

A Brief Study on End Times Prophecy

Session 1: Setting the Stage

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 - No one Knows the Day or Hour
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Setting the Stage – Old Testament

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~ Golden Age ~
BABYLON the Great
"the Lion"
Chaldean Dynasty
(634-562 B.C.)
King Nebuchadnezzar II

~ Silver Age ~
Achaemenid Empire
"the Bear"
Medians and Persians
(550-330 B.C.)
King Cyrus the Great

~ Bronze Age ~
Greco-Macedonia
"the Leopard"
Hellenistic Era
(336-323 B.C. / 168 B.C.)
Alexander the Great

~ Iron Age ~
Roman Empire
"the Beast"
Western and Eastern
(44 B.C. - 476 A.D.)
Reign of the "Caesars"

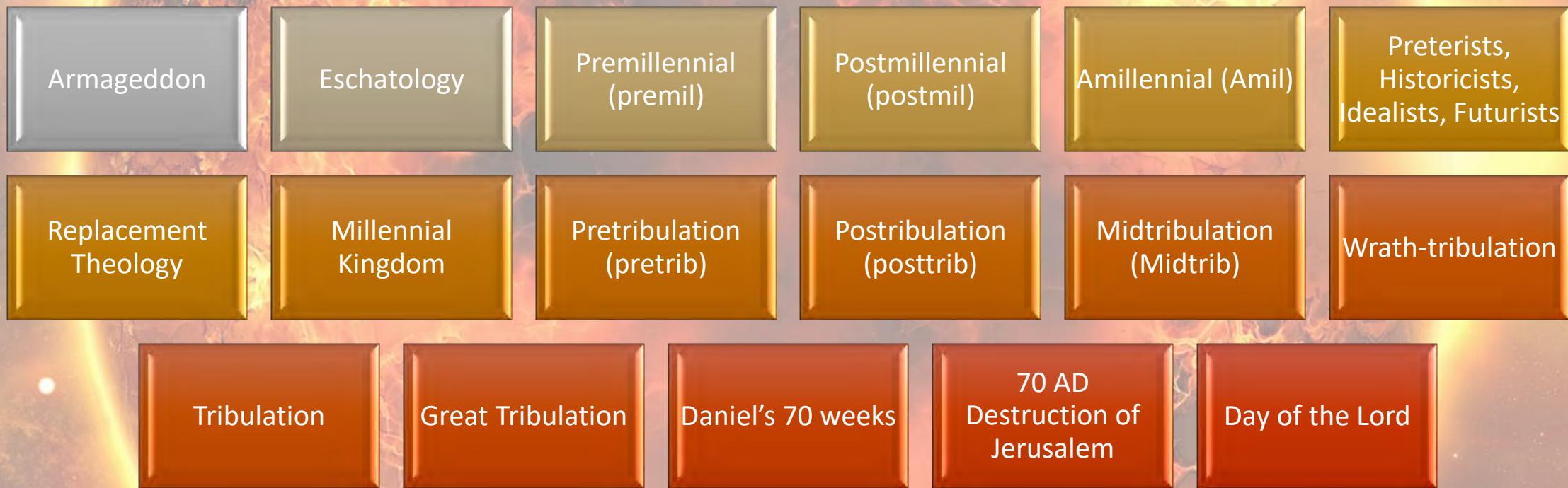
~ MODERN AGE ~
"NEW"
ROMAN EMPIRE
10 Kings / Kingdoms
(? European Union ?)
NEW WORLD ORDER



Beasts of Daniel CH 7

- 1. The First Animal – like a lion with eagle's wings, this represents the Neo-Babylonian Empire which began in 626 B.C. and ended in 539 B.C., the lion with eagle's wings is Babylon's national symbol and the gates of the city were decorated with lions and dragons
- 2. The Second Animal – a bear with three ribs in its mouth, this represents the Medo-Persia Empire which conquered three nations: Egypt in 586 B.C, Lydia in 547 B.C., and Babylon in 539 B.C.
- 3. The Third Animal – a leopard with four wings and four heads, this represents the Greek Empire from 331 B.C. to 168 B.C., which had four divisions and four leaders, Lysimachus in the north, Ptolemy in the south, Cassander in the west, and Selucus in the east
- 4. The Fourth Animal – strong beast with iron teeth and ten horns, this represents the Roman Empire from 168 B.C. to 476 A.D.

