

# CONTEMPORARY OPTIONS IN ESCHATOLOGY I

(one of a few ways to consider the various end-time positions—see next page for another way to go about expressing end-time considerations)

**Amillennialism** (generally)      Current era | Satan loosed & defeated | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of JESUS CHRIST** | Great White Throne Judgment | Eternity

Key to understanding: A significant aspect of the position - No millennial (1,000-year) reign of Christ

**Postmillennialism** (generally)      Current era (Millennium) | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of JESUS CHRIST** | Satan loosed & defeated | Great White Throne Judgment | Eternity

Key to understanding: A significant aspect of the position - The "millennial" reign of Christ PRECEEDS the event of His Second Coming (The millennial reign of Christ is figurative through His Church). Or, as described in the title of the position, the Return of Jesus Christ takes place **AFTER** (i.e., "Post-Millennial") His 1,000-year reign.

**Premillennialism** (generally)      Current era | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of JESUS CHRIST** | Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ | Satan loosed & defeated | Great White Throne Judgment | Eternity

Key to understanding: A significant aspect of the position - The millennial (1,000-year) reign of Christ FOLLOWS the event of His Second Coming. Or, as described in the title of the position, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ takes place **BEFORE** (i.e., "Pre-Millennial") His 1,000-year reign.

## Timing of Rapture, according to Premillennial advocates

**Pre-Tribulationalism**      Current day | **RAPTURE** | Antichrist & Tribulation | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ** | Millennium

**Mid-Tribulationalism**      Current day | Antichrist & Tribulation | **RAPTURE** | Great Tribulation | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ** | Millennium

**Pre-Wrath**      Current day | Antichrist & Tribulation | Great Tribulation | **RAPTURE** | Trumpet Blasts & Bowls of Wrath | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ** | Millennium

**Final Trumpet**      Current day | Tribulation, Antichrist & Great Tribulation | Initial **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming appearing in the sky** (6<sup>th</sup> Seal) | Trumpet Blasts | **RAPTURE** (before the wrath of God) | Bowls of Wrath poured on the earth | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ** to the earth | Millennium

**Post-Tribulationalism**      Current day | Antichrist & Tribulation | Trumpet Blasts | Bowls of Wrath | **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ & RAPTURE** (Revelation 19) | Millennium