

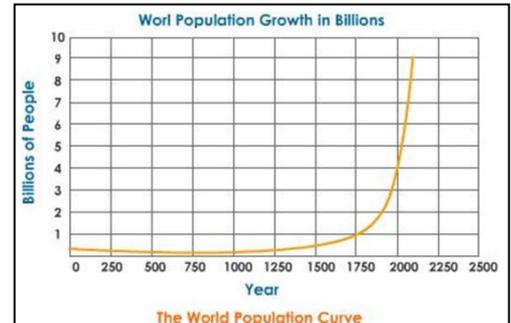
Eschatology is the study of the 'last things'. Eschatos (Greek) = last

In one way all time since Jesus, till the end of time is the 'last days'. 31,124 Bible verses about End Times

Are we near the end? Pace of developments accelerating.

It can all be very confusing, so why bother?

1. It mattered to Jesus. Mark 13 :35-36
2. We remember there is a plan to history. 27% of Bible prophecy
3. We remember there is a purpose, reason for World history.
4. We remember that ultimately the Devil will be defeated, evil, suffering will end. Revelation 20 :10
5. We remember that our activity now, has a purpose and is part of big picture



However, this is not a topic to take us over, or to try and play guessing games with God's word.

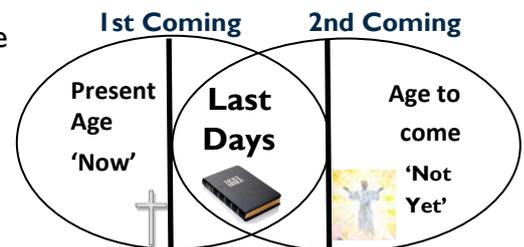
Also apart from main point, Jesus is coming back, there is a new age coming, it is not an issue to divide us.

Remember, only God knows the dates! Matthew ch 24 :36

Questions

Do we, & the Church in general, think enough, or too much, about the end times?

Where are we up to, in God's 'big plan'? We are living in the 'last days', in the period between Christ's 1st and 2nd coming. We live in God's kingdom, both now and not yet, all the full . When he died on the cross, we were saved from the penalty of sin, through his Spirit, the power of sin, then in the future the presence of sin.



The events of the End Times (or Ingredients in our end times dish)

Signs

Matthew 24 end times events

2 Timothy 3 :1-5 end times attitudes

The Tribulation Disputed

Matthew 24 Mark 13 :24-27

The Rapture (Secret coming) Disputed

Matthew 24 :40-41 1 Corinthians 15 :51-52

1 Thessalonians 4 :16-17

The Second Coming of Christ

Visible Acts 1 :9 Revelation 1 :7

Matthew 24 :30-36

Dead in Christ raised

1 Thessalonians 4 :16-17

The Millennium (Not a Biblical word) Disputed

Revelation ch 20 :1-8

Main issue is this literal or symbolic?

Judgement both Great White throne & Seat of Christ

Matthew 25 :31-33 sheep and goats

Bema Seat- 1 Corinthians 3 :14-15 2 Corinthians 5 :10

Romans 14 :10

Rewards Parable of Talents Romans 2 :5-6

New Heaven, New Earth

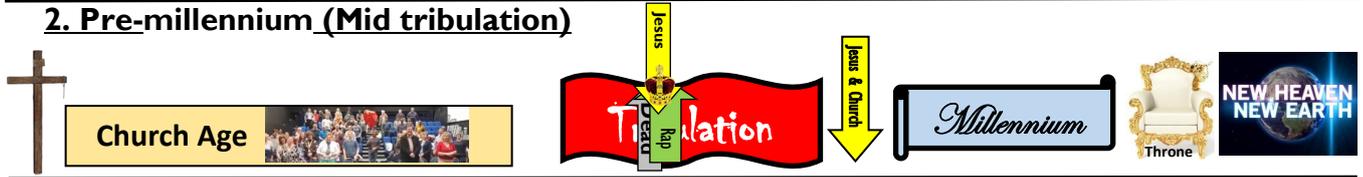
Some see the events of Matthew 24 and the Tribulation as historic events, that already have happened e.g. Nero

We know what is going to happen, but not necessary know the right order !

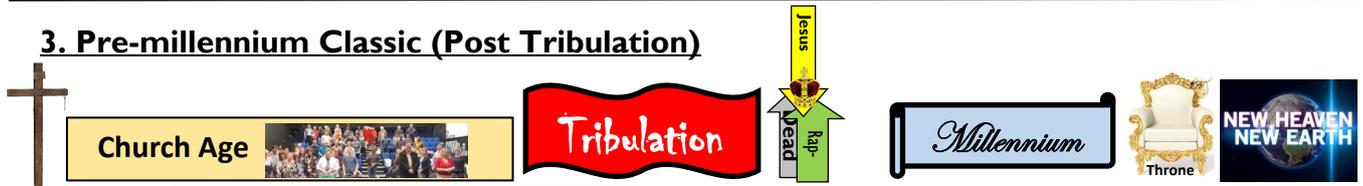
1. Pre-millennialism Dispensational (Pre tribulation)



2. Pre-millennium (Mid tribulation)



3. Pre-millennium Classic (Post Tribulation)



4. Post millennium



5. Amillennium (Really should be NowMillennium)



Questions

Which view seems the most likely, or Biblical, to you?

The role of Israel Christians vary in how they view the role the Jews & the state of Israel play in end times.



For some, Israel has no place in the events of the end times. They say the Church has replaced Israel.

For others, Israel has a key role. They point to the fulfilment (70 years ago) when Israel was re-created in fulfilment of Bible prophecy Amos 9 : 11.

Many Pre-Millenniumists hold that God has a special role for the nation of Israel & Jews. Maybe a new temple?

Does God still hold the Jews as 'His People'? Romans 11 : 1 However, salvation remains through faith alone v20

'Infinity and beyond!'

New Heaven and New Earth Isaiah 65 : 17, 2 Peter 3 : 13, Revelation 21 : 1

A renewed creation No barriers between the new Heaven and Earth. Heaven is the restoration and reconciliation of all things created, it will be 'Eden Plus'

Future life is a place, John 14 : 2, Revelation 21 : 2

We will have changed bodies. 1 Corinthians 15 : 52 Philipians 3 : 21 2 Corinthians 5 : 1

Glimpses of future—Transfiguration—there was recognition Jesus' resurrection - body able to eat!

No more 'Why God?' questions 1 Corinthians 13 : 12



Questions

How does and should, our understanding of end times, affect us here and now?