

Cayucos Community Church Sermon Notes, 2-23-2020, Pastor Dale

What's Up, Doc? (Revelation 20:1-10)

Bugs Bunny comes to church

The key issue: hermeneutics (interpretation)

Literal vs spiritualized

What's up and Acts 1:6

Plain sense meaning

Jesus' answer

Interpretive process

Should we ask? Should we care?

Connections (all end times events)

Primary purpose of prophecy: holiness & hope

Respecting other views doesn't eliminate conviction regarding a particular view.

1 John 3:1-3; 2 Peter 3:13-14

Unpacking Revelation 20

Why study this now?

1,000 years or "a long time"

A BIG topic

Disclaimer

Bound, shut, sealed and released

Apology

The Millennium in the Bible – Rev 20:1-10

from Latin, mille = 1,000 + annus = year

Resurrection and reign with Christ

Various Views

Where we agree

Release and deception by Satan

Where we disagree: timing & nature of return & reign

3 major views

Literal eternal punishment

Amillennial

Postmillennial

Premillennial (with 2 variations)

Conclusion

Four Views of the Millennium

	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism	Dispensational Premillennialism	Historic Premillennialism
Who is saved?	Only true believers	Only true believers	Only true believers	Only true believers
Teaches a physical return of Jesus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timing of Jesus' return	Anytime; it's unimportant to have a detailed time frame	Following the millennium (post = after)	Following a literal 7-year tribulation and before the millennium	Following the tribulation and before the millennium
Relationship of the rapture & 2 nd coming of Jesus	Both occur at the same time	Both occur at the same time	They are separated by either 7 years (pretribulational rapture) or 3 ¹ / ₂ years (midtribulational rapture)	Both occur at the same time (most hold to a post-tribulational rapture)
Understanding of the tribulation	It occurs any time Christians are persecuted or wars & disasters occur	It's either the 1 st Century Jewish-Roman war or the ongoing conflict of good & evil prior to the millennium	A specific 7-year period, the final 3 ¹ / ₂ years of which are called the Great Tribulation	There will be a specific time of intense tribulation
Will Christians suffer during the tribulation?	Yes, they will suffer & endure persecution until Jesus returns; it will increase near the end	Since Christians are called to share the gospel, tribulation occurs whenever the gospel is opposed	Most will be raptured before the tribulation (pretrib) or before the worst of the tribulation (midtrib)	Yes. Christians go through the tribulation; they are not raptured until after the tribulation
Is the millennium a literal 1,000 years?	No – the millennium is the reign of Christ in the hearts of believers; it spans the time from the resurrection of Christ to His return	No – the millennium refers to a period of peace when the gospel reaches all people	Yes – the return and 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth following the tribulation	Yes – the return and 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth following the tribulation
Is modern Israel included in the prophecies of Revelation?	No – the Church replaces Israel	No – the Church replaces Israel	Yes – there is a unique redemptive plan for Israel	Yes – in that the Church & Israel share these equally
When did this view 1 st appear in history?	By the 300's AD and became more popular through the 400's	Some trace it to the 300's and 400's AD. (Some say not until after the Reformation, following views of Daniel Whitby.) Not as common today.	Gained popularity in the 1800's and has increased in favor to the present, especially in America	Emerged at the end of the 1 st Century; considered by most the earliest view; renewed more recently by those who hold a post-tribulational rapture
What Christian leaders have held or popularized this view?	Origen, Augustine, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, Berkoff, Stott, Ridderbos, Storms	Puritans, Hodge, Strong, Boettner, Gentry	Scofield, Walvoord, Ryrie, Chafer, Pentecost, Geisler, C. Stanley, Chuck Smith, and Chuck Missler	Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Ladd,