



The Millennium

Part 1 of 2

Why Study General Eschatology?



Biblical emphasis

Foundational nature

Spiritual warfare against our hope

Revelation 20:1-3 (NAU)

¹Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

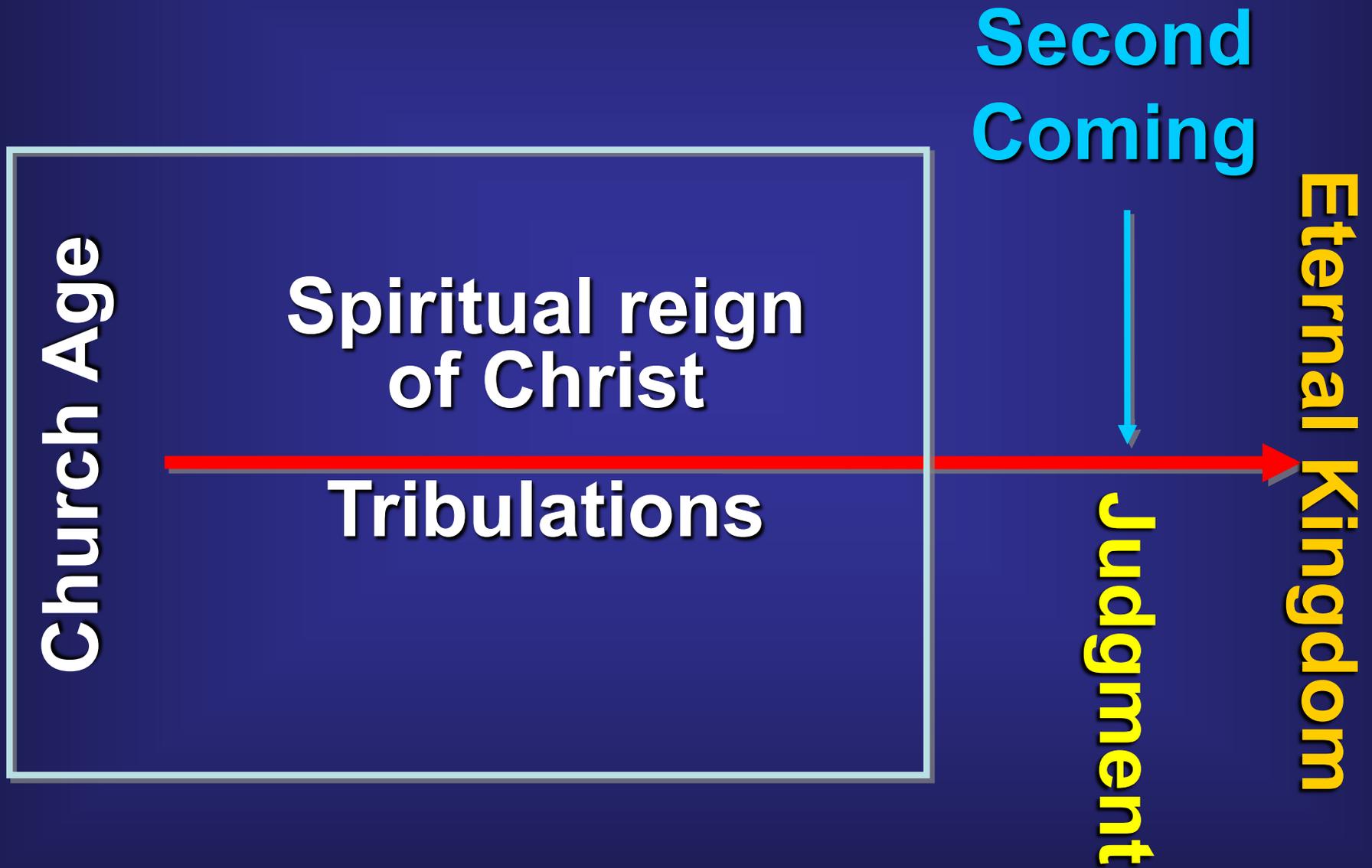
Revelation 20:4 (NAU)

⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

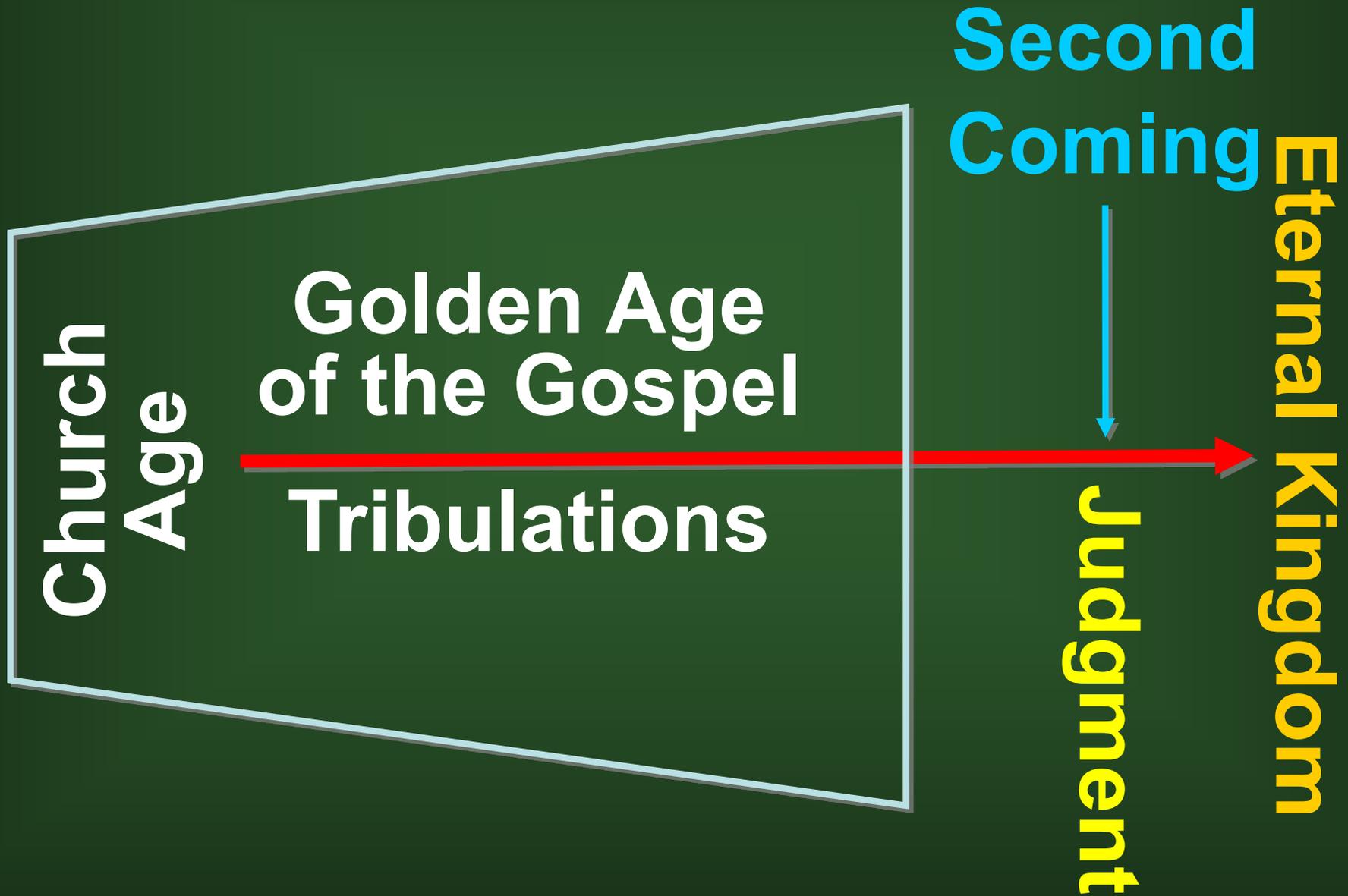
Revelation 20:5-6 (NAU)

⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Amillennialism



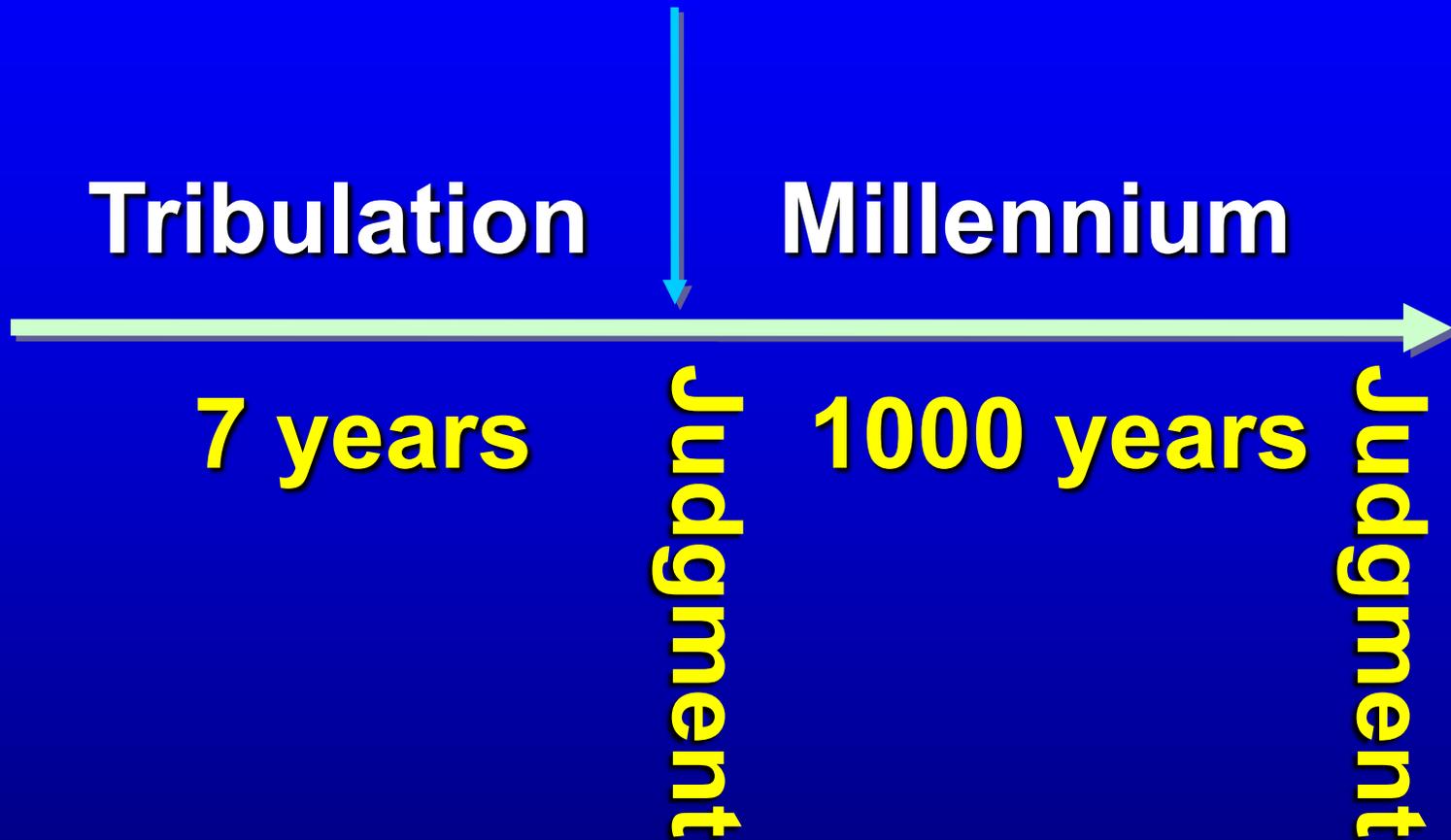
Postmillennialism



Premillennialism

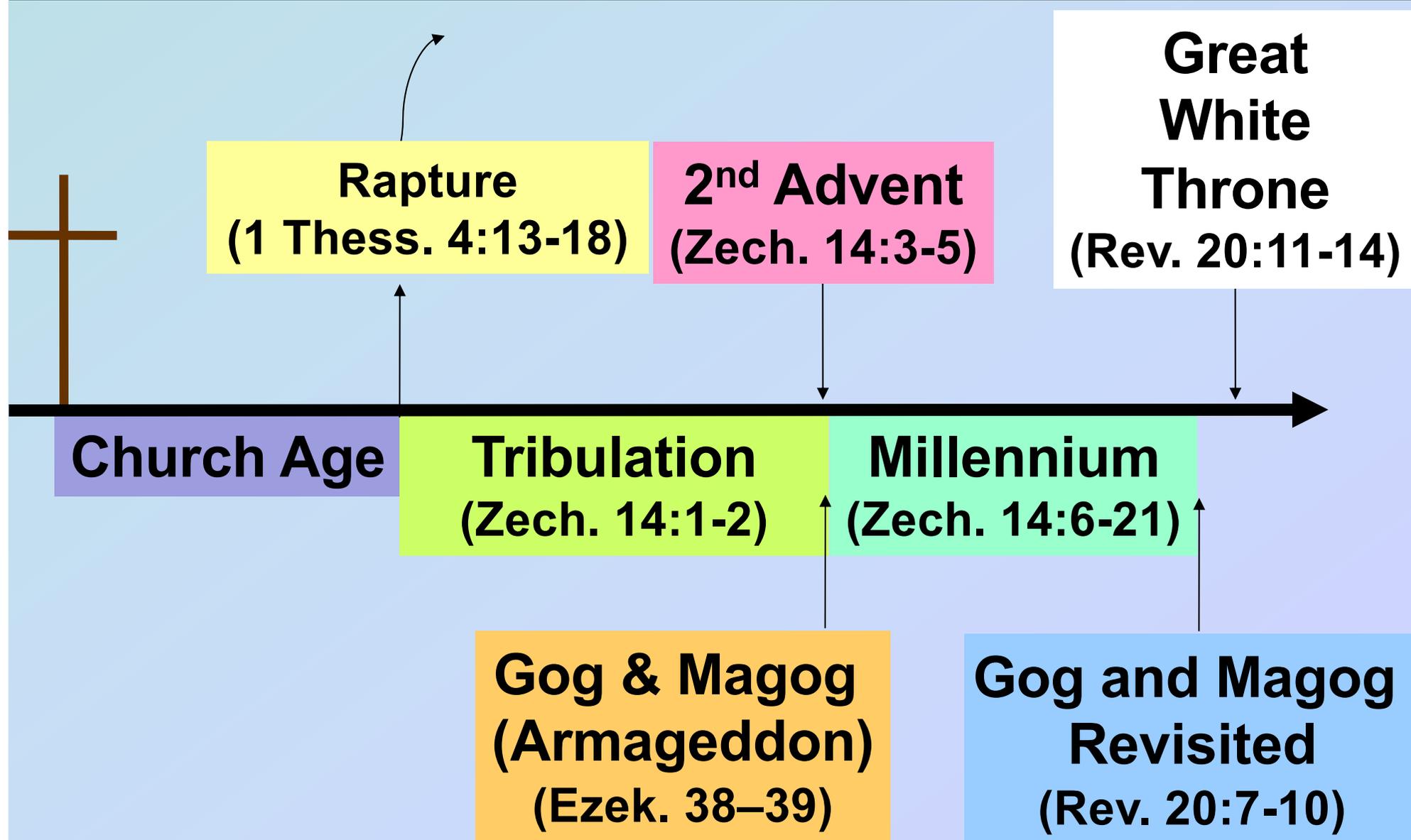
Second Coming = Second Advent

Church Age



Eternal Kingdom

A Dispensational Timeline



Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &
Postmillennialism**

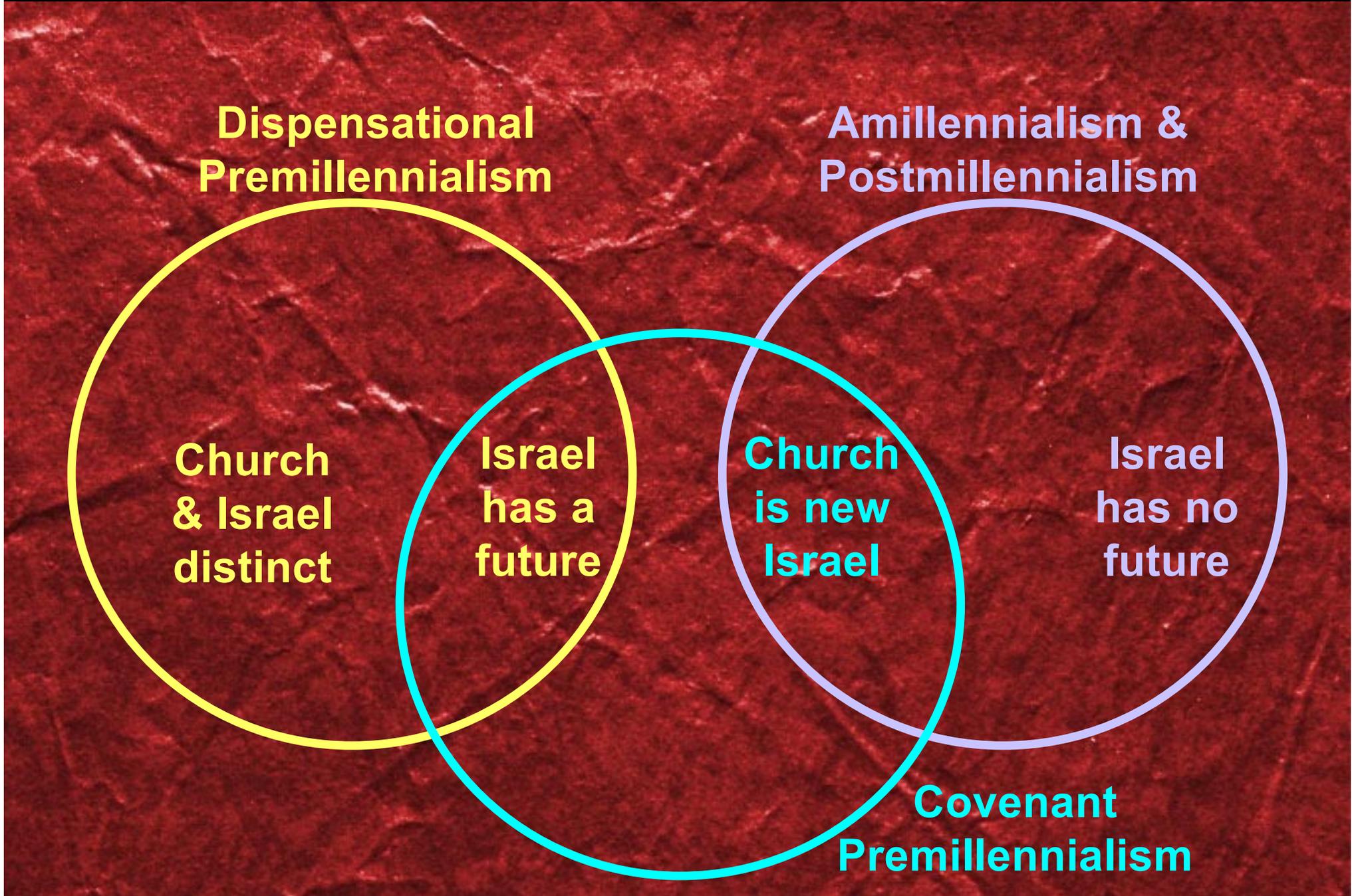
**Church
& Israel
distinct**

**Israel
has a
future**

**Church
is new
Israel**

**Israel
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future**

**Covenant
Premillennialism**



