

# Premillennialism

Is there going to be a rapture?

Will Israel be restored to its land?

Does Christ now reign as king?

When is the 1,000-year reign of Christ?

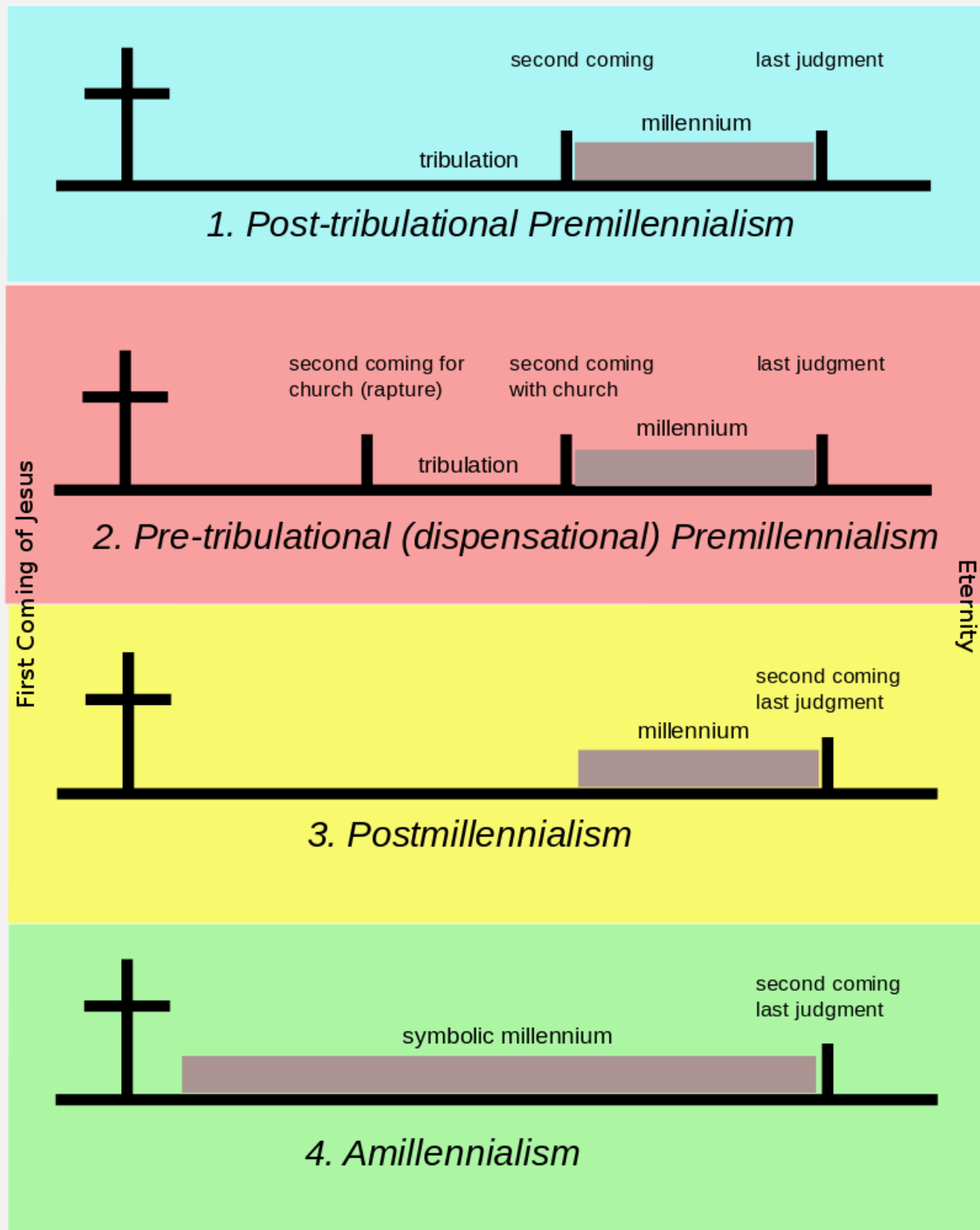
What will happen when Christ comes again?

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- What is the basic theory of premillennialism?
  - “Pre” (before); “Millennial” (1,000-year reign)
  - They believe in the literal interpretation of the end times explained in Rev 19-20
  - At the “first” second coming of Christ, Christians will be suddenly and supernaturally taken from the earth in an event called “the rapture”
  - There will be seven-years of tribulation and the rise of the antichrist following the rapture
  - Then the “second” second coming of Christ will occur after the tribulation and He will bring back the believers he took the first time around and will reign on earth for the 1,000-year “Millennial” period
  - The 1,000-year millennial kingdom will be located on earth and sin will be removed at that time from the earth and Satan will be bound in the Abyss
  - After the millennial kingdom is completed, the eternal state of heaven will be established

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- Post-tribulational Premillennialism
- Pre-tribulational (dispensational) Premillennialism
- Postmillennialism
- Amillennialism



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- Who believes in the doctrine of Premillennialism?
  - Latter Day Saints (Mormons)
  - Baptist
  - Jehovah's Witness
  - Some Pentecostal and charismatic churches
- Which denominations do not believe in the doctrine of Premillennialism?
  - Catholics
  - Eastern Orthodox
  - Anglicans
  - Episcopalians
  - Lutherans
  - Seventh Day Adventists
  - Nazarenes
  - Presbyterians
  - Mennonites
  - Amish
  - United Methodists
  - United Church of Christ
  - Most Reformed Christian churches

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## Is there going to be a “rapture”?

- The rapture according to premillennialist is the transporting of believers both dead and alive, to heaven at the second coming of Christ and leaving behind the rest
- What they say about the rapture...
  - “In case of rapture somebody grab the wheel”
  - “In case of rapture this car will be unmanned”
- Does Matt 24:29-31 and 1 Thess 4:16-17 support the rapture theory?
  - Premillennialist say there will be a secret “catching away”
  - Doesn’t sound like it will be a secret...
    - Shall descend with a shout
    - With the voice of the archangel
    - With the trump of God

- *1 Cor 15:52 – Trumpet shall sound*
- *2 Pet 3:10 – Great noise*
- *2 Thess 1:7-9 – Flaming fire*
- *Rev 1:7 – Every eye shall see Him*

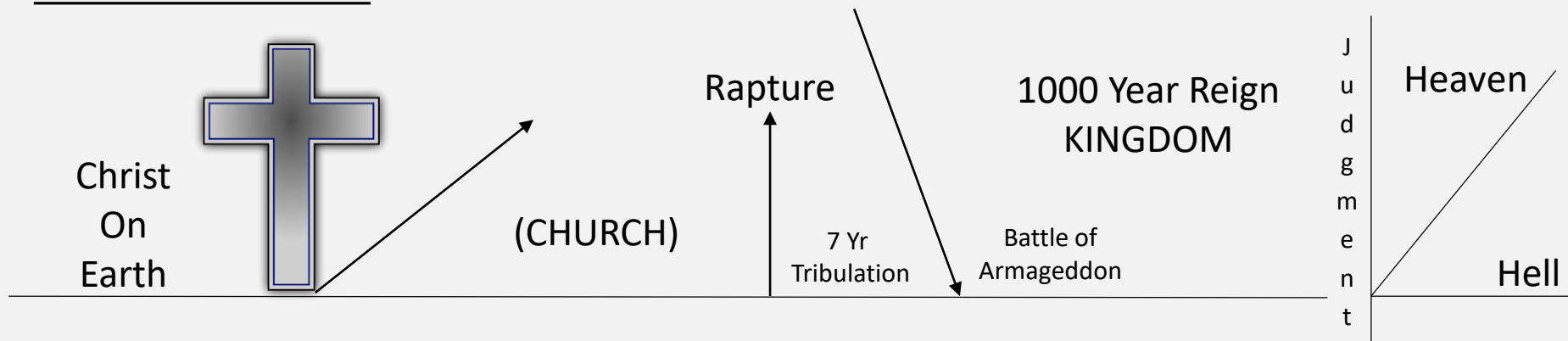
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- It will not be only for seven years!
  - 1 Thess 4:17 – “and so we shall always be with the Lord”
  - John 6:39, 40, 44 – Resurrection will occur at the “last day”
    - Heb 1:1-3 – We are now living in the “last days”
    - John 12:48 – Judgement will be in the “last day”
  - 1 Cor 15:23-26 – At His coming, then comes the end
- There will not be two or three comings of Christ!
  - Premillennialist say Matt 24:29-31 and 1 Thess 4:15-17 are two different events
  - John 5:28-29 – Both those who've done good and evil will be raised
  - 2 Thess 1:7-9 - Blessings and retribution will both occur at His coming
  - Matt 25:31-46 – The sheep on the right and the goats on the left, will happen at the same coming of Christ

# Premillennialism vs The Bible

## PREMILLENNIALISM



## THE BIBLE

