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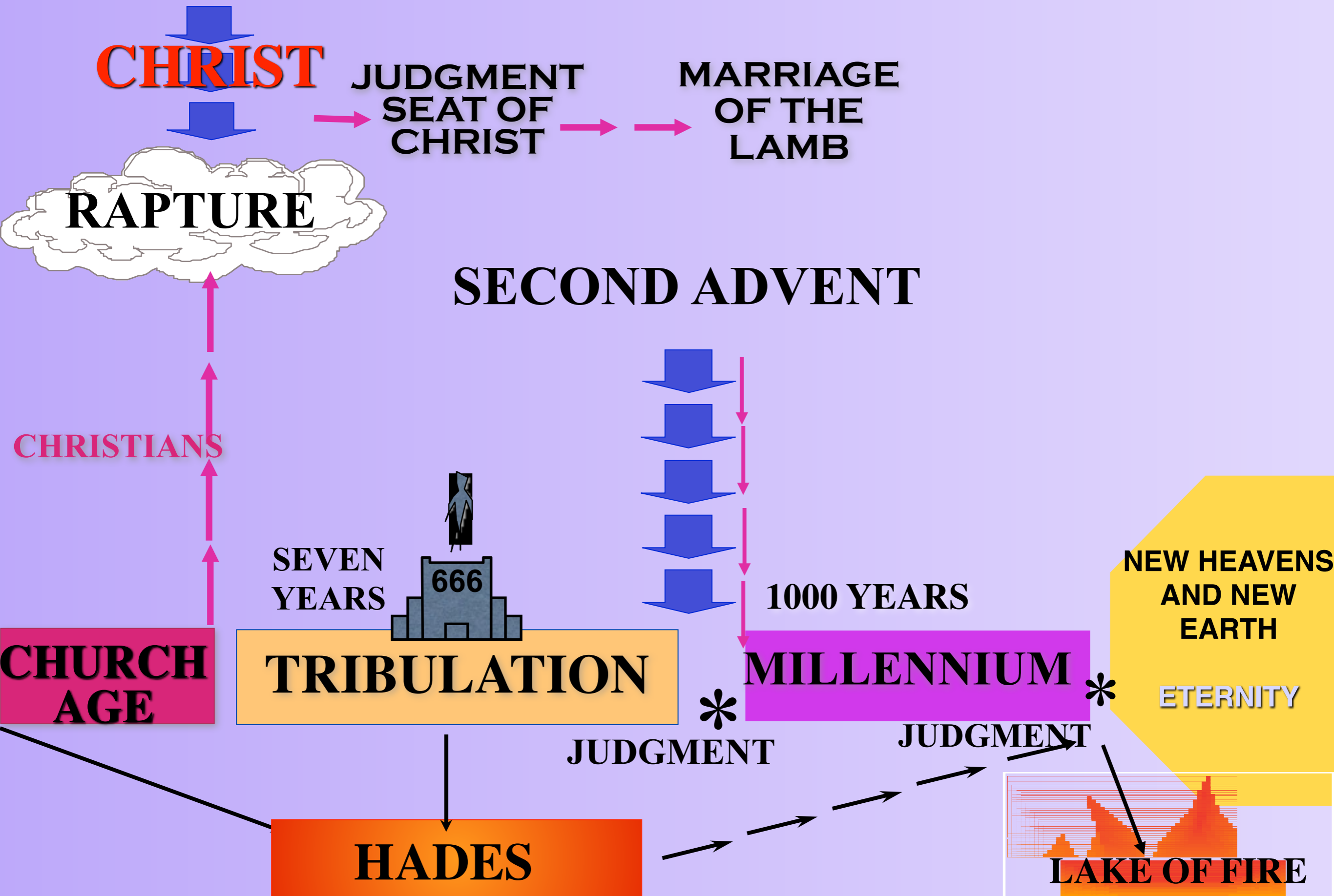
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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

THE MILLENNIUM – PART 1

PROPHETIC PANORAMA



Luke 1:31, “And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

Luke 1:32, “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;”

Luke 1:33, “and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end.”