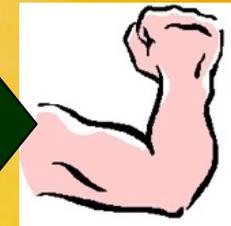
Revelation 20:4-6 Diagrammed

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1000 years



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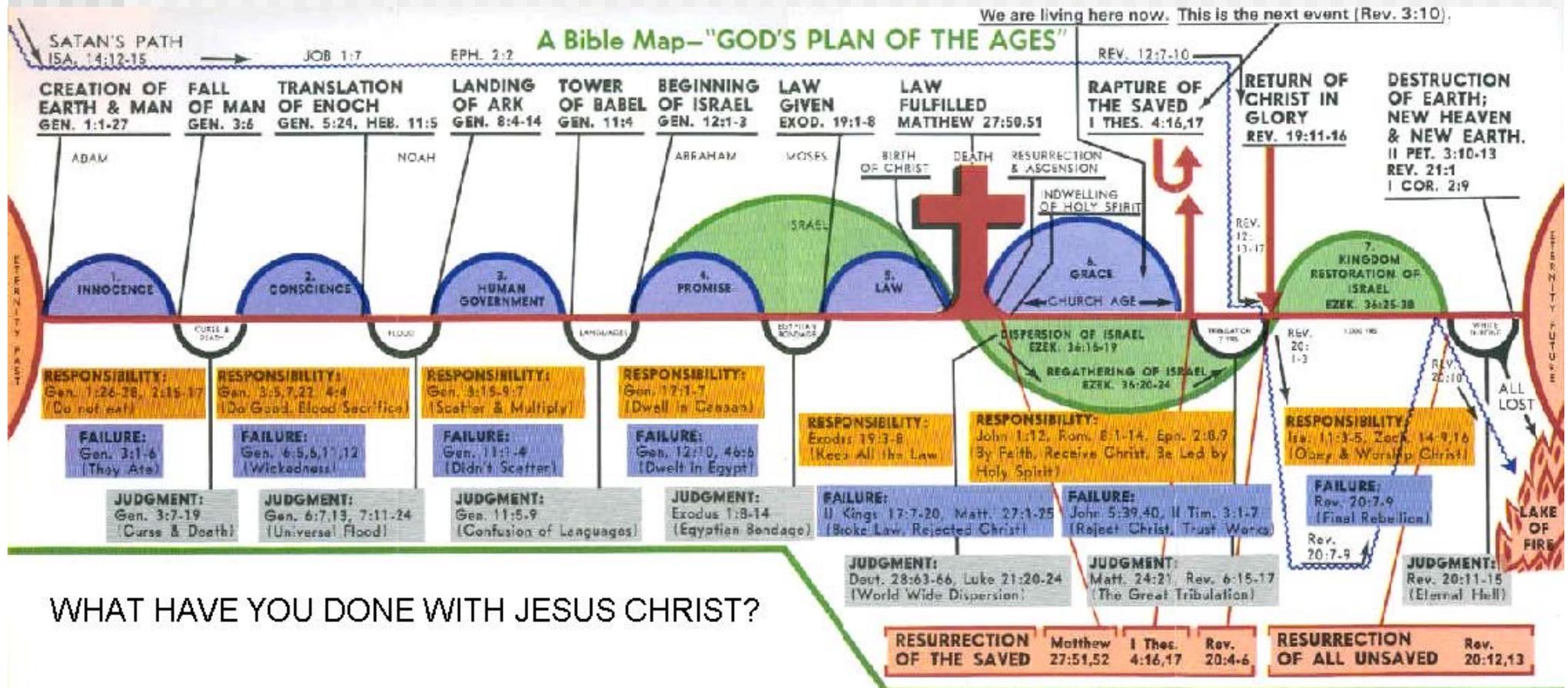
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Dispensationalism

Definition:

Dispensationalism is a theological system of normal interpretation that distinguishes between Israel and the Church to the degree that national Israel still has a future as a believing nation on earth after the return of Christ.

Dispensationalists Like Charts