A Careful Study of the End Times:

The Four Views, Part 2

LET'S REVIEW:
CLASSICAL DISPENSATIONALISM:
! INTERPRETATION OF REVELATION IS LITERAL ! FULFILLMENT IS FUTURE ! PRE-MILLENNIAL ! PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE
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PRETERISM:
! INTERPRETATION OF REVELATION IS
"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Mark 13:26 (NIV)
A prophecy against Egypt: See, the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt with fear. Isaiah 19:1(NIV)
"Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NIV)
! FULFILLMENT IS
I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. Revelation 6:2 (NIV)
! MILLENNIAL OR
And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and

bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended.

After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV)

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:4-6 (NIV)

This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

Revelation 13:18 (NIV)

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WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF PRETERISM?
! IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. Revelation 1:1 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

Revelation 20:6 (NIV)

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

Revelation 22:10 (NIV)

The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been given you is true, but seal up the vision, for it concerns the distant future."

Daniel 8:26 (NIV)

Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Mark 13:30 (NIV)

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On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it.

Mark 11:12-14 (NIV)

What misery is mine!

I am like one who gathers summer fruit
at the gleaning of the vineyard;
there is no cluster of grapes to eat,
none of the early figs that I crave.

The faithful have been swept from the land;
not one upright person remains.
Micah 7:1-2 (NIV)

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Mark 13:1-4 (NIV)

"When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

Luke 21:20 (NIV)