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**ALREADY & NOT YET –  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

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**URGENCY**  
Living This Day  
in the light of That Day

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Luke 21:28

Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

**WORKING ON OUR POSTURE!**

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**3-5 years ago . . .**

***I expected the following things that actually did occur:***

***I expected the following things that never did happen:***

***I did not expect these things to happen:***

***I think I see the following patterns regarding my expectations:***

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***What is "The Kingdom of God?"***

- ***The Reign of God***
  - ***The Rule of God's Reign***
  - ***The Realm of God's Reign***
- ***The Redeeming Salvation of God***

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***Jesus taught and the NT authors expected:***

- ***that the Kingdom comes***

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Matthew 6:10

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

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Matthew 25:34

**Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

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Luke 13:29

**And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.**

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Luke 21:31

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

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Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

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***Jesus taught and the NT authors expected:***

- ***that the Kingdom comes***
- ***that the Kingdom has come***

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Matthew 4:17

**From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

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Matthew 12:28

**"But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."**

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Matthew 16:28

**"Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."**

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Mark 12:34

**And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.**

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Luke 10:9

**"Heal the sick in it (the town) and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"**

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Luke 11:20

**"But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."**

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Luke 17:20-21

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

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Thus, the mystery of the kingdom is this:

*Before the end times' consummation, the destruction of Satan, & the fullness of the age to come . . . The kingdom of God has entered this age and invaded the kingdom of Satan in spiritual power.*

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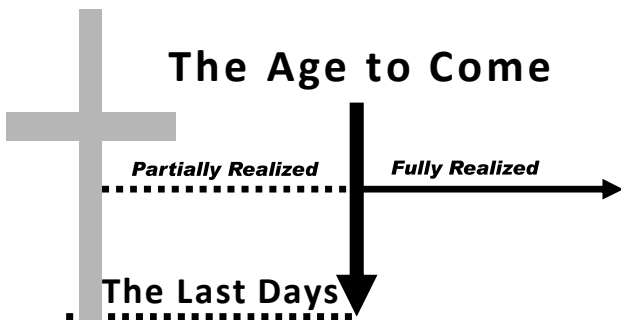
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### The Age to Come



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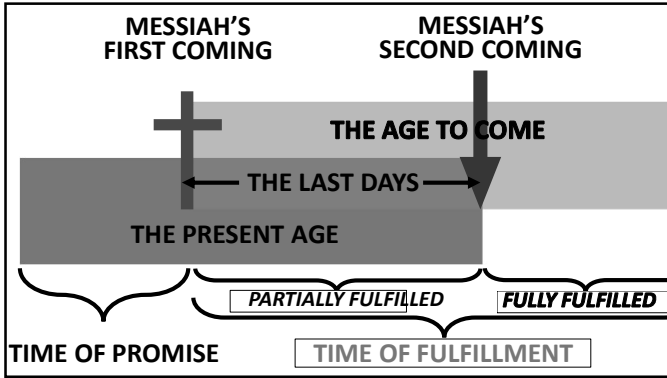
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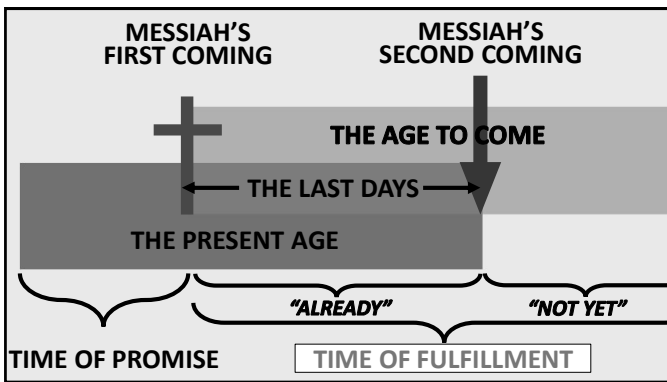
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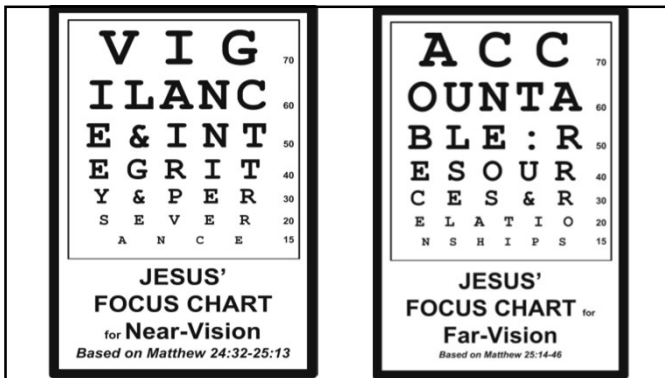
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- This fits with a pattern of OT prophecies, like Psalm 2 and 110.
- And with the near and distant expectations of Jesus' Olivet Discourse, in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, and Luke 21.
- And with the parables of the Kingdom in Matthew 13.

