

# Jesus' Second Coming

LUKE 21:25-37



# Prophetic Phases

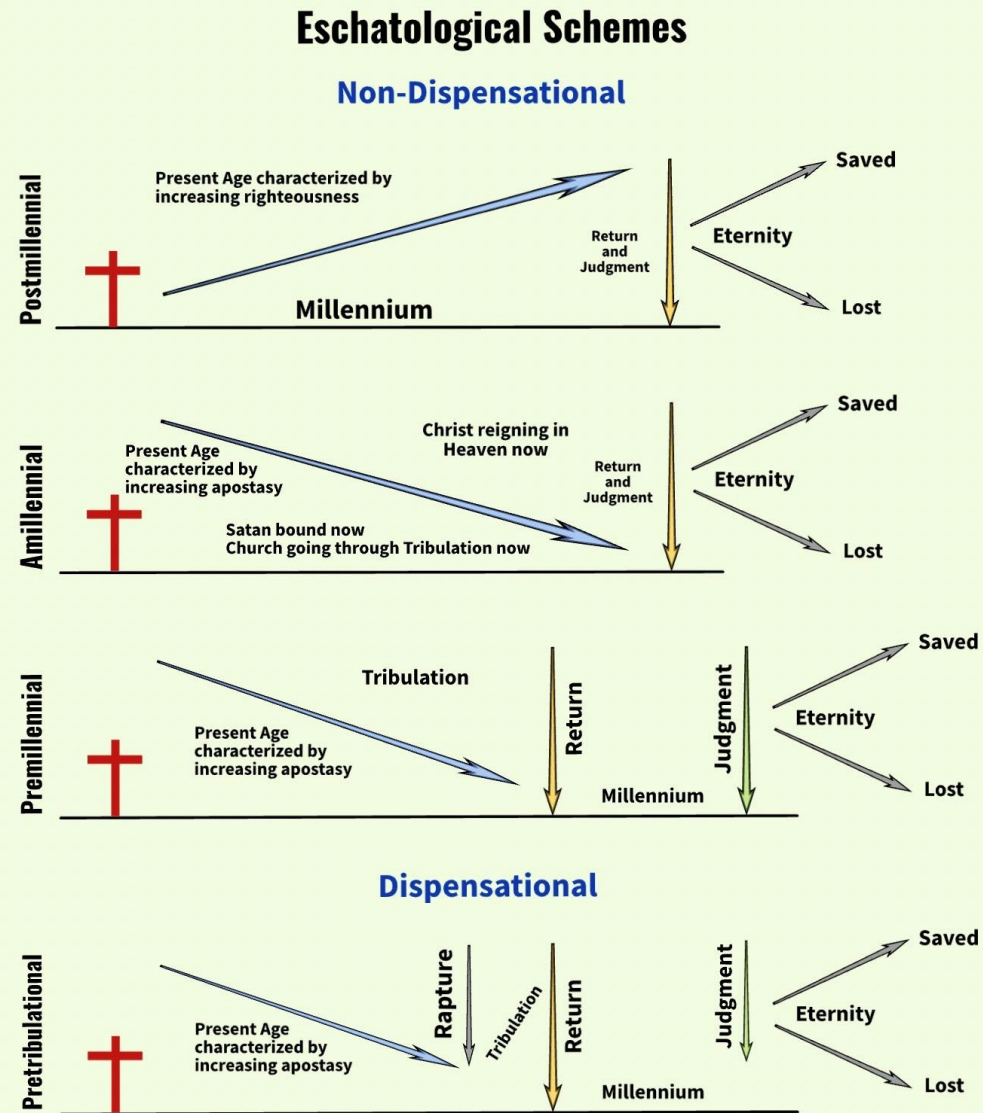
**Rapture** – when Christ will take His Church from the earth to heaven

**Tribulation** – a 7 year, cataclysmic, worldwide judgment

**The Second Coming Of Christ** – when Christ will come personally to rule on earth

**The Millennium** – the 1,000 year period Christ will reign on earth

# Millennial Positions



- **Premillennialism** – Christ's Second Coming will be followed by His reign on earth for a 1,000 years
- **Postmillennialism** – Christ will return following a symbolic Millennium
- **Amillennialism** – do not see a literal kingdom on earth, just a future judgment

