

## Beginning Apologetics – The End Times

The Rapture  
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### The Second Coming : Review

- Can we predict the date of the Second Coming?
- EVEN SO...there have *always* been those who tried to predict the Second Coming
- A long list have tried...see chart at this [link](#)
- Three of note: Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, Jack Van Impe
- Why didn't Christ just give us an appointment?

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### The Second Coming : Review

- **How** will Christ come back?
  - Matthew 24:26 – “So if they say to you, 'He is in the desert,' do not go out there; if they say, 'He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.”
  - There are many incorrect teachings out there about how Christ will return.
- What does the Bible teach about the manner of Christ's return? (Rev 1:7, Matthew 24:30-31, Matthew 24:27, Matthew 25:31-32, Acts 1:9-11)

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### What happens at the Second Coming?

- The end of the world
- The end of time (only eternity remains after the Second Coming)
- The end of Purgatory (all who are still in Purgatory will enter heaven)
- The end of death (those who are alive will not experience death (1 Cor 15:51-52, 1 Thess 4:17))
- The General Resurrection
- The General Judgment ([Matt 25:31-46](#), and [Rev 20:1-15](#))
- The Universal Restoration

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### What is The Rapture?

- The Rapture is a term taken from 1 Thessalonians 4:17:  
*"Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord."*
- From the Latin verb here used, rapiemur, has come the idea of "the rapture,"
- This construction combines this verse with [Matthew 24:40-41](#) (see the note there) // [Luke 17:34-35](#) and passages from Revelation in a scheme of millennial dispensationalism.

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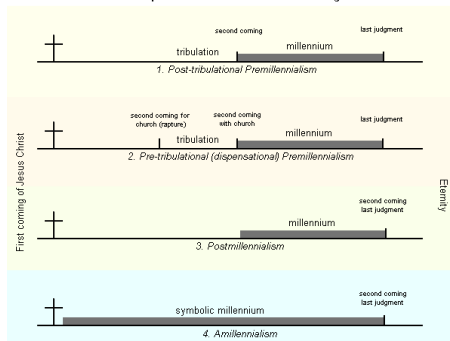
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### Eschatological Formulations

Comparison of Christian millennial teachings




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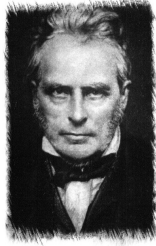
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John Nelson Darby –  
Father of Dispensationalism



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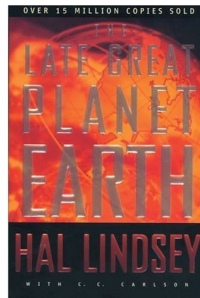
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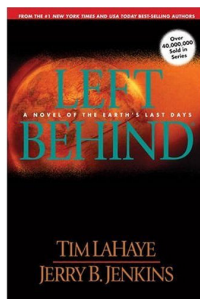
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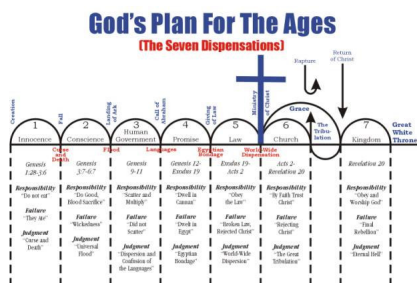
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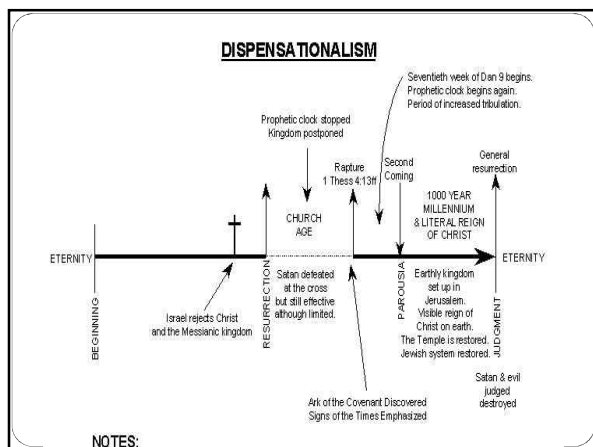
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