

# Four Views of the End Times

| Events on the Prophetic Calendar   | Dispensational Premillennialism<br>(Pre & Mid-Tribulation Rapture views)  | Historical Premillennialism<br>(Post-Tribulation Rapture view)               | Postmillennialism<br>(Tribulation in 70AD view)  | Amillennialism<br>(Allegorical tribulation view)         |
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| <b>The Rapture</b>                 | <b>Next event on prophetic calendar:</b> Bodily resurrection  |  | <b>Next event on prophetic calendar:</b> The return of Christ.   |  |
| <b>When?</b>                       | Before the 7 year Tribulation   | After the 7 year Tribulation   |  |  |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | The dead in Christ and those Christians who are alive. 1 Thess 4:16-17  |  |  |  |
| <b>The Judgment Seat of Christ</b> | <b>Rom 14:12 ...every one of us shall give account of himself to God.</b>   |  | Judgment of all living and dead will happen when Jesus returns.  |  |
| <b>When?</b>                       | After Rapture; in Heaven; during the 7 years of tribulation on earth  | After the Tribulation, in Heaven.  |  |  |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | Christians  |  |  |  |
| <b>The Tribulation</b>             | <b>A literal 7 year period before the body of Christ is raptured</b>  |  | <b>The Tribulation is not a literal 7 year period.</b>   |  |
|                                    | aka: Daniel's 70th Week (Dan 9:27); The time of Jacob's trouble (Jer 30:7, Dan 12:1); The Jew's affliction (Hos 5:15)                     |  | The Tribulation happened in the past   | The tribulation is symbolic.                             |
| <b>When?</b>                       | Pre-Trib View: Begins after Rapture<br>Mid-Trib 3 ½ years before Rapture  | Begins seven years before the Rapture of the Church                          | <b>70 AD</b> , when the Romans destroyed the Temple  | Persecution of the Body of Christ during the church age. |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | Pre-Trib Rapture: Non-believers.<br>Mid Trib: first 3 ½ yrs: Christians & non-believers. Last 3 ½ yrs: Non-believers & believing remnant. | All people, believers and non-believers including those from the church age. | Jews in 70 AD who were dispersed throughout the world.   | Christians   |
| <b>The Return of Christ</b>        | Jesus will come back to earth in physical form.<br>As King of kings, He will set up His Millennial Kingdom.                               |  | Jesus will come back to earth in physical form.<br>He will set up His eternal Kingdom (eternity).  |  |
| <b>When?</b>                       | After the 7 years of tribulation.   |  | At the end of the church age.  |  |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | His saints will return and reign with Him. 2 Tim 2:12 Rev 19:14, 20:6<br>Angels Matt 25:31  |  | His saints will return and reign with Him. 2 Tim 2:12 Rev 19:14, 20:6<br>Angels Matt 25:31   |  |
| <b>The Millennium</b>              | The 1,000 year reign of Christ on Earth (Rev 20:6)  |  | The Millennium is not a literal 1,000 years. It is symbolic of a long period of time, the Church age, during which Christ reigns spiritually in the hearts of all who belong to Him (1 Cor 15:22-25) |  |
| <b>When?</b>                       | After the Tribulation; After the return of Christ.  |  |  |  |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | Jesus and His glorified saints; believers from the Tribulation; all those born during the 1,000 year. (believers & non-believers)         |  |  |  |
|                                    | <b>The Great White Throne Judgment ~ Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it...</b>                              |  |  |  |
| <b>When?</b>                       | After the Millennium — the literal 1,000 year physical reign of Christ  |  | After the church age (the spiritual reign of Christ)   |  |
| <b>Who?</b>                        | Judgement of the dead from all times.<br>Judgment of the living, those alive at the end of the Millennium                                 |  | Judgment of all living & dead (OT Jews and Gentiles and all people since the cross, Christians and non-believers.)   |  |
| <b>Eternal State</b>               | <b>Rev 21:1,5 I saw a new heaven and a new earth... And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.</b>              |  |  |  |

