

Source night

The End Times

Eschatology is the study of the 'last things'. *Eschatos* (Greek) = last
In once sense all time since Jesus, till the end of time is the 'last days'.
Are we near the end?

It can all be very confusing, so why bother?

1. It mattered to Jesus.
2. We remember there is a plan to history.
3. We remember there is a purpose, reason for World history.
4. We remember that ultimately the Devil will be defeated, evil, suffering will end. Revelation 20 v10
5. We remember that our activity now, has a purpose and is part of big picture

However, not a topic to take us over, and to try and play guessing games with God's word.

God knows the dates! Matthew ch 24 v36

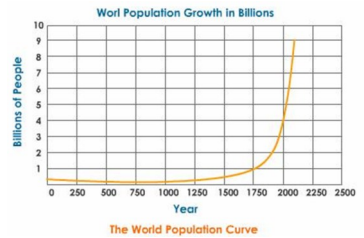
If I die tonight as a believer what will happen to me? Two ideas of this intermediate state

1. Soul sleep. Dead are aware of nothing, from when you die till end times seems like a split second
2. Conscious existence till end times. Luke 23 v43 Come with Jesus from Heaven to collect others at the end.

Hell Some have suggested 'annihilation' however difficult to support from scriptures. They quote 'destruction' Philippians 3 v19, 1 Thessalonians 5 v3 2 Peter 3 v7, How can you suffer if destroyed? Is annihilation punishment?

13% of Jesus' teachings on Hell/judgement

Eternal consciousness often used Matthew 25 v30, Story of Lazarus Luke 16 v19+, Revelation 22 v11- continuous



The events of the End Times

Signs

Matthew 24 end times events

2 Timothy 3 v1-5 end times attitudes

The Rapture (Not a Biblical word)

Matthew 24 v40-41 1 Corinthians 15 v51-52

1 Thessalonians 4 v16-17

The Second Coming of Christ

Visible Acts 1 v9 Revelation 1 v7

Matthew 24 v30-36

Dead in Christ raised

1 Thessalonians 4 v16-17

The Tribulation Matthew 24

The Millennium (Not a Biblical word)

Revelation ch 20

Judgement both Great White throne & Seat of Christ

Matthew 25 v31-33 sheep and goats

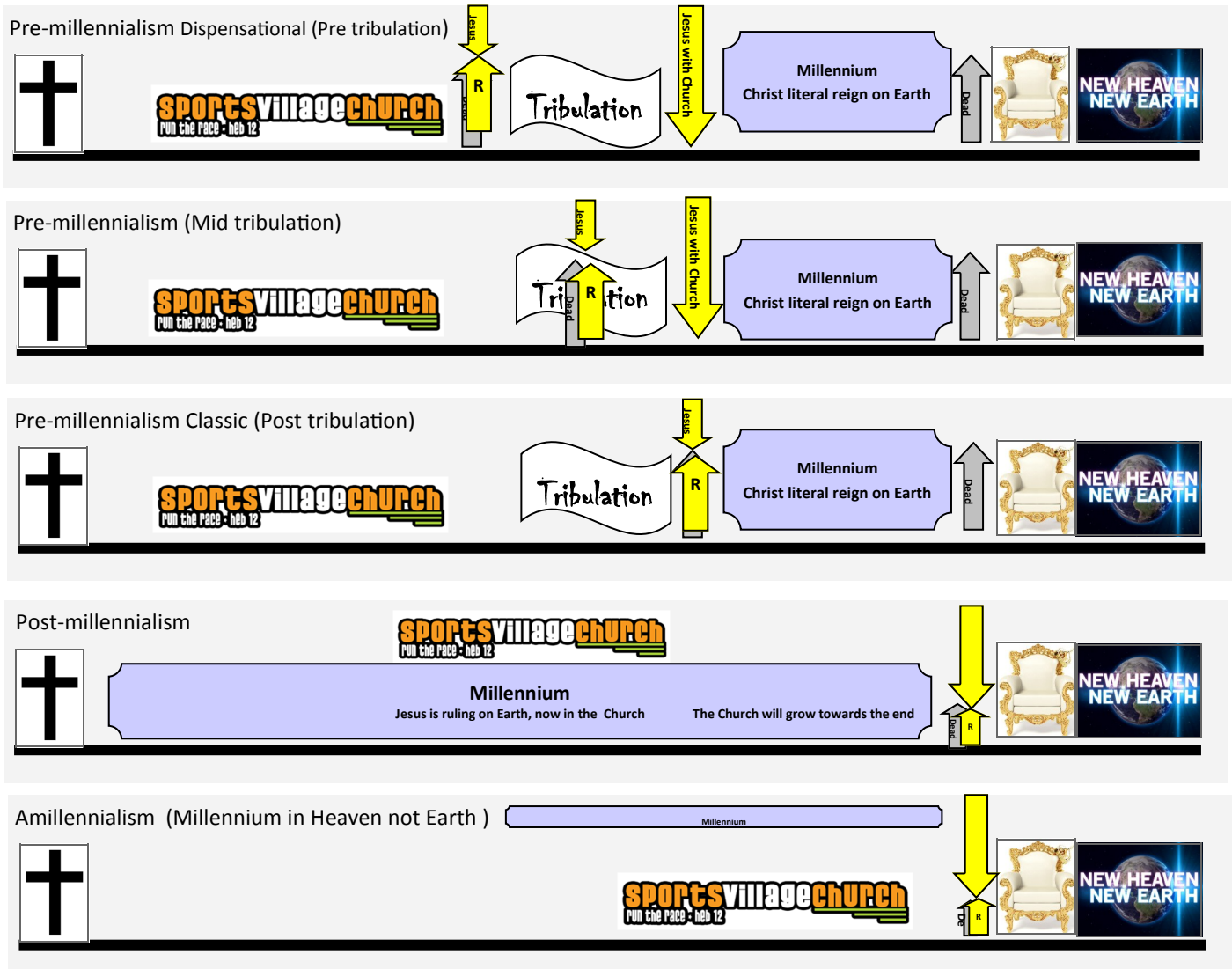
Bema Seat- 1 Corinthians 3 v14-15 2 Corinthians 5 v10

Romans 14 v10

New Heaven, New Earth

Revelation 21 v1-4

We know what is going to happen, but not necessary know the right order !



'Infinity and beyond!'

- New Heaven and New Earth Isaiah 65 v17, 2 Peter 3 v13, Revelation 21 v1 A renewed creation
- No barriers between the new Heaven and Earth
- Future life is a place, John 14 v2, Revelation 21 v2
- We will have changed bodies. 1 Corinthians 15 v52 Philipians 3 v21 2 Corinthians 5 v1
- Glimpses of future—Transfiguration—there was recognition Jesus' resurrection - body able to eat!
- No more 'Why God?' questions 1 Corinthians 13 v12

How does our understanding of end times affect us now?

If there are different rewards for believers, is there different punishments for unbelievers? Luke 12 v48

To learn more

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