

# **The Blessed Hope**

## **The Millennium**

**Titus 2:13 & 1 John 3:3**

## Titus 2:13

(13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

## 1 John 3:2

(3) And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

## 2 Corinthians 5:10

(10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## Hebrews 10:37

(37) "FOR YET A LITTLE WHILE, AND HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME AND WILL NOT TARRY.

## James 5:7-8

(7) Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

- (8) You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

## Revelation 1:3

- (3) 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.

# “Eschatology”

The study of the last events that will occur at the end of time. Ex.: the resurrection, the judgment, the afterlife, etc.

It comes from 2 Greek words:

eschatos = “last or end”

logia = “the study of”

## “Eschatology”

For us it means the study of what the Bible says about the last days and final matters at the end of the age leading into eternity.

The Second Coming of Jesus is certainly a part of that study.

## **Two Major Questions To Be Answered:**

- **When will the return of Jesus be in relationship to the Millennium?**
- **When will the return of Jesus be in relationship to the Great Tribulation?**

# **In Relationship to the Millennium (3 major categories)**

- **Premillennialism**
- **Postmillennialism**
- **Amillennialism**

# **In Relationship to the “Great Tribulation” (3 major categories) (Only applies to Pre-mill)**

- Pretrib View**
- Midtrib View**
- Post-trib View**

## **What it comes down to in our interpretation:**

**How literally do we interpret key portions of Scripture about the Second Coming?**

**Are those passages really future prophecy?**

**Good Bible interpreters differ on how literally they interpret those crucial passages and on what portions are future prophecy or history.**

**Most have compelling arguments for their beliefs.**

## **Dr. David Skinner, Former Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary:**

“I would rather stand before the Lord someday and have Him say to me, ‘David, you took My Word too literally at times’ than to hear Him say, ‘You took liberties with My Word and tried to explain away the plain teaching that was there.’”

# The Millennium

**“Millennium”**

**comes from two Latin words:**

**mille = “thousand”**

**annum = “year”**

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## The Premillennial View

Christ will return prior to His literal 1,000 year reign on the earth.

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## The Postmillennial View

Christ will return at the end of a 1,000 year golden age of Christian influence on the earth.

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## The Amillennial View

The Biblical reference to a 1,000 year reign of Christ is symbolic, not literal. It is a reference to the entire church age since Christ's first coming.

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## Revelation 20

## 2 Timothy 2:12

- (12) If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.

## Isaiah 2:2-5

(2) Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *That* the mountain of the LORD's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

(3) Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

## Isaiah 2:2-5

(4) He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

(5) O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of the LORD.

# Comparison of Christian millennial teachings

