

An Introduction to Postmillennialism

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The Three Millennial Views

1. **Premillennialism:** Christ will return _____ (“pre-”) the millennium.

The Millennial Kingdom will be established on earth when Jesus returns in glory, constituting an intermediate reign between the present age and eternal state.

- The present age *precedes* the millennial kingdom.

2. **Amillennialism:** There is _____ (“a-”) future millennium yet to come.

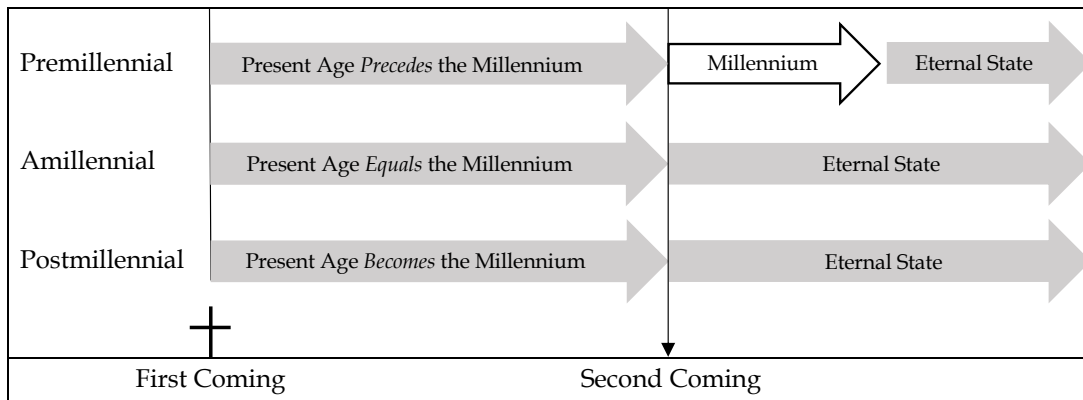
The Millennial Kingdom takes place between the two comings of Christ as He rules over the church, either in the hearts of His people on earth or with the saints in heaven.

- The present age *is* the millennial kingdom.

3. **Postmillennialism:** Christ will return _____ (“post-”) the millennium.

The Millennial Kingdom is progressively established on earth in the present age as the gospel goes forth with increasing success until most of the world is converted.

- The present age *is becoming* the millennial kingdom.





Postmillennialism Summarized:

“Postmillennialism expects the proclaiming of the Spirit-blessed gospel of Jesus Christ to win the vast majority of human beings to salvation in the present age. Increasing gospel success will gradually produce a time in history prior to Christ’s return in which faith, righteousness, peace, and prosperity will prevail in the affairs of people and of nations. After an extensive era of such conditions the Lord will return visibly, bodily, and in great glory, ending history with the general resurrection and the great judgment of all humankind.”
– Kenneth Gentry

The Weaknesses of Postmillennialism

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1. An Overall Lack of Exegetical Support
 - The Kingdom Prophecies of the Old Testament
 - The Kingdom Parables of Matthew 13
 - The Great Commission of Matthew 28:18–20
2. An Unrealistic View of the Present Age
3. An Unbiblical View of the Present Age
 - Matthew 7:13–14
 - Matthew 22:1–14
 - 2 Timothy 3:1–5
 - 2 Timothy 3:12–13
4. An Unbiblical Denial of the Tribulation Period
 - Matthew 24
 - Revelation 6–18
5. An Altered Focus of the Church’s Hope
 - 1 Peter 1:13 Philippians 3:17
 - Hebrews 9:28 1 Thessalonians 1:10
 - 1 Corinthians 1:7 Titus 2:13
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:3–10
6. An Indefensible Interpretation of Revelation 20
 - Requires a Progressive Binding in Revelation 20:1–3
 - Requires a Spiritual Resurrection in Revelation 20:4–6
 - Cannot Account for the Mass of Unbelievers in 20:7–9
 - Fails to Recognize the Chronology of Revelation 19–22

Second Coming (Rev 19)  Millennial Kingdom (Rev 20)  Eternal State (Rev 21–22)