# **1. The Signs Prior To Christ's Second Coming**

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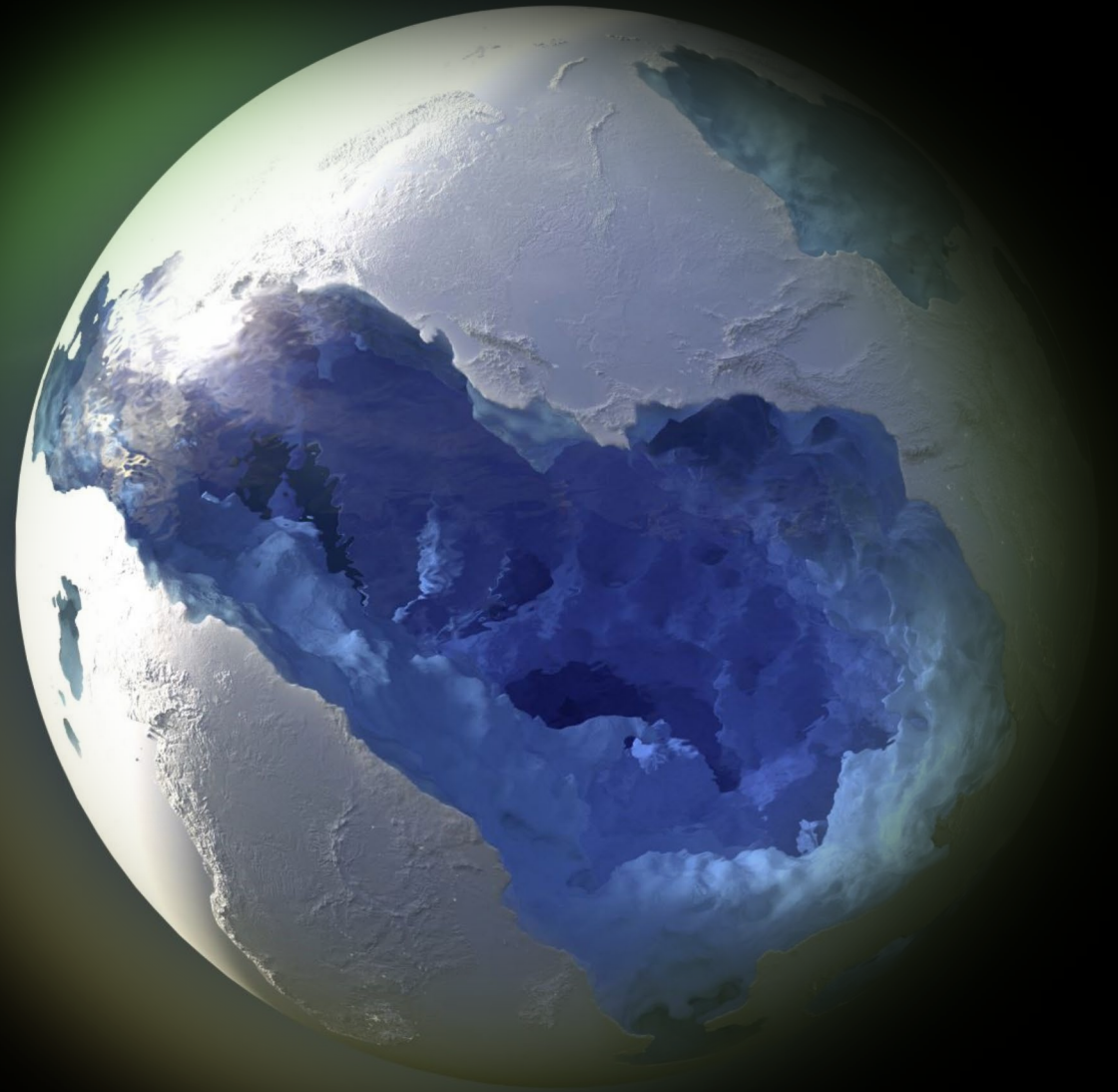


# Signs During The Tribulation Period

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs  
in sun and moon and  
stars, and on the  
earth distress of nations in  
perplexity because of the  
roaring of the sea and the  
waves,

# Response During The Tribulation Period

<sup>26</sup> people fainting with **fear** and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.



# **2. The Sighting Of Christ's Second Coming**

Luke 21:27-28



# The Arrival

<sup>27</sup> And then they will  
see the **Son of Man**  
**coming** in a  
cloud with power and  
great glory.



# First & Second Coming Distinguished

First Coming	Second Coming
Meek Servant (Mt 20:28)	Powerful Judge (Mt 24:30-31; Rev 19:1-2)
Humble (Mt 11:29; Jn 5:41)	Majestic (1 Thess 4:16; Rev 1:7)
Save Sinners (Mt 18:11; Lk 19:10)	Judge Sinners (2 Cor 5:10; Rev 11:15)
Suffer Wrath For Sinners (Mt 16:21; Mk 9:12)	Rescue Righteous From Wrath (1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thess 4:15-17)
Sow Gospel Seed (Mt 13:3-9; Lk 8:11)	Reap The Harvest (Mt 13:37-42)

# Christ's Rapture Is Different Than His Return

<b>Rapture (Blessed Hope)</b>	<b>Second Coming (Glorious Appearing)</b>
Comes in the air	Comes to earth
Saints raptured	Saints return
No earthly judgment	Earthly judgment
Church taken to heaven	Kingdom established on earth
No signs	Many signs
Joy	Mourning
Tribulation follows	Millennial Kingdom follows

# The Response

<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”



# **3. The Sureness Of Christ's Second Coming**

LUKE 21:29-33

# The Illustration Of The Fig Tree

- <sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.



# The Reality Of God's Kingdom



- <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

# 4. The Severity Of Christ's Second Coming

LUKE 21:34-37

# Watch Your Heart



<sup>34</sup> “But **watch yourselves** lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.



# Stay Awake

**36a** But **stay awake** at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place,

# Prepare To Give An Account Before Christ

36b and to stand  
before the Son of  
Man."

