

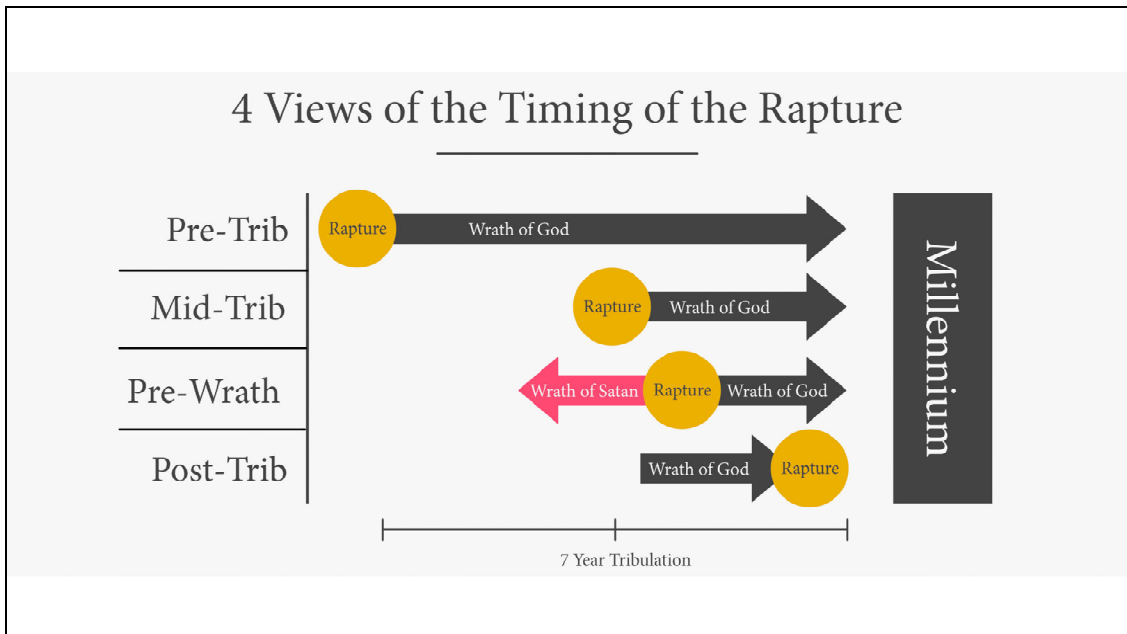
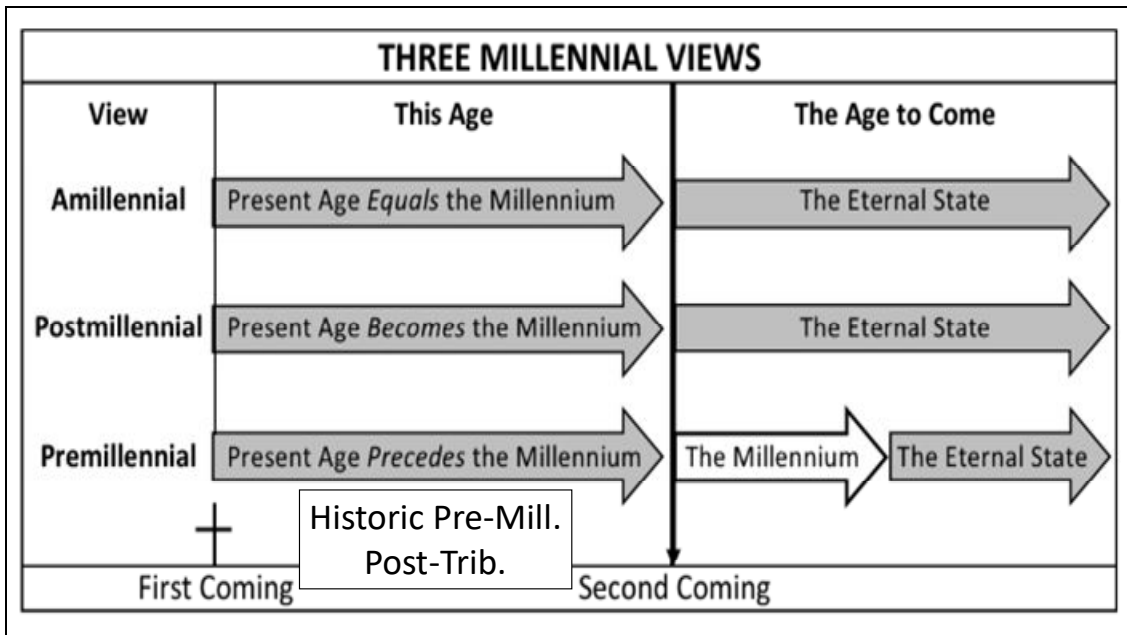
ESCHATOLOGY – Part 1

