



Three Views & the Ultimate Goal of History • Part 3

Lesson 7 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

A Big Picture Overview of God's Plan for Fulfilling the Ultimate Goal of All of History

- He is doing it through a **HUMAN** person (who is also God at the same time).
"For since by a man...by a man also..." (vv. 21-22)
- He is doing it through an **ORDERLY** process.
"But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after this...then comes the end..." (vv. 23-24)
- He is doing it with **RESURRECTION** power.
"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those are asleep...the resurrection of the dead...all will be made alive...The last enemy that will be abolished is death." (vv. 20-26)
- He is doing it for a **GLORIOUS** purpose.
"When all things are subjected to [Christ], then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all." (vv. 27-28)

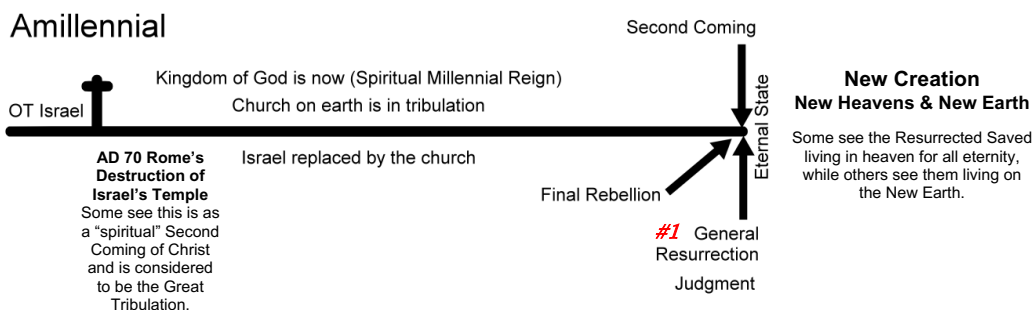
"Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, **NOT LAYING AGAIN A FOUNDATION OF** repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, **AND THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND ETERNAL JUDGMENT. And this we will do, if God permits.**" Hebrews 6:1-3

3 Observations from This Passage:

- 1) A lot of what we think is complex, heavy theology (= meat) is really **Discipleship 101**...elementary things (= milk) like the ABCs and counting to 10.
- 2) One reason more difficult doctrines (= meat) are not taught, not understood, or not wanted is due to a **lack of MATURITY** (babes vs. mature grown ups) that is measured by a lack of obedient discernment. Hebrews 5:11-14
- 3) Another reason more difficult doctrines (= meat) are not taught, not understood, or not wanted is due to a **lack of TIME!**

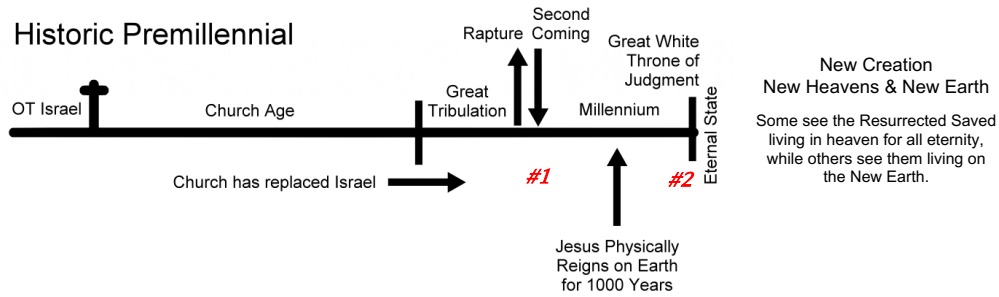
3 Views of HOW Rising Up Will Get Us to the End God Intends for All of History

View 1 Only **ONE** bodily resurrection in the future of the saved and unsaved at the same time.



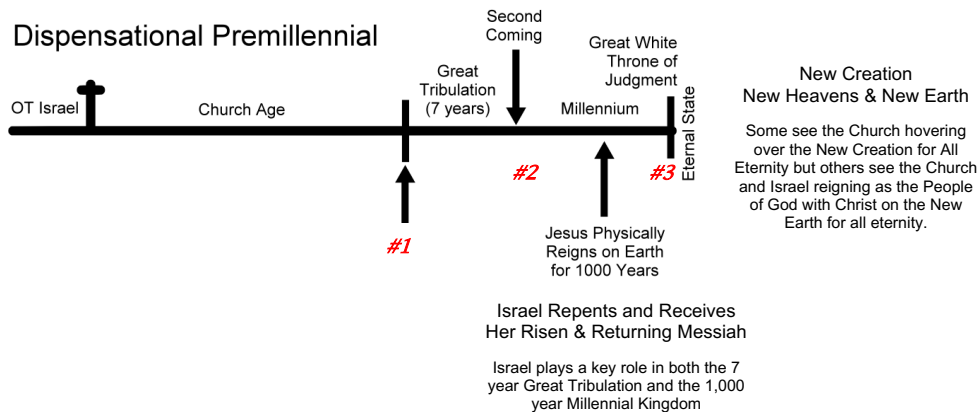
- 1) Christ the First Fruits and **then one general resurrection** of the saved and unsaved at His Second Coming to the earth.
- 2) This is called **AMILLENNIALISM** because after Christ returns there is **NO** literal, physical kingdom for 1,000 years on the earth as predicted in Revelation 20:1-15.

View 2 TWO bodily resurrections in the future: first all the saved and then later all the unsaved.



- 1) Christ the First Fruits and **then two resurrections**—all the saved **before** the Millennial Kingdom and then all the unsaved **after** the Millennial Kingdom
- 2) This is called **PREMILLENNIALISM** because Christ returns **BEFORE** there is literal, physical kingdom for 1,000 years on the earth as predicted in Revelation 20:1-15.

View 3 THREE resurrections in the future: first the Church, then Israel/Tribulation Martyrs, and finally the unsaved.



- 1) Christ the First Fruits and **then three bodily resurrections**—all the Church who are in Christ **before** the Great Tribulation, then all of believing Israel/Tribulation Martyrs **before** the Millennial Kingdom, and then all the unsaved **after** the Kingdom.
- 2) This is called **DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM** because Christ returns before there is literal, physical kingdom for 1,000 years on the earth as predicted in Revelation 20:1-15, but He also comes to **RAPTURE** the Church before the Great Tribulation.

**Rising Up Will Get Us to the End God Intends for All of History But Each in Their Own Order!
Are You Ready for His Coming No Matter Which View Is the Right One?**

*Are you "in Christ"? Are you His blood-bought possession? If you died today would you be "asleep in Christ"?
Have you received the risen King as your Lord and Savior?*

If you are "in Christ" are you ready for greater suffering and persecution that all three views teach is coming?

Are you ready to be "caught up" at any moment and stand face-to-face and toe-to-toe with your risen King, who will judge how well we have submitted all things to His lordship and will test the works of lives by fire to see what ones are worthy of eternal reward and what ones are worthless and reveal a

life wasted for the risen King?