

# Revelation Series

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**“Millennium”** is taken from the Latin word “mille” meaning “thousand.” Theologically, it is used to refer to the thousand-year reign of Christ based on the text in Revelation 20:1–6 (where the Greek word for thousand is used five times).

**mille:** Latin for 1,000

***chilioi:*** Greek for 1,000

The early church called them *chiliasts*.  
We call them *premillennial*.

**Rev. 20:1, “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.”**





Rev. 20:2, “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years**;

Rev. 20:3, “and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the **thousand years** were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”



**Rev. 20:4, “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years.**”**

Rev. 20:5, “But the rest of the dead did not live again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Rev. 20:6, “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him **a thousand years.**”

# Postmillennialism

Christ returns *after* the  
Millennial Kingdom

**First  
Resurrection**  
is spiritual at  
conversion



**Second  
Coming**

Second  
Resurrection

All Judgment

Continual Progress



**Church Age**

**Kingdom**

**Eternity**



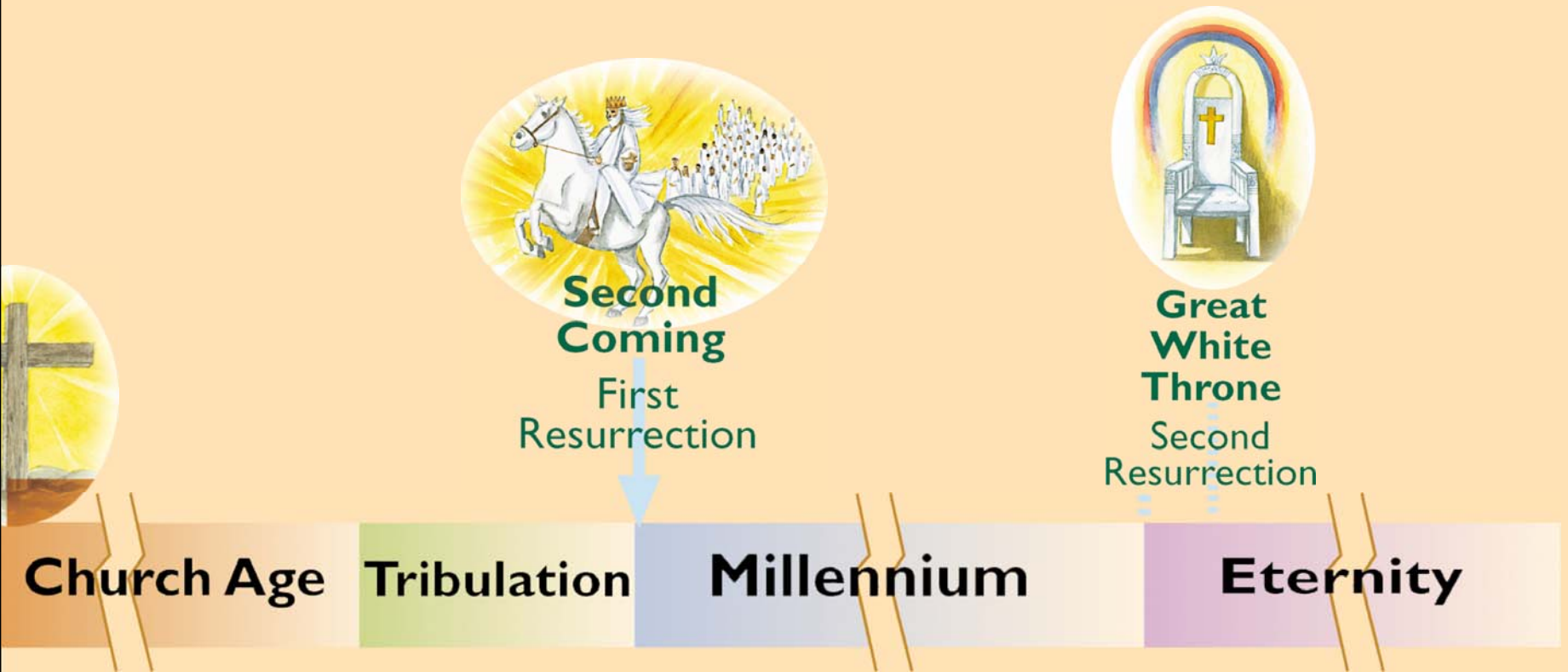
**That view of last things which holds that the kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the Gospel and the saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individuals, that the world is eventually to be Christianized, and that the return of Christ is to occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly called the “Millennium.” ... The second coming of Christ will be followed immediately by the general resurrection, the general judgment, and the introduction of heaven and hell in their fullness.**

**~Lorraine Boettner**



# Premillennialism

Jesus returns *before* the beginning of the kingdom



# Amillennialism

No literal, earthly kingdom  
1,000 is merely a symbolic number



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