3 Categories of Questions in Eschatology

- The Issue is **Hermeneutics**
- What is **Dispensationalism**?
- Why? | How did I **change** and **Miscellaneous** Matters?

HERMENEUTICS (How We Read Our Bibles)

- I. Simeon Trust
- II. Literal or Literary?
 - a. Literal
 - b. Literary
- III. Apocalyptic
 - a. Symbolism
 - b. Prophecy
- IV. Four Pillars of Orthodoxy
- V. Second Coming of Christ
- VI. Millennium | Tribulation Big Picture



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- Eschatology is not just a discussion of "last things" or signs of the end. The question of last things is tied to our basic understanding of how to read the Bible. I believe the Bible is a Christ-centered book, and that a truly biblical eschatology must be centered around the person and work of Jesus Christ.

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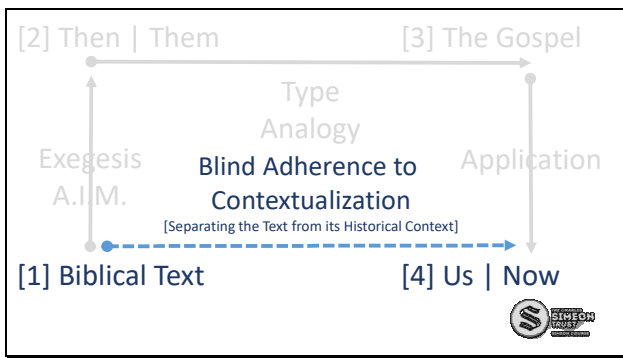
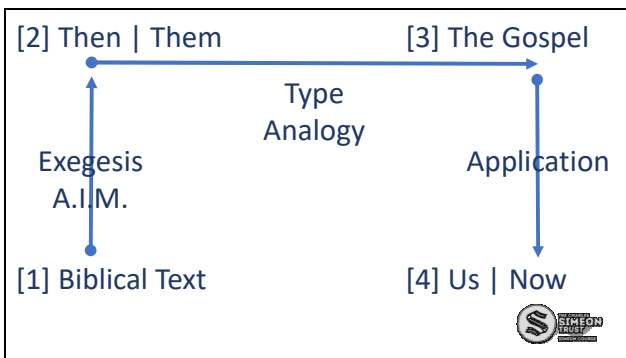
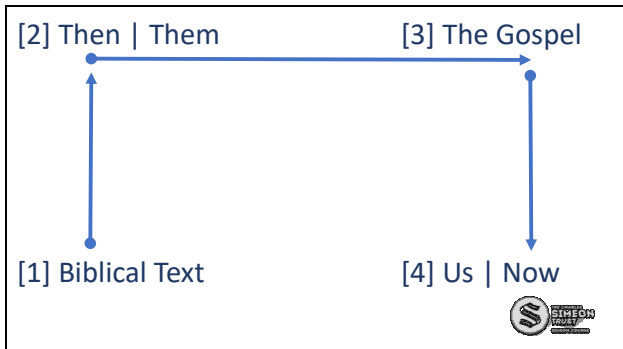
- The New Testament presents a Christ-centered reading of redemptive history and reinterprets the place of Israel in that redemptive history in light of the coming of Jesus Christ, who is the true Israel.

