Amillennialism

Amillennialism – There is NO future Millennium. Amillennialism is the belief that the current church age is the fulfillment of the Millennium spoken of in Revelation 20:1-10. Thus, the Millennium is now. This is also called “Realized Millennialism.” Amillennialism uses an interpretation of Revelation 20:1-10 which is allegorical and non-literal. The 1000 years is simply a figure of speech referring to a long period of time. It typically assumes that Christ will bring the final judgment and eternal state immediately at his Second Coming. It sees no practical purpose for a future millennium on earth where Christ must rule as King over the earth. There are differences between Amillennial believers on various issues.

Key Points in Amillennialism
- Revelation 20:1-10 describes the present church age
- 1000 yrs is figurative
- Christ reigns from heaven
- Satan is currently bound
- Binding of Satan greatly enhances the spread of the gospel in the world
- Those who reign with Christ are Christians who have already died and are in heaven
- Christ returns at the end of the church age
- One future resurrection of both believers and unbelievers; John 5:28-29
  - The first resurrection of Rev 20:4-6 is believers regeneration at salvation
  - Unbelievers to final judgment eternal condemnation in Rev 20:11-15
- New Heavens and Earth begin at Christ’s return after judgment
- Nature of the Millennium is non-utopian with a significant presence of sin
- Replacement Theology – No or little distinction between Church and Israel
- Some hold no Great Tribulation, tribulation occurs for Christians throughout history
- Some hold Great tribulation and Antichrist
- Covenantal, Non-dispensational
- Famous Amillennialists – Hoekema, Riddlebarger, Gaffin, Sam Storms

![Amillennialism Diagram]
Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism – Christ will return AFTER the Millennium. Postmillennialism is the belief 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, and that the world will eventually be Christianized, and that the return of Christ will occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly called the Millennium spoken of in Revelation 20:1-10. These events will be followed by the resurrection, judgment and the eternal state. There are differences between Postmillennial believers on different issues.

Key Points in Postmillennialism

- Revelation 20:1-10 describes the present church age which culminates in a worldwide reception of the Gospel and a time of unprecedented peace at the end of which Christ will return
- 1000 yrs may or may not be figurative
- Christ reigns from heaven, implements authority through Church and gospel
- Satan is currently bound
- Binding of Satan greatly enhances the spread of the gospel in the world
- Postmillennialism is very optimistic about the power of the gospel to change lives and society as well
- Christ returns at the end of or AFTER the Millennium or church age
- One resurrection of both believers and unbelievers; John 5:28-29
  - Unbelievers to final judgment eternal condemnation in Rev 20:11-15
- New Heavens and Earth begin at Christ’s return after judgment
- Nature of the Millennium is semi-utopian with a significant presence of sin
- Some Replacement Theology – No distinction between Church and Israel
- Some hold to a future restoration of Israel in the Millennium
- No Great Tribulation, rather tribulation occurs for Christians throughout history
- Covenantal, Non-dispensational
- Famous Postmillennialists – Jonathan Edwards, Hodge, BB Warfield, Boettner

![Postmillennialism Diagram](image-url)