

ESCHATOLOGY: VIEWS OF MILLENNIALISM

<p align="center">THE PREFIX BEFORE “MILLENNIUM” REFERS TO THE “TIME OF CHRIST’S SECOND COMING AS IT RELATES TO THE MILLENNIUM</p>	<p align="center">PREMILLENNIALISM “SECOND COMING <u>BEFORE</u> THE MILLENNIUM”</p>	<p align="center">POSTMILLENNIALISM “SECOND COMING <u>AFTER</u> THE MILLENNIUM”</p>	<p align="center">AMILLENNIALISM “NO LITERAL MILLENNIUM”</p>
<p>Definition</p>	<p>Also referred to as CHIALISTS, refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ to earth PRIOR TO the 1000 year reign – or the millennium.</p>	<p>Christ’s second coming will occur after the millennium.</p>	<p>There will be no literal historical reign of Christ on earth for 1000 years.</p>
<p>Characteristics</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Christ will return at the end of THIS AGE with His saints to the earth to reign for 1000 years as King. In the millennium the nation Israel will experience the blessing God promised to Abraham and David pertaining to Israel’s Land, Nationality or (seed), and Throne. N.T. believers will likewise share in some measure in the covenant blessing having been engrafted into the one people of God (Romans 11). <p>Summary found in Rev. 20:4-6; cf. also IS. 11; 65.</p>	<p>The church is not the kingdom but it will bring in the kingdom (a utopian, Christianized condition) by the preaching of the gospel.</p> <p>Evolutionary process for some – “New age” idea that we are getting better and better and better! Christ does not return at all for these.</p> <p>Christ will not be on the earth during the kingdom. He will rule in the hearts of people, but will return after the millennium. (conservative postmill).</p> <p>Not a literal 1000 year millennium. The church – not Israel will receive the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham and David in a spiritual sense.</p>	<p>The kingdom reign of Christ and His saints is in existence for the period of time between Christ’s two advents. (Actually is happening now.)</p> <p>The kingdom is either the church on earth (Augustine’s view now perpetuated by the Roman Catholic Church) and/or the saints in heaven (Warfield’s view).</p> <p>The promises to Israel about a land, seed and throne are thus completely fulfilled now in a spiritual sense in the church.</p>
<p>Important Advocates</p>	<p>Clement, Polycarp, Ignatius, Tertullian, Cyprian, Tyndale, some Anabaptists, Moravians, Mennonites, John Wesley, Ryrie, Walvoord, Graham, Criswell, Patterson, Erickson, Akin, Mohler, Swindoll, and MacArthur.</p>	<p>Daniel Whitby, Johnathan Edwards, Charles Wesley, Charles Hodge, A.A. Hodge, Augustus Strong, B.H. Carroll, G.W. Truett.</p>	<p>Origen, Augustine, Roman Catholic Church, wycliffe, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, B.B. Warfield, L. Berkhof.</p>