“*Millennium*” is taken from the Latin word *mille* meaning “thousand.” Theologically, it is used to refer to the thousand-year reign of Christ based on the text in Revelation 20:1–6 (where the Greek word for thousand is used five times).

***mille*: Latin for 1,000**

***chilioi*: Greek for 1,000**

**The early church called them *chiliasts*.
We call them *premillennial*.**

- 1. Symbols in Revelation are all either defined in Revelation or elsewhere in the Scriptures.**
- 2. The term 1,000 is used six times in this passage.**
- 3. Other numerical terms such as the 1,260 days, 42 months, 3.5 years are literal, the 144,000 is literal. So there is no reason to take the 1,000 as symbolic.**
- 4. The basis for belief in the Millennium is in Old Testament promises, prophecies and covenants, not in Rev. 20 alone.**

Rev. 20:1, “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.”



Rev. 20:2, “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**;

Rev. 20:3, “and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the **thousand years** were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”



Rev. 20:4, “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness of Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years.”**

Rev. 20:5, “But the rest of the dead did not live again until the **thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.”**

Rev. 20:6, “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him **a thousand years.”**

Amillennialism

**No Literal, Earthly Kingdom
1,000 is merely a symbolic
number**

**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion



**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection
All Judgment

Church Age

**Spiritual Kingdom
Christ Reigning from His Throne in Heaven**

Eternity



Postmillennialism

Christ returns *after* the
Millennial Kingdom

**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion

Continual Progress



**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection

All Judgment



Church Age

Kingdom

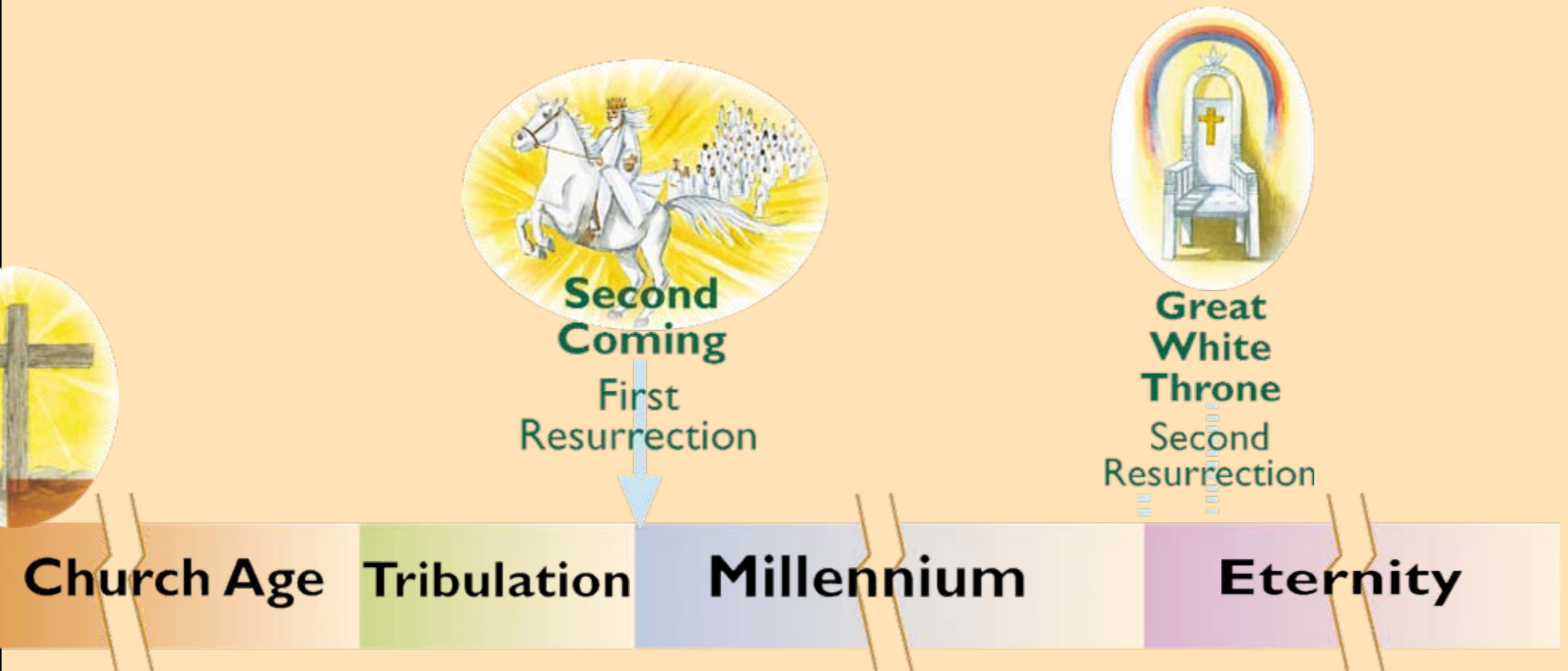
Eternity

“That view of last things which holds that the kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the Gospel and the saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individuals, that the world is eventually to be Christianized, and that the return of Christ is to occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly called the ‘Millennium.’ ... The second coming of Christ will be followed immediately by the general resurrection, the general judgment, and the introduction of heaven and hell in their fullness.”

~Lorraine Boettner

Premillennialism

Jesus returns *before* the beginning of the kingdom



