

Series: Systematic Theology Part 4
Title: The Millennium
Purpose: To examine the nature of the millennium and its relationship to the great tribulation.
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- I. Explanation of the three major views related to Revelation 20:2-5 (diagrams on reverse side of this sheet)
 - A. Amillennialism - no 1000 year period
 - B. Postmillennialism
 - C. Premillennialism
 1. Classic
 2. Pretribulational

- II. Arguments for amillennialism
 - A. Only 1 passage - Revelation 20:1-6 -may not be enough to base major doctrine on
 - B. Only 1 resurrection - John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15
 - C. Glorified believers and sinners living together untenable
 - D. If Christ is reigning in glory how can people be living in sin
 - E. No purpose for millennium
 - F. Counterarguments

- III. Arguments for postmillennialism
 - A. Great commission says we have all authority
 - B. Parable of mustard says it will fill the earth
 - C. World is becoming more Christian
 - D. Definition of millennium is different - not a renewed earth or glorified saints
 - E. Responses

- IV. Arguments for premillennialism
 - A. Problem Old Testament passages
 - B. New Testament passages
 - C. Revelation 20 - main one

- V. Time of the great tribulation
 - A. Matthew 24:21 - major passage - trouble like none before
 - B. Arguments for pretribulation rapture
 - C. Arguments against pretribulation rapture
 - D. Midtribulation rapture
 - E. Arguments for post-tribulation rapture

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