

Category	Premillennialism	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism
Beginning of the millennium	Jesus's Second Coming	Jesus's resurrection	When a majority of the of the Millennium world's population converts to Jesus
Duration	1,000 years or a long period of time	Undetermined; lasts until Jesus's Second Coming	Undetermined; lasts until Jesus's Second Coming
Jesus's type of reign	Physical, earthly	Spiritual (through conversion)	Spiritual (through conversion)
Tribulation (period of suffering before Jesus's Second Coming)	Literal 7-year period	Brief period before Jesus's Second Coming	Brief period before Jesus's Second Coming
Timing of the rapture (transport of believers to heaven)	Before the Tribulation, halfway through, or after it	Occurs as part of Jesus's Second Coming	Occurs as part of Jesus's Second Coming

4 Ways to Read the Book of Revelation:

The Preterist approach to Revelation understands that most of the book was fulfilled in the decades immediately following the establishment of the church.

The Historicist interprets the book of Revelation looking at the past, and then draws parallels between John's vision and significant historical events.

The Idealist sees an allegorical representation of the types of things or events believers may expect in the time between the inauguration of Christ's kingdom and its consummation.

The Futurist interprets the book of Revelation as literally as possible.