- a. Premillennialists believe that a literal interpretation of the covenants and promises to Israel in the Old Testament require such an earthly kingdom.**
- b. The Millennium will be the last of the ages of time.**
- c. Eternity will not come in until the Millennium is complete (Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1).**

- d. The Millennium will be characterized by the binding of Satan and the severe limitation of sin, but a perfect sinless state will occur only in the eternal state after the Millennium.**

- e. Revelation 19–21 must be interpreted sequentially.**

- i. Christ returns (19).**
- ii. Satan is bound for a thousand years.**
- iii. Saints are resurrected to reign with Christ for the thousand years.**
- iv. Satan is released and leads a final revolt against God in the “Gog and Magog” revolution.**
- v. The devil is cast into the lake of fire (20:7–10).**
- vi. The unbelievers of all time will be resurrected to stand at the Great White Throne Judgment (20:11–15).**
- vii. God creates a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21).**

- f. None of the variations of amillennialism or postmillennialism can adequately account for the sequence of events in the book of Revelation.**
- g. The premillennial position puts the literal return and reign of Christ within human history, visible to the world. This is not faith in a merely spiritual victory, but faith that God will genuinely intervene in the course of the world to bring about justice and peace.**

Overview of Kingdom or Millennial, Messianic Kingdom. Rev. 20:1–10.

- 1. Chief Person: Jesus Christ, the Greater Son of David.**
- 2. Kingdom emphasizes Jesus' reign as King, in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. Millennium emphasizes the length of the kingdom – 1,000 years.**
- 3. Responsibility: To the King and His Laws; Kingdom Law.**
- 4. Test will be to accept the Messiah as their Lord and King. Newborn humans will still have sin natures.**

5. Failure: There will be a minority who will reject the free offer of the Gospel and will be seduced into a rebellion led by Satan when He is freed at the end of the Millennium in the Gog Revolution.

Through this 1,000 years perfect government, perfect environment, no hunger, plagues, illness, war, famine, yet the sin nature still revolts against God. An army is raised and God defeats them with fire from heaven.

6. Grace displayed in that all of God's covenantal promises to Israel will be fulfilled, all prophecies will be fulfilled. Also a time of unmatched prosperity. For those saved they receive immortality and never die. No physical death for believers.

7. Judgment factor: Those who reject the gospel are judged.

8. Final resolution of the Angelic Conflict when Satan and the demons along with all unbelieving humanity is cast into the Lake of Fire.