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- Parable of the Weeds
- Parable of the Mustard Seed
- Parable of the Leaven
- Parable of the Hidden Treasure
- Parable of the Pearl of Great Price
- Parable of the Net

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**How shall we live with CALM URGENCY?**  
*We can be CALM even when things get worse, because we expect incomparable glory yet to come.*

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2 Timothy 3:1

**But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.**

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Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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**How shall we live with CALM URGENCY?**

*We can be CALM even when things get worse, because we expect incomparable glory yet to come.*

*We must live with URGENCY because we expect the King's power to set people free now! And because we know our King expects our obedience to His commission.*

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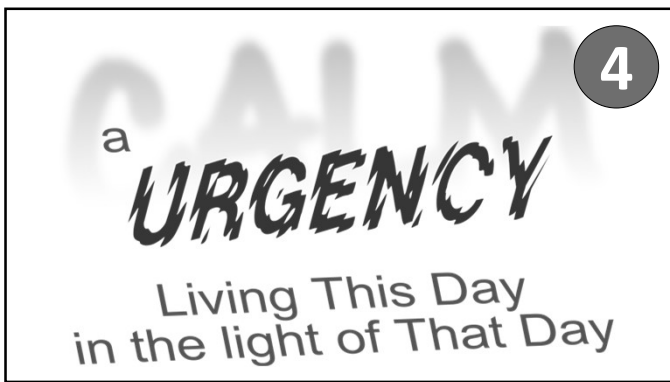
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**ALREADY & NOT YET  
... what is not yet?**

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**The Three Major Views  
within Evangelicalism**

**A-millennial  
Post-millennial  
Pre-millennial**

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**A-millennial: There is NO (a-) literal  
millennium other than what exists  
spiritually now**

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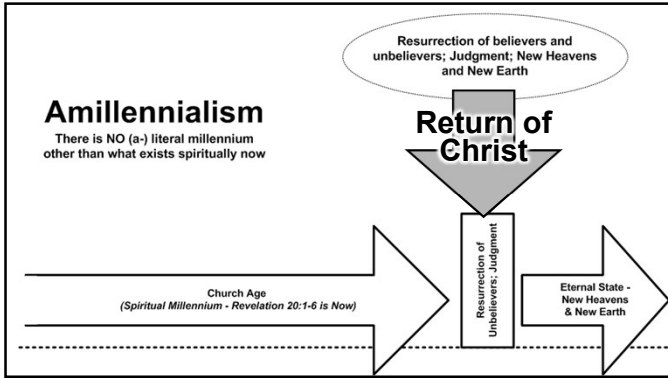
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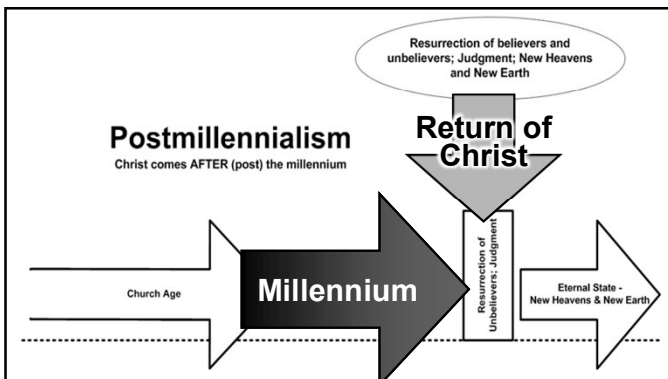
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**Pre-millennial (Dispensational): Christ comes BEFORE (pre) the millennium, and BEFORE the tribulation**

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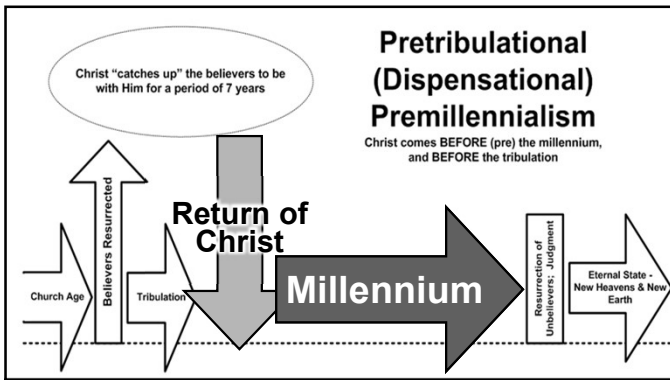
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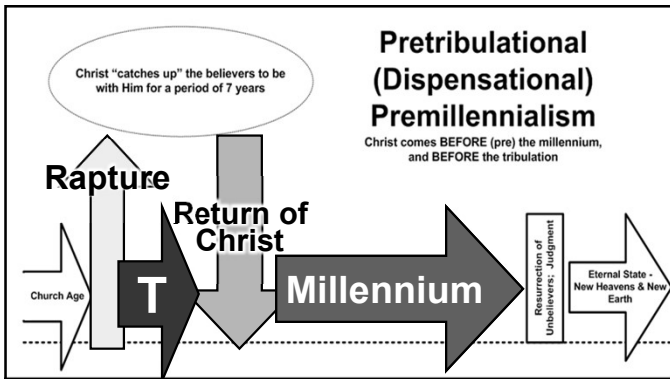
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**Pre-millennial (Classic / Historical):  
Christ comes BEFORE (pre) the  
millennium, but AFTER the tribulation**

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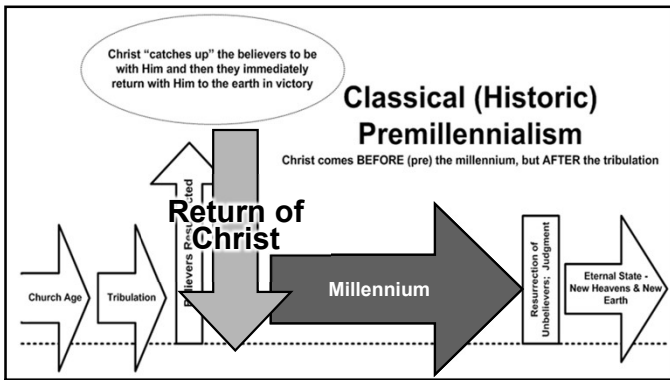
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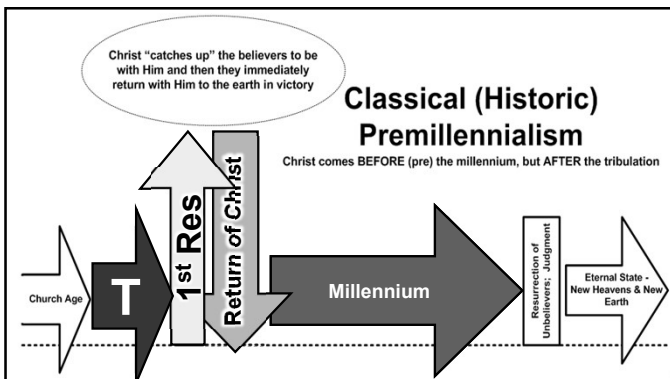
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**What will the Millennium be like?**

**The Central Text = Rev. 20:1-6**

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Revelation 20:1-2

**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,**

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Revelation 20:3

**and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.**

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Revelation 20:4a-c

**Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.**

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Revelation 20:4d-5

**They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.**

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Revelation 20:6

**Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.**

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***What will the Millennium be like?***

- **The Rule + The Realm of Christ's Reign**
- **Satan = Bound, Can't Deceive**
- **Between 1st & 2nd Resurrection the saints reign with Christ**

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***What will the Millennium be like?***

**Other Texts**

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Isaiah 65:20

**No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.**

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## Isaiah 11:6-7

**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

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## Isaiah 11:8-9

**The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**

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## Isaiah 11:3-4

**And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.**

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Isaiah 11:11

**In that day the LORD will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.**

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Psalm 72:8-9

**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!**

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Psalm 72:12-13

**For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.**

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## Zechariah 14:9

**And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.**

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## Zechariah 14:17-18

**And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.**

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## 1 Corinthians 15:23-25

**But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.**

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***What will the Millennium be like?***

- Long life but some still die
- Knowledge of Lord everywhere, but still judgment AND mercy & salvation
- Jesus is King and outward rebellion met with quick justice

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***Why am I pre-millennial?***

- Let the clear interpret the unclear.
- God's promises are literally true.
- God has given us enough to trust and obey. Displays of God's power do not guarantee faith.
- The Devil's deceiving work makes people bold in their rebellion.
- The problem is OUR HEARTS!

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