

Millennial Views

A Comparative Chart

The Major Views While these terms were not in use until about a hundred years ago, they sum up the three major positions among Christians regarding the Millennium and End Times.	Amillennialism The view closest to the Catholic position. Also believed by most mainline Protestants, such as Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, etc. First fully developed by St. Augustine in the early 400s.	Postmillennialism A view that was once very popular in America between 1750 and 1860. Jonathan Edwards, the famous preacher, was a proponent. Many Calvinists and Reformed Christian groups believe in this view today.	Premillennialism Probably the mostly widely known view in America today. Most "non-denominational" Christians and small "Bible churches" hold to the <i>Dispensational</i> form of this view, believing in the Rapture and a radical separation between Israel and the Church.
"1000" years of Revelation 20	Is figurative, not literal	Either figurative or literal	Usually literal
The "1000" years begin...	At Christ's first coming	Once the world becomes "Christian." No certain beginning, but a gradual start	At Christ's Second Coming
Society will...	Remain largely the same	Become better and better, until it nearly reaches perfection	Become worse and worse
Christ will return...	After the "1000 years"	After the "1000 years"	Before the "1000 years"
Satan is bound...	At Christ's first coming	At Christ's first coming	At Christ's second coming
Satan's binding is...	Figurative, or restricted. Not total	Figurative, or restricted. More complete, but still not total	Literal and total
During the "1000 year" Christ will reign...	Spiritually, from heaven and through His Body on earth, the Church	Spiritually, from heaven and through His Body on earth, the Church	Physically, on earth, likely at Jerusalem
The Kingdom is...	In heaven and on earth	On earth	On earth
The "first resurrection" in Rev. 20 is...	Spiritual (baptism)	Spiritual (baptism)	Physical, for the righteous
The "Second resurrection" is...	Physical or Spiritual	Physical or Spiritual	Physical
The Second Resurrection is for...	All humanity	All humanity	The unrighteous
This view was popular at what time?	From 400s to the present time	From 400s to the mid-1800s	Historical Premillennialism, from 1st to 5th century (w/exceptions) Dispensational Premillennialism, from 1830s to the present