

## 20160313 **Christian Eschatology**

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Different Christian sects don't agree on the details of eschatology, the study of the ending or final destiny. The Bible is very ambiguous...

There are 4 kinds about the 2nd Coming:

- Post-tribulational Premillennialism
- Pre-tribulational Premillennialism
- Postmillennialism
- Amillennialism

These terms mean the 2nd Coming may happen after Tribulation before the Millennial Reign, or happen before Tribulation before the Millennial Reign, or happen after the Millennial Reign, or happen without a Millennial Reign.

There are 3 kinds about Rapture:

- Pretribulation
- Midtribulation
- Posttribulation

These terms mean Rapture may happen before Tribulation, happen in the middle of Tribulation, or happen after Tribulation.

Jehovah's Witness people think that after the Millennial Reign won't even be the end, as new scrolls will be revealed to tell what will happen after the Postmillennial war. This war is different from Armageddon, which is Premillennial. Jehovah's Witness people don't believe the concept of Rapture is Biblical. They believe only 144 000 people will go to Heaven. (Roman Catholicism officially disapproves of Millennialism.)

There are essentially three kinds of viewers of Christian eschatology:

- those who think that it *already* happened in the *past*,
- those who think that it is just *allegorical* or *idealistic*,
- and those who think that it will happen in the *future*.

As one can see, understanding different views of Christian eschatology requires some mathematical thinking.