

“Theories of Prophetic Interpretation”

Amillennialism — *There is no literal millennium / Book of Revelation is a “spiritual” description of the persecuted church / Christ returns, resurrection of all takes place / new heaven and earth is home to believers while lake of fire is judgment for unbelievers.*

Christ Returns

Church advances Christ’s Kingdom and suffers persecution (Revelation)	▼	Believers enter New Heaven & Earth
	▲	Unbelievers judged to Lake of Fire

Resurrection of All

Postmillennialism — *The age of the church is the Millennium / Book of Revelation refers to events that happened during John’s time / the Gospel is spread throughout the world by the church, preparing the way for Christ’s return / He returns after the Millennium / new heaven and earth*

Christ Returns

Church Age	Millennium	▼	New Heaven & Earth
Persecutions (Revelation)	Justice	▲	
Resurrection & Judgment			

Historic Premillennialism — *Book of Revelation depicts the life of the church, leading up to the time when Antichrist appears / Christ returns and defeats Antichrist and raises the saints / this is followed by the Millennium / final judgment of unbelievers / new heaven and earth*

Christ Returns

Church experiences the persecutions of Revelation	Antichrist appears	▼	Millennium	New Heaven & Earth
		▲	Judgment	
Resurrection of Believers				

Dispensational Premillennialism — *First three chapters of Revelation depicts church age / the church is then raptured / chapters 4 - 19 speak of a time of Great Tribulation (seven years) and God once again dealing with National Israel / Christ returns with the saints and establishes His reign upon the earth for a thousand years / Satan is loosed and defeated / unbelievers are resurrected and judged / new heaven and earth*

	Rapture		Christ Returns	Satan Defeated	Judgment	
Church Age	▲	Antichrist Tribulation	▼	Millennium	▼	New Heaven & Earth
			▲		▲	
			Resurrection of Believers		Resurrection of Unbelievers	