Defining Terms



Eschatology

- **What Is Eschatology?** The word eschatology stems from the Greek word *eschatos*, meaning “last” or “final,” and pertains to the study of the last or the end of things—namely, the end times, or the final judgment and destiny of humanity.
- *“Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come”* (Matthew 24:40-42).
- And finally, we have the entirety of the apocalyptic Book of Revelation, a vision given to the apostle John by Jesus Christ through an angel, which recounts in vivid detail the final days and the pending showdown between God and Satan



Armageddon

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. or they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Rev. 16:13-16 (KJV)



Day of the Lord



The Day of the Lord by John Martin

The Day of the Lord is that period of time that encompasses God's wrath upon the earth, the return of Christ, the millennial kingdom, and the creation of the new heavens and the new earth. Most of the times it is mentioned, it referred to the period of God's wrath, the seven years Jesus called the Tribulation.

- *Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and it will come as destruction from the Almighty. (Joel 1:15)*
- *For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations. (Ezekiel 30:3)*

Tribulation



The tribulation is a future seven-year period of time when God will finish His discipline of Israel and finalize His judgment of the unbelieving world. The church will not be present during all, part or none (?) of the tribulation

The Great Tribulation

- The Great Tribulation is prophesied to last 42 months (Revelation 11:2; Revelation 13:5), 1,260 days (Revelation 11:3) and “a time, and times, and half a time” (Revelation 12:14; Daniel 12:7).
- Christ Himself used the phrase "Great Tribulation" with reference to the last half of the Tribulation (Matthew 24:21)



70 AD Destruction of Jerusalem

Flavius Josephus (c.37-100)

The War of the Jews (67 – 70)



Wrote the account of the War of Jews

Josephus was general in Galilee. He surrendered to the Romans and worked with them.

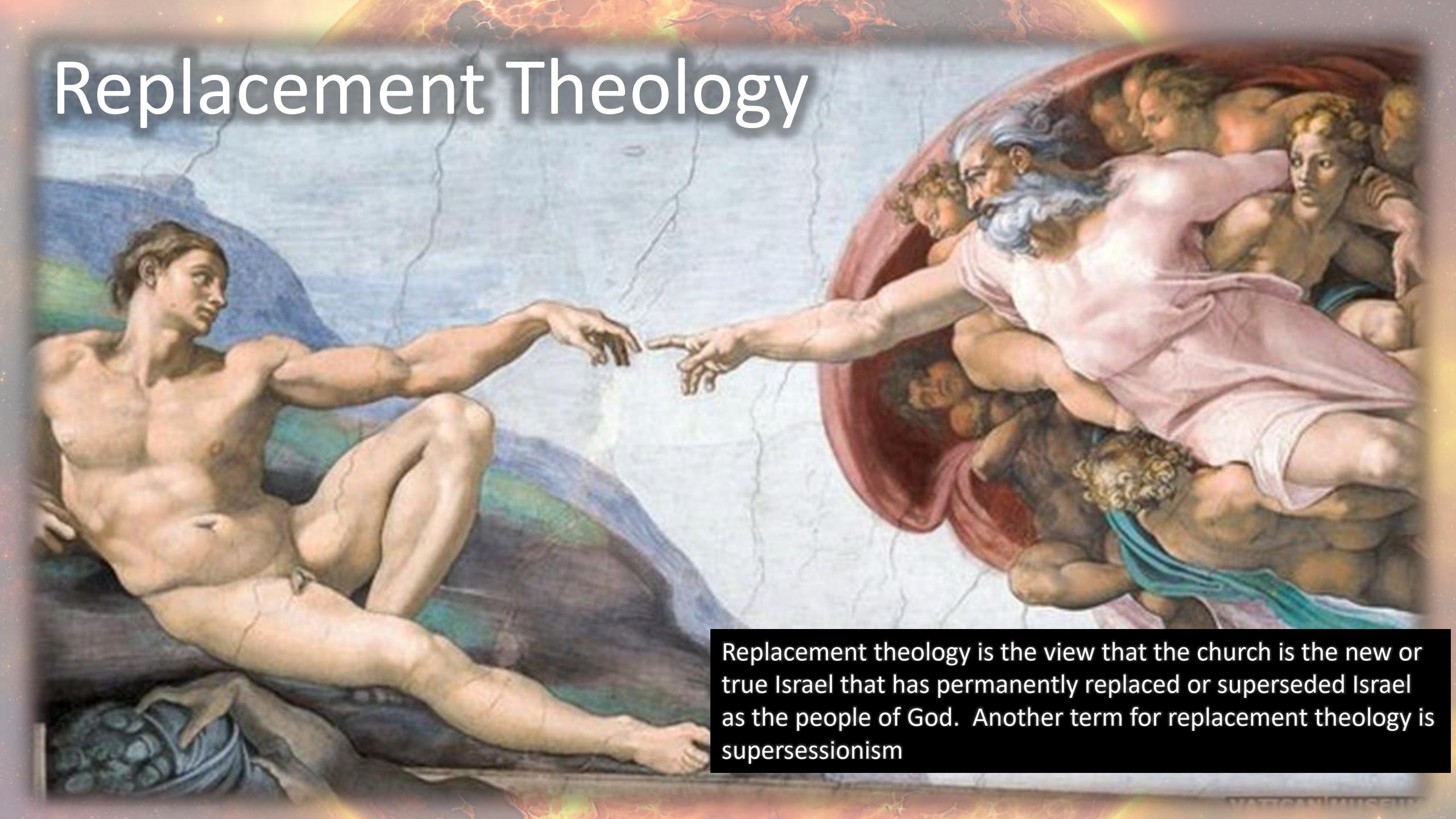
He was held in high esteem by the Romans and lived in Rome after the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Josephus wrote the Antiquities of the Jews and the War of the Jews for a Roman audience. His figures are often grossly exaggerated.

- The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70 & was an unquestionably traumatic event in the history of the Jewish people
- Jesus foretells of the destruction during Olivet Discourse
- The siege of Jerusalem lasted 5 months
- The number of dead was one and a quarter million. Area of Jerusalem at time of siege was a third of a square mile. Many Jews came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover became trapped.
- Probably the numbers are exaggerated by Josephus. The Jewish war would have kept many Jews away from Jerusalem. Many Jewish deaths were due to factional fighting.



Replacement Theology



Replacement theology is the view that the church is the new or true Israel that has permanently replaced or superseded Israel as the people of God. Another term for replacement theology is supersessionism.



Millennial Kingdom

The millennial kingdom is the title given to the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. Some seek to interpret the 1,000 years in an allegorical manner. They understand the 1,000 years as merely a figurative way of saying “a long period of time,” not a literal, physical reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. Rev. 20

DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS (DANIEL 9:24-27)

"Seventy sevens are decreed about your people..." (i.e., Israel v. 24)

DANIEL'S 69 WEEKS

483 YEARS (V. 25)

Seven Weeks of Years

Sixty-two Weeks of Years

49 years

**REBUILDING
OF JERUSALEM**

434 years

**PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE COMING
OF MESSIAH THE PRINCE;** included here
are the 2300 days of 8:13-14;
170 B.C.-164 B.C.; Antichus Epiphanes;
see also chapter 11

B.C. 457
Date of the edict
of Artaxerxes to Ezra
(Ezra 7:11-26; 9:9)

31 A.D.
The Crucifixion (v. 26a)

70 A.D.
Jerusalem destroyed
(v. 26b)

**PROPHETIC GAP
TIME OF THE GENTILES
THE CHURCH AGE**

27 A.D.
Date of the beginning
of Jesus' ministry

"The time is fulfilled;
the Kingdom of God
is at hand." Mark 1:15

The Second Advent of the Messiah
(Daniel 7:13-14)

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK
7 YEARS (V. 25)

One Week of Years

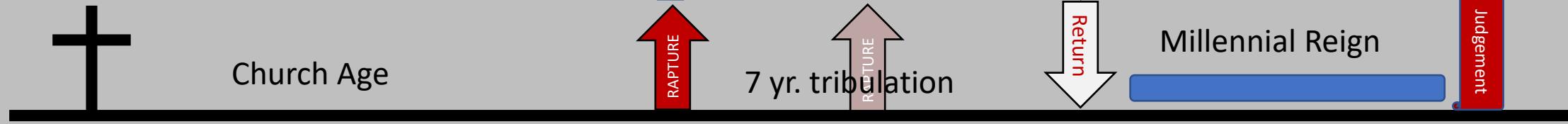
3 1/2 years

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THE TRIBULATION
(DANIEL 9:27, 12:1)

A covenant between Israel
"and the one who is to come"
(v. 26b-27)

Dispensational Pretribulational | Premillennialism



Historical Premillennialism | Pretribulational



Postmillennialism



Amillennialism



Revelation Account

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Seals, Trumpets,
Bowls

