

CONTEMPORARY ESCHATOLOGY

DEFINITIONS

Eschatology	the biblical perspective concerning events to take place in the last days
Millennium	the "thousand years" of Jesus' eschatological reign (Rev 20)
Rapture	the event in which believers still living on the earth will be "caught away" or "raptured" (1 Thess 4:17)
The Tribulation	a distinct period of unprecedented suffering, catastrophe and persecution occurring immediately before the final coming of Jesus (Matt 24; Rev 7:14)
Premillennialism	the belief that the Second Coming of Jesus precedes the Millennium
Postmillennialism	the belief that the Second Coming will follow the Millennium
Amillennialism	the belief that rejects the idea of any literal Millennium either before or after the Second Coming

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