

End Times Cheat Sheet

Q: What are the End Times?

A: The days leading up to the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ

Q: Who or what is the Anti-Christ?

A: According to some views, he will be a man who will appear during the last 7 years of history and be the central figure. However, there will be many people who fit his description throughout history.

Q: What is the Millennium?

A: It is a 1,000 year period of time where Jesus will reign either on the Earth or in Heaven, depending on your view, before the New Heaven and New Earth are created.

Q: What is the Rapture?

A: An event where Jesus takes believers out of the Earth before the tribulation period begins. The rapture is described primarily in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-54.

Q: What is Pre-Millennialism?

A: Pre-millennialism holds to the belief that Christ will return before a literal, future thousand-year reign (millennium) on Earth. During this period, Christ is expected to rule over the world in a time of peace and righteousness.

Q: What is Post-Millennialism?

A: Post-millennialism holds to the belief that, through the influence of Christianity and the preaching of the Gospel, the world will gradually improve, leading to a golden age of righteousness and peace. Christ's return is expected after this period of earthly prosperity. Post-millennialists interpret the thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20 symbolically.

Q: What is Amillennialism?

A: Amillennialism rejects the idea of a literal, future thousand-year earthly reign of Christ (millennium). Instead, amillennialists interpret the thousand years symbolically, viewing it as representing the entire period between Christ's first and second comings. The reign of Christ is understood as spiritual and ongoing through the Church age.

Q: What is the tribulation?

A: The Tribulation is often thought to be a future 7 year period of widespread hardship and persecution that precedes the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Q: What is the Already/Not Yet principle?

A: The idea that certain prophecies in Scripture had a partial fulfillment during bible times, but they were foreshadows of a complete fulfillment that was or is still in the future.

Q: What is the Olivet Discourse?

A: It is a conversation between Jesus and his disciples found in Mark 13, Matthew 24, and Luke 21 where Jesus expounds on the details of the end times and his return.

The Four Views Recap:

Classical Dispensationalism:

- ! Interpretation of Revelation is literal
- ! Fulfillment is future
- ! Pre-millennial
- ! Pre-tribulation rapture

Preterism:

- ! Interpretation of Revelation is symbolic
- ! Fulfillment is past
- ! Post-millennial or Amillennial
- ! No Rapture (rapture and 2nd coming are the same event)

Idealist:

- ! Revelation is completely symbolic and not representative of any particular events, past, present or future.
- ! Fulfillment is continual
- ! Millennium is symbolic, we are always in it.
- ! No rapture

Progressive Dispensationalism:

- ! Interpretation of Revelation is literal

- ! Fulfillment is past and future through the already/not yet principle
- ! Pre-millennial
- ! Nuanced Rapture (some pre-trib, some mid-trib, some post-trib)