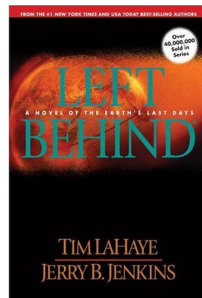


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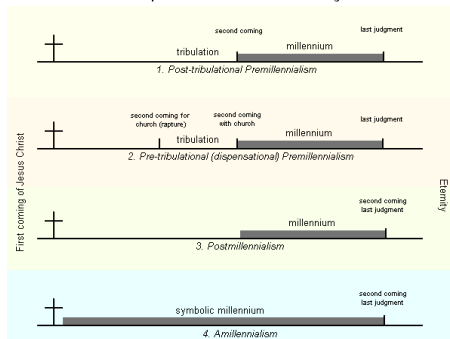
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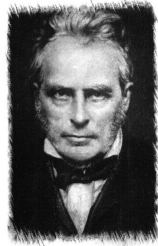


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Comparison of Christian millennial teachings

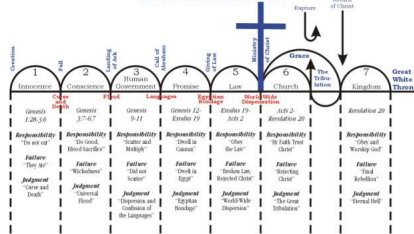


John Nelson Darby – Father of Dispensationalism



The Dispensations per John Darby

God's Plan For The Ages (The Seven Dispensations)



Verse Parallels for The Second Coming

These four passages describe the same event: the Second Coming.
Notice the clear parallels between 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17 and the other passages.

1 Thess 4:13–17	Matt 24:29–31	2 Thess 2:1,3,8	1 Cor 15:51–52
"coming of the Lord"	"Son of man coming"	"coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"	—
"archangel's call"	"angels with a loud trumpet call"	—	—
"sound of the trumpet"	"loud trumpet"	—	"trumpet will sound"
"dead in Christ will rise"	—	—	"dead will be raised"
"caught up together ... to meet the Lord"	"gather his elect"	"assembling to meet him"	—
"in the clouds"	"on the clouds"	—	—
[When will this event occur?]	"immediately after the tribulation"	"that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed"	"at the last trumpet"

**Problems with the Dispensationalist
View of the Rapture**

- **A Faulty View of the Church**
- **A Faulty View of Israel**
- **A Faulty Reading of 1 Thessalonians 4**
- **A Faulty Reading of Matthew 24:38-41**
