## FIVE MILLENNIAL VIEWS

|  | AMILLENNIALISM  | POSTMILLENNIALISM  | HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM   | DISPENSATIONAL<br>PREMILLENNIALISM   | INTRAMILLENNIALISM®  |
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| Are the 2nd Coming, and the Rapture future and concurrent events?  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming: Future<br>Ac 1:9-11; Heb 9:28<br>Rapture: Future<br>1 Thes 4:15-18<br>Concurrent?: YES  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming: Future<br>Ac 1:9-11; Heb 9:28<br>Rapture: Future<br>1 Thes 4:15-18<br>Concurrent?: YES   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming: Future<br>Ac 1:9-11; Heb 9:28<br>Rapture: Future<br>1 Thes 4:15-18<br>Concurrent?: YES  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming: Future Ac 1:9-11; Heb 9:28 Rapture: Future 1 Thes 4:15-18 Concurrent?: NO  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming: Future<br>Ac 1:9-11; Heb 9:28<br>Rapture: Future<br>1 Thes 4:15-18<br>Concurrent?: <u>YES</u>  |
| What is the <u>Great</u> <u>Tribulation</u> ?  | Classic Belief: Tribulations persist  Current Prominent Belief: Two 3.5-year past events  | Classic Belief: Tribulations persist, though they decrease  Current Prominent Belief: Two 3.5-year past events   | A future seven-year<br>period of global<br>tribulation  | A future seven-year<br>period of global<br>tribulation   | Two 3.5-year past events:  1) AD 64-68: Satan's war with the infant Church via Nero's persecution  2) AD 66-70: God's Judgment of Israel via the Jewish-Roman War Revelation's Proof Theme Walidates both  |
| What is the view's general Millennium perspective and the relationship to the reign of Christ?   | Christ's kingdom reign was established at His first coming. He currently reigns in the hearts of believers and as the head of the church. The Millennium is the time between Christ's first coming and the 2nd Coming /Rapture. | Christ's kingdom reign was established at His first coming. He currently reigns in the hearts of believers and as the head of the church. The Millennium is the next period in which the world will have been largely converted for a long period of time. | Christ's kingdom<br>reign will be<br>established at the<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture<br>which initiates the<br>earthly kingdom<br>reign<br>– the Millennium.                         | Christ's kingdom reign will be established at the 2nd Coming. This initiates the Davidic-style earthly kingdom reign—the Millennium. This Millennium encompasses a rebuilt temple and reinstitutes the practices of the Old Covenant Law, the priesthood, sacrifices, etc. | Christ's kingdom reign was established at His first coming, "all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Mt 28:18b) Christ reigns now. This reign is Father-given, Son-earned, sovereign authority over all of the created order. The Millennium is the time between Christ's first coming and the 2nd Coming/Rapture.                          |
| 1) What is the view's general Millennium perspective regarding the Resurrections of Re 20:5-6? 2) How many Resurrection events remain? | 1) A believer's conversion is the spiritual "first resurrection".  A future general resurrection is the one final literal resurrection event.  2) Innumerable spiritual & 1 general resurrection event of the just & unjust     | 1) A believer's conversion is the spiritual "first resurrection".  A future general resurrection is the one final literal resurrection event.  2) Innumerable spiritual & 1 general resurrection event of the just & unjust                                | 1) The "first resurrection" is all the necessary resurrections of the just, juxtaposed against the second resurrection of the unjust.  2) 2+ (Rapture, and Unjust (+Millennial believers) | 1) The "first resurrection" is all the necessary resurrections of the just, juxtaposed against the second resurrection of the unjust. 2) 3+ (Rapture, Tribulation, and Unjust (+Millennial believers)  | 1) The "first resurrection" was Jesus' resurrection. Re 20:5c "This {thousand years} is the {time defined by His} first resurrection." Re 20:6 is a list of Christian attributes; e.g., every Christian "shares" in Jesus' resurrection as is attested to at every believer's baptism (Col 2:12; Rom 6:3-5) 2) 1 general resurrection event of the just & unjust |
| What is the order of the following events?  - Great Tribulation,  - Millennium, &  - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture                    | Past &/or Ongoing: Great Tribulation Current: The Millennium Next: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming /Rapture.   | Past &/or Ongoing: Great Tribulation Next: The Millennium Then: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture   | Next: Great Tribulation Then: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture Then: The Millennium   | Next: Rapture (Pre-Trib) Then: The Great Tribulation Then: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming Then: The Millennium   | Past: Great Tribulation Current: The Millennium Next: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture   |
| How are promises to Israel addressed?  | Spiritually in Christ and/or in Heaven  | Spiritually in Christ and/or in Heaven   | Literally in a future earthly kingdom   | Literally in a future<br>earthly Kingdom   | Contractually according to the underlying covenant   |
| Does society/church improve or degrade?  | Advocates for Both  | Improve: The world<br>must be Christianized<br>prior to the<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming/Rapture  | <u>Degrade</u>  | <u>Degrade</u>   | Improve: The Church<br>advances though societal<br>ups and downs persist   |
| What are the general origins of the view?  | Augustine<br>300's  | A distinct variant of Amillennialism (AD 300's) with general views of Gospel dominion, e.g. Origen (AD 200's); Developed – Brightman 1600's  | Justin Martyr &<br>Irenaeus<br>100's  | A distinct variant of<br>Historic<br>Premillennialism<br>(AD 100's)<br>Developed –<br>Darby 1800's   | A distinct variant of<br>Amillennialism (AD 300's)<br>with Hegesippus' first<br>century Great Tribulation<br>(AD 100's (Eusebius'<br>Ecclesiastical History))<br>Developed – Pyle 2000's   |