



Getting Ready for Revelation

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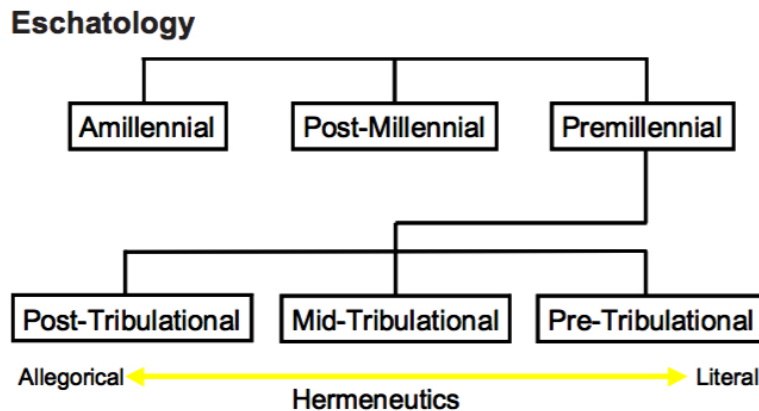
Eschatology: *The theological study of Bible prophecies that relate to the end of the world.*

The Bereans are mentioned in Acts 17:10-11.

THE MAIN VIEWS:

The top row indicates the 3 main views of the timing of Jesus' Second Coming and the nature of the Millennium (Cf. Revelation 20).

The bottom row indicates the 3 main views of the timing of the Rapture of the Church (Cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).



Hermeneutics: *How we approach the task of interpreting Scripture.*

WHY BEGIN BY ASSUMING THE TEXT IS SPEAKING LITERALLY?

- 1) It's logical. We generally begin with the assumption of literalism anytime we engage in the spoken or written word.
- 2) We know the prophecies concerning Jesus' First Coming were primarily literal. Therefore, it only makes sense to begin with the assumption the prophecies concerning Jesus' Second Coming are primarily literal too.

BAD REASONS TO VIEW A TEXT AS ALLEGORICAL, ETC.

- 1) "It's too hard to believe."

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Genesis 1:1

- 2) "It offends me."

- 3) "I don't understand it."

EVALUATING YOUR CURRENT END TIMES BELIEFS

- 1) Can you explain WHY you take certain texts literally and others figuratively?
- 2) Does it work EVERYWHERE in the Bible (*Revelation; 1 & 2 Thessalonians; The Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, and Luke 21; and the back half of Daniel*)?

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
- John 14:1-6a