

# A Introduction to Eschatology



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Preterist		Historicist	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Most of all prophecies fulfilled by AD 70</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ End time prophecies began to be fulfilled immediately after the apostolic age up to the Second Coming</li> </ul>	
		Futurist	
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# Hermeneutical Approaches

Allegorical-Esoteric	Grammatical -Historical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Holds to a non-literal interpretation as the baseline</li><li>✓ Is often based on esoteric approaches where certain people have privileged with inside information.</li><li>✓ Allegorical Interpretation, when divorced from the grammatical-historical context, often provide a way to evade texts which contradict a desired narrative.</li><li>✓ Esoteric interpretation can lead to religious authoritarianism, occultic spirituality, or heterodoxy</li><li>✓ <i>Idealism</i> is a system of allegorical interpretation that denies that we can interpret end times prophecy beyond them being an allegory of good vs evil.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Holds to a literal interpretation as a baseline.</li><li>✓ Allows for allegory/figures where the literary context indicates a non-literal interpretation.</li><li>✓ Apostasy in Israel leading to Josiah destroyed any oral tradition of secret knowledge of God.</li><li>✓ Ezra used the grammatical-historical hermeneutic to restore their national life of Israel.</li></ul>

# Schools of Systematic Theologies

Covenant Theology	Messianic Theology	Dispensationalism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Holds to God dealing with eternal Covenants.</li><li>✓ Relies heavily on Allegorical methods in smoothing over difficulties.</li><li>✓ Teaches replacement theology.</li><li>✓ The combination of allegorical hermeneutics and replacement theology had led to counterfeit theocracies and political idolatry, equating the Kingdom of God with one's favorite political narrative</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Eternally ordained Covenants established in time.</li><li>✓ Christ Messiah over integrated Church-Israel at Christ's Return.</li><li>✓ Messianic Theology build parallel societies while waiting</li><li>✓ Messianic Theology encourage exercise of royal prerogatives in prayer before God's Throne</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ God work through dispensations of time</li><li>✓ Church and Israel on separate tracks</li><li>✓ Insistence on pre-tribulation rapture nerfs doctrines relating to the Kingdom and tends to see Christ as "personal Lord and Saviour."</li><li>✓ Vulnerable to influence to non-Christian political narratives</li></ul>

# Schools of Millennial Interpretation

Amillennialism	Postmillennialism	Premillennialism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ No future Millennium</li><li>✓ Millenium is the Church age</li><li>✓ No Church Reign</li><li>✓ Kingdom of God is spiritual in nature</li><li>✓ While most Amillennialists believe in a future physical kingdom, some deny physical Kingdom, Resurrection, etc</li><li>✓ Most early Amillennialists were hereticks (Marcion) and Preterism today as Amillennial</li><li>✓ Idealism is a form of Amillennialism that allegorizes everything</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Christ comes after Millennium</li><li>✓ Church conquers world for Christ</li><li>✓ Pro:Emphasizes Christ as Lord of all of Life.</li><li>✓ Con: Is required to use unsanctified instruments to advance God's Kingdom as Christ's Return dependent on the victory of the Church</li><li>✓ Postmillennialism requires promotion of a carnal state as God's instrument in promoting the Kingdom of God on earth</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Christ Returns to put down rebellion</li><li>✓ Millennial reign</li><li>✓ Historic Premillennialism Not tied to dispensations</li><li>✓ Dispensational Premillennialism tied to specific dispensations</li><li>✓ Church Reigns with Christ</li><li>✓ Historic Premillennialism provide for robust demonstration of the Kingdom of God through the Church</li><li>✓ Dispensational Premillennialism views the Church as irrelevant to the Kingdom of God</li><li>✓ Historic Premillennialism was the dominant view of the early Church</li></ul>

# Schools Timeline Interpretation

## Preterism

- ✓ Most of all prophecies fulfilled by AD 70
- ✓ Based largely on a misinterpretation of “this generation” in Matthew 24
- ✓ Partial Preterism allows for bodily return of Jesus and resurrection of saints.
- ✓ Full preterism denies bodily return of Christ and resurrection, and as such is heresy
- ✓ Partial Preterism avoid heresy at the cost of special pleading

## Historicism

- ✓ End time prophecies began to be fulfilled immediately after the apostolic age up to the Second Coming.
- ✓ Historicism without Premillennialism regards prophecy as mostly past fulfilled or allegorical.
- ✓ Historicism under Premillennialism allows for significant future fulfillments.
- ✓ Only Historicism under Premillennialism adequately provides for a prophetic view and explanation of the entire history of the Church

## Futurism

- ✓ End Times Prophecy to be fulfilled in the far future after Pre-tribulational rapture.
- ✓ The pre-tribulation rapture is the next prophecy to be fulfilled.
- ✓ Futurism is unique to Dispensational Premillennialism.
- ✓ Futurism has no application to the bulk of Church history.
- ✓ Futurism allegorizes passages that suggested the immanent manifestation of the Kingdom of God

# Where New Covenant Church of the Apostles Fits in

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