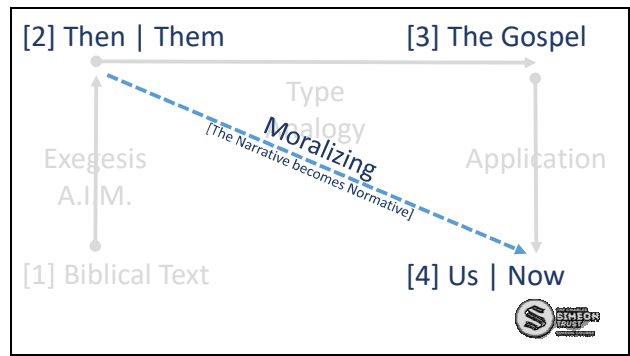
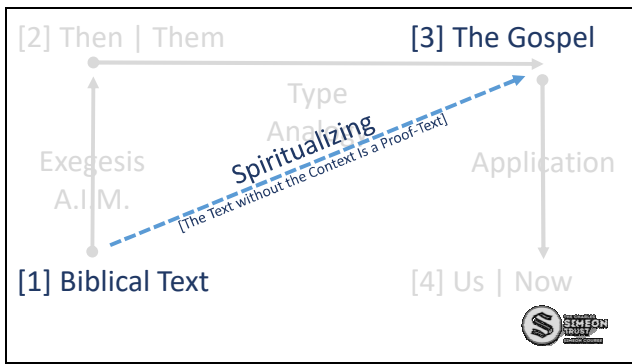
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- Understanding the difference between the amillennial hermeneutic and the dispensational hermeneutic is the key to understanding the essence of this debate.

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FOR EXAMPLE			
	Shadow Type	Substance Anti-Type	
THE TEXT Gen. 12:1-3	THEM THEN	GOSPEL	US NOW
A Land	Joshua 1:2-6; 21:43	Hebrews 4:1ff	JESUS
A Seed	Exodus 1:9, 10 <small>Numbers 1:17-46 (*46); Josh. 24:3</small>	Galatians 3:16	
A Blessing	Joshua 2:8-14 <small>[Rahab]; [Gibeonites] 9:22-27 [Proselytes]</small>	Eph. 1:3	

Literal or Literary?

What's the Difference?

LITERAL

- Literal interpretation asserts that a biblical text is to be interpreted according to the “plain meaning” conveyed by its grammatical construction and historical context. The literal meaning is held to correspond to the intention of the authors.
- www.britannica.com/topic/literal-interpretation

LITERARY | GENRE

- The Bible is a work of literature. Literature comes in different genres, or categories based on style, and each is read and appreciated differently from another.
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-genres.html>

LITERARY | GENRE

- For example, to confuse a work of science fiction with a medical textbook would cause many problems—they must be understood differently. And both science fiction and a medical text must be understood differently from poetry.
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LITERARY | GENRE

- **Historical Narrative** – Plot Line [Much of the OT; Gospels]
- **Legal Documents** - Royal Gift Covenant and Vassal Treaty [The LAW]
- **Poetic | Wisdom Literature** – Parallelism [Psalms], Proverbs [Proverbs are often metaphorical and use formulaic language], and Symbolism [Song of Solomon]

LITERARY | GENRE

- **Didactic** - Letters [Paul's Letters]
- **Parables** [Metaphor; Similes – “Like or As”]
- **Prophetic** – Something future finding fulfillment in Christ
- **Apocalyptic** – Symbolic language of future events

APOCALYPTIC

- **apocalyptic literature**, literary [genre](#) that foretells supernaturally inspired cataclysmic events that will transpire at the end of the world. A product of the Judeo-Christian tradition, apocalyptic literature is characteristically pseudonymous; it takes narrative form, employs [esoteric](#) language, expresses a pessimistic view of the present, and treats the final events as [imminent](#).

• <https://www.britannica.com/art/apocalyptic-literature>

APOCALYPTIC

- The earliest [apocalypses](#) are Jewish works that date from about 200 bce to about 165 bce. Whereas earlier Jewish writers, the Prophets, had foretold the coming of disasters, often in esoteric language, they neither placed these disasters in a narrative framework nor conceived of them in eschatological terms. During the time of the Hellenistic domination of Palestine and the revolt of the Maccabees, however, a pessimistic view of the present became coupled with an expectation of an apocalyptic scenario, which is characterized by an imminent crisis, a universal judgment, and a supernatural resolution.

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SYMBOLISM

- For Example; real things are assigned symbolic meaning.
 - Jesus as a Lamb (Rev. 5:6, 8, 12, 13).
 - Satan as a Serpent (Rev. 12:9, 14, 15).
 - Angels as stars (Rev. 1:20).
 - Churches as Lampstands (Rev. 1:20).
 - Two witness as olive trees and lampstands (Rev. 11:3, 4)

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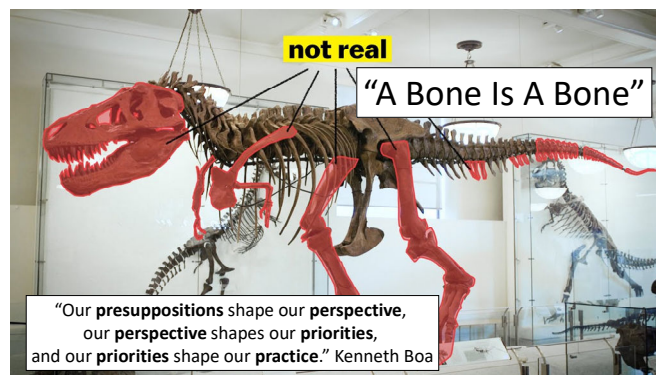
- For Example; Numbers are assigned significance and occur as mnemonic devices or means of remembering something else.

- Chapters 2 and 3 7 Churches
- Chapters 6-8:5 7 Seals
- Chapter 7 144,000 Jews
- Chapters 8:6-11:19 7 Trumpets
- Chapter 13:16 666
- Chapter 16 7 Bowls
- Chapter 20 Millennium

	The bread of life (John 6:35) Sustainer for all we need
	The light of the world (John 8:12) Spiritual light and revelation to mankind
	The door of the sheep (John 10:7) Entry way to Heaven and guardian of the sheep
	The good shepherd (John 10:11) Protection, guidance and care for the sheep
	The resurrection and the life (John 11:25) Power for life and guarantee of the life to come
	The way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) Only way to the Father and the final word in all truth
	The true vine (John 15:1) Source of all goodness and fruitfulness

PROPHECY

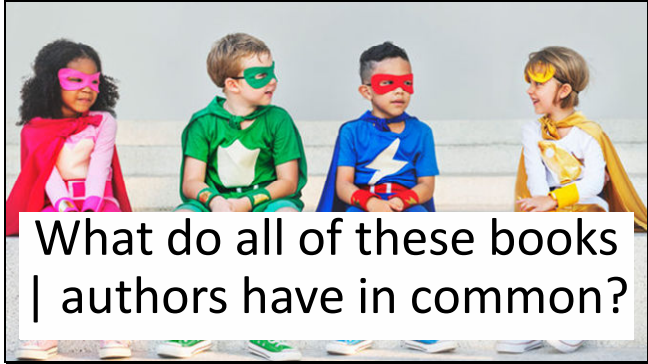
- All Biblical Prophecy is Christo-Centric.
 - All future events point to and find fulfillment in Christ.
 - Thus, all promises made to Israel are fulfilled in Christ.





PROPHECY

- [Best Sellers in Christian Prophecies - Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
- [Prophecy and End Times - Christian Books - Moody Publishers](https://www.moodypublishers.com)
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4 PILLARS OF ORTHODOX ESCHATOLOGY

A Future Literal Actual Return Of Jesus	A Future Literal Actual Bodily Resurrection	A Future Literal Actual Final Judgment	An Already- Not Yet Literal Actual Heaven And Hell
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