

THE SECOND COMING

A Brief Overview: John 14:1-3, 1Thess 4:15-18

The Continuous line represents events on which Christians are generally agreed. Broken lines represent where there are different views.

POST-MILLENNIALISM
(a liberal view not supported by scripture) says that things will get better and better until after a great revival Christ will come and rule over a Utopia for 1000 years.

PRE-MILLENNIALISM
Christ rules on earth for 1,000 years and establishes a heavenly rule on earth. (Rev 20:1-6, Is 11:1-9)
Some also say the Millennium happens after the Rapture.



The last days or latter days

CHRIST COMES AGAIN

CHRISTIANS BOTH DEAD AND ALIVE JOIN CHRIST IN THE AIR
Greek: 'Rapture' means to transport.

Non-Christians

AN ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

THE 'PAROUSIA'
Greek: means the arrival of a ruler.
In the same way that He left (Acts 1:11)
He will come on a cloud in great glory.
(Matt 24:30, 31)
Trumpets shall sound (1Thess 4:16)
Everyone will see Him (Rev 1:7a, Luke 17:24)
It will be at a totally unexpected time and is not to be predicted (Matt 24:6-8, 48, 25:5, 19)

← Beginning of the world

TRIBULATION
Matt 24:9-14
Rev 7:14
Persecution and suffering

COMING OF ANTICHRIST
Daniel- Political
Paul- Religious
John- Both.
Will claim deity and receive worship.
Will be totally against Christians and try to lead them astray.
Dan 7:7-11, 21.
2Thess 2:3-8
1John 2:18-22
1John 4:3

SIGNS / WONDERS
Luke 21:25-26
Wars/rumours of war
Famines
Earthquakes
False Prophets
False Christs
Matt 24:5, 11, 24
2Pet 2:1-2
Zeph 1:14-18

PROPHECIES FULFILLED
Jews preserved as Nation
Deut 30:3, Is 11:11
Ez 36/37
Times of Gentiles to have run their course (ie Gentile domination of Palestine) fulfilled 1948 when State of Israel formed. Cf Luke 21:24
The Gospel will have been preached throughout the world (Matt 24:14)

TRUMPHERANT ENTRY INTO HEAVEN.
Presented to God as blameless. Col 1:22
Crowning ceremony
2 Tim 4:8
1Pet 5:4

DAY OF REWARDS FOR CHRISTIAN WORKS
1Cor 3:13-15
Zech 9:16 crown jewels.
Phil 4:1 (Paul says the Philippians are the jewels in his crown)

AN ETERNITY WITH GOD