#### **Revelation and Daniel**

- There are three basic approaches to eschatology. Each approach is centered around its understanding of the millennium (1,000 years) referred to in Revelation 20:1-4.
  - 1. Premillennialism
  - 2. Postmillennialism
  - 3. Amillennialism

# **HERMENEUTICS** = The science or principles of

interpretation Amillennialism & Postmillennialism do not use a consistent literal hermeneutic

Premillennialism does use a *consistent* literal hermeneutic

# The Glory of God is central to understanding dispensationalism!

It is seen in three major areas:

- 1. God's Glory (doxological)
- 2. God's goodness to man (anthropological)
- 3. God's ultimate defeat of evil (theological)

# What is a dispensation?

- Greek = *oikonomia* which is derived from two Greek words: *oikos* – house, and *nemo* – to manage.
- *Oikonomia* refers to a stewardship or an administration and is translated as such in the NASV. The KJV translates this word as dispensation.

Three Dispensations are clearly taught in Scripture:

# Ephesians 1:10 - A future period

"with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth..." Ephesians 3:2 – The current period.

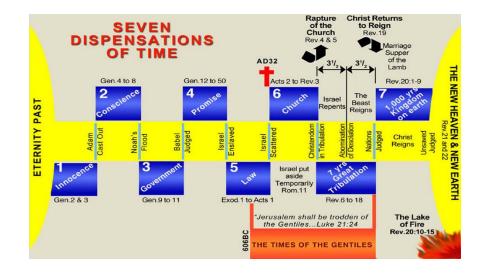
"if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you"

#### Colossians 1:25-26 – An earlier period.

"... I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit... the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations..."

#### The Eternal State – Revelation 21-22

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away..."



### Are you ready?

"Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years." Revelation 20:6