

What is eschatology?

The doctrine of "last things" (Gk. eschata) either in relation to the individual human being (death, resurrection, judgment and life after death) or to the world.

Are there areas of eschatology on which most Christians agree?

When believers die they go to be with Christ which is far better.
All must appear before the judgment seat of Christ
All the dead will be raised: certainty of it
Christ is coming back again as He promised He would
As the result of Christ's return there will be a new and glorious universe
(see additional on p. 2)

Are there areas of eschatology on which Christians disagree?

The time of His coming: premil, pretrib, midtrib, posttrib; postmil; amil
The time of the resurrections: first and second resurrections
Whether or not there is an earthly reign of Christ
The final state of Satan
Meaning of New Heaven, New earth, and New Jerusalem
The future of the nation Israel
The period between the Rapture and the Revelation

What are premil, post mil, amil?

- a. premil - Christ will come and the resurrection of saints takes place before the millennium. Tribulation period of seven years and appearance of Man of Sin before Christ returns.
- b. postmil - through preaching Gospel a large number will be saved from all nations and usher in a glorious era (millennium) on earth at the close of which Christ returns.
- c. amil - Those who believe in a spiritual millennium which is past or nearly so
Those who do not believe in an earthly millennium at all
The millennium is to be interpreted as fulfilled in the Christian Church.

State positive evidence for your view (premil)

- a. The manner and time of the setting up of His kingdom on earth, Dan.2:44,45
Demolition is not interpenetration & peaceable conversion
- b. Blessings follow His return Ps.72:6-11; Isa.2:2-4; Mic.4:1-3; Zech.14:4,9
- c. The reigning upon the twelve thrones (Mat.19:28) cannot be spiritualized to the present time but must be after His return (Mat.25:31)
- d. Conditions existing prior to His return Lk.18:8; 2 Thess.1:7-10; 2:1-12; Jas.5:1-8
- e. The millennium will take place on earth, Dan.2:35,38,39; Rev.5:10