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Our Cultural Moment

BIBLE PROPHECY AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED

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INTRODUCTION

Why **Study** Prophecy?

Proper Bible **Interpretation**

All Things **Prophecy**

The **Rapture** of the Church

WHY **STUDY** PROPHECY?

At least **25%** of the Bible is prophecy.

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

“That’s just ***your*** interpretation.”

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

A **text** without a **context** is
a **pretext** for a **proof-text**.

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

When the **plain sense** makes **good sense**, seek no **other sense** lest you end up with **nonsense**.

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

**“The Bible is the
literal Word of God”**

- **Pew Research** (2017):
 - 31% **Yes**
 - 33% **No**
- **Gallup** (2017):
 - 24% **Yes** (lowest in 40 years)

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

Two Methods

1. Allegorical
2. Literal

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

ALLEGORICAL METHOD

- A secondary, spiritual meaning.
- Context is denied, deemphasized, or ignored.

PROPER **INTERPRETATION**

ALLEGORICAL METHOD **DANGERS**

- It does not interpret Scripture.
- Authority placed on the interpreter, not Scripture.
- Conclusions cannot be tested.

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LITERAL METHOD

- Historical-Grammatical Method
- Considers grammar and history in proper **context**.
- Basic meaning of words in normal, ordinary, customary usage.

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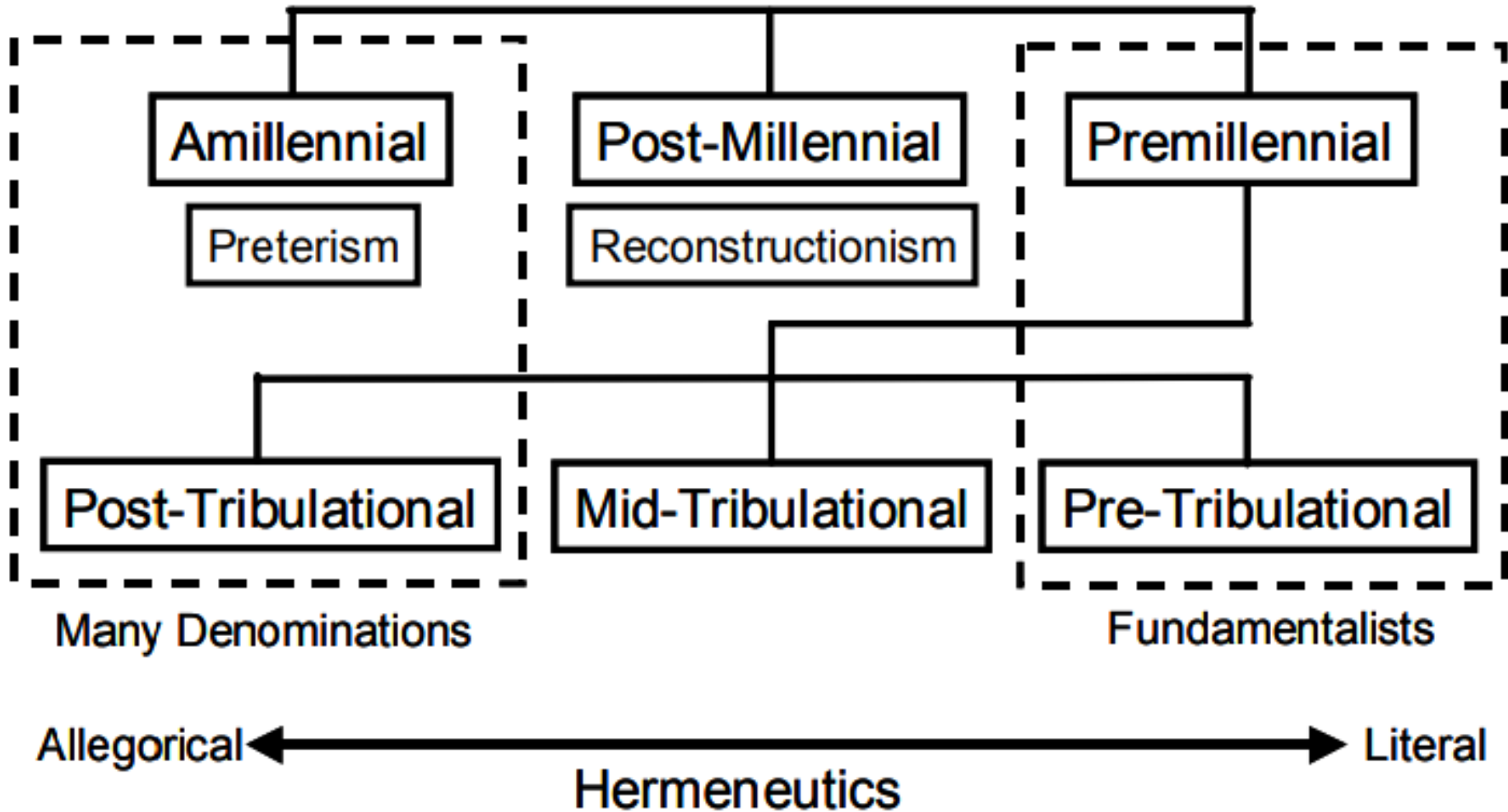
LITERAL METHOD

- Accounts for allegories, symbols, figures of speech, and types.
- This method keeps a check on mankind's imagination.
- This method is consistent with the inspiration of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).

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— Eschatology derives from one's hermeneutics:



Refuge: The Whole Counsel of God!