

Eschatology - the study of its religious beliefs concerning all future and final events (End Times)

**Premillennialism** in Christian eschatology is the belief that Christ will literally reign on the earth for 1,000 years at his second coming. The doctrine is called premillennialism because it views the current age as prior to Christ's kingdom.

## Two types of millennial theories

Pre-tribulational – the church is raptured, then comes the tribulation after which Christ comes with the church to reign in the millennium after which is the last judgment

Amillennialism – a symbolic millennium reaching from the cross to the second coming.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

In 2010, 48% of U.S. “Christians” believed that Jesus would return to the Earth in the next 40 years. In 2006, that number was 20%. On the question of whether Jesus would return to the Earth, 79% of U.S. “Christians” answered yes in 2006.

When will God's kingdom come?

Dan 2:44 "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.





The Roman empire in 117 AD  
under Trajan covered the known  
world

There is no problem if you  
believe the Bible – the Roman  
Empire is the kingdom of Dan  
2.44.

The kingdom is to be established during the  
time of the Roman Empire

Luke 2:1 Now it came about in those days  
that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus,  
that a census be taken of all the inhabited  
earth.. ... 4 And Joseph also went up from  
Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to  
the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,  
because he was of the house and family of  
David, 5 in order to register, along with Mary,  
who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Mark 9:1 And He was saying to them,  
"Truly I say to you, there are some of  
those who are standing here who shall  
not taste death until they see the  
kingdom of God after it has come with  
power."

Premillennialists say there was a  
“prophetic postponement”  
because the Jews would not  
accept Jesus!

We But God does not fail in His  
prophecies!

Col 1:13 For He delivered us  
from the domain of darkness, and  
transferred us to the kingdom of  
His beloved Son, 14 in whom we  
have redemption, the forgiveness  
of sins.

Where were those brethren in Col  
1.13, at about the year 60 AD?

They were in the kingdom of  
Jesus Christ!

Rev 20.6 Blessed and holy is the one  
who has a part in the first  
resurrection; over these the second  
death has no power, but they will be  
priests of God and of Christ and will  
reign with Him for a thousand years.

When does the thousand year reign  
begin and end?





Zech 13:1 "In  
that day a  
**fountain** will be  
opened for the  
**house of David**  
and for the  
**inhabitants of**  
**Jerusalem**, for  
sin and for  
impurity.

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each  
of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the  
forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit.

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Zech 14:8 And it will come  
about in that day that living  
waters will flow out of  
Jerusalem, half of them toward  
the eastern sea and the other half  
toward the western sea; it will be  
in summer as well as in winter.

The day of Zechariah is not a 24 hour day, but the entire gospel age.

As we studied last week, Jesus will not set foot on this earth again, but we will rise to meet Him in the air!

1Th 4.13-18 2Th 1.5-9

Zech 13:1 "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. 2 "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered;

The fountain gives “living waters” – the word – the water of life flows throughout the gospel age and Jesus’ name will be the only name by which men will be saved.

These living waters from the fountain for sin and impurity are the words of God given to us by the Holy Spirit through the apostles.

This fountain does not flow for 24 hours but throughout the gospel age bringing eternal life to all who will drink freely.

In 4.13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

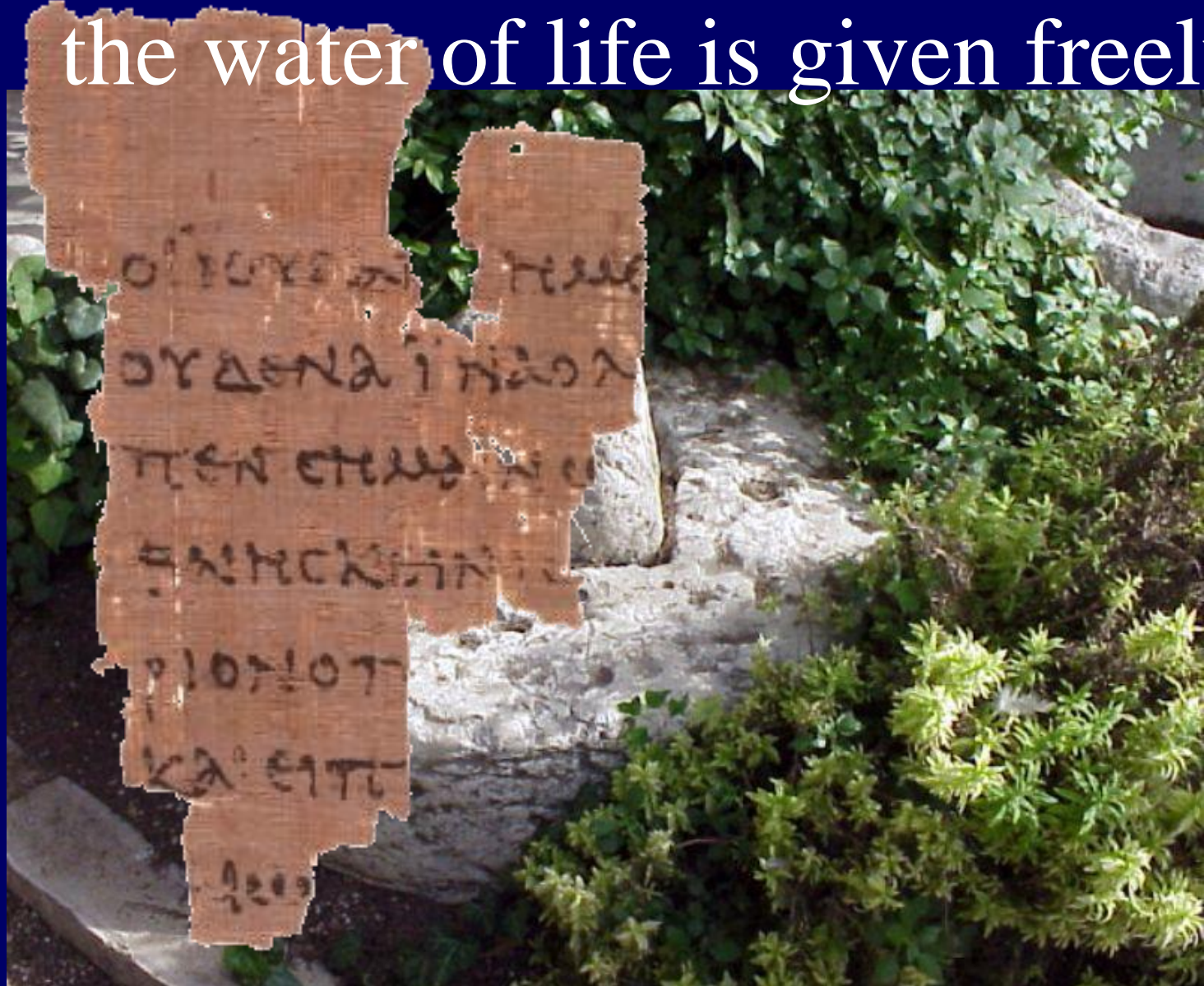
Rev 21:6 And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

“There’s a fountain free”

Truly Jesus is the fountain from  
which the water of life springs –  
His word – freely given by God to  
guide us in battle.



The well is not like Jacob's well but  
the water of life is given freely!



There is going to be a great battle  
that day (not for 24 hours)!

Zech 14:1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD  
when the spoil taken from you will be divided  
among you. 2 For I will gather all the nations  
against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be  
captured, the houses plundered, the women  
ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of  
the people will not be cut off from the city. 3 Then  
the LORD will go forth and fight against those  
nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

We are now in that battle.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war  
against the Lamb, and the Lamb  
will overcome them, because He  
is Lord of lords and King of  
kings, and those who are with  
Him are the called and chosen  
and faithful."

How long will the battle last?

Zech 14:9 And the LORD will be  
king over all the earth; in that day  
the LORD will be the only one,  
and His name the only one.

The day of battle will be the over  
when the Lord returns!

Our Lord reigns!



Rev 11:15 ... "The kingdom of  
the world has become the  
kingdom of our Lord, and of His  
Christ; and He will reign forever  
and ever."

Rev 19:6 And I heard, as it were,  
the voice of a great multitude and  
as the sound of many waters and  
as the sound of mighty peals of  
thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For  
the Lord our God, the Almighty,  
reigns .

...

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and  
give the glory to Him, for the  
marriage of the Lamb has come  
and His bride has made herself  
ready." 8 And it was given to her  
to clothe herself in fine linen,  
bright and clean; for the fine  
linen is the righteous acts of the  
saints.

The day of Zechariah is not a 24 hour day, but the entire gospel age.

The battle of which Zechariah speaks began when Peter preached Jesus crucified and continues to this day.

## Jesus will return!

2 Thess 1:7 And to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Two groups will pay the penalty  
of eternal destruction –

those who do not know God

to those who do not obey the  
gospel of our Lord Jesus

Where do you stand this day

Do you know God?

Have you obeyed the gospel?