the book of Revelation written? Island Patmos

When was the book of Revelation written? 90s

Tribulation Period

How long is the tribulation period? seven years

What is another name for it? Daniel's 70th week

What are the three main judgments?

- Seal
- Trumpet
- Judgments

What are the four horsemen of the apocalypse? The first four seal judgments

Main Players

Who is the dragon? Satan

Who is the first beast? Antichrist (Political Leader)

Who is the second beast? False Prophet (Religious Leader)

This is known as the "Unholy Trinity"

Events

What is the abomination of Desolation?

During the middle of the tribulation period, the Anti-Christ sets up an image of himself to be worshipped

What is the Revived Roman Empire?

A confederacy of ten nations that the Anti-Christ will rule from the area of the Ancient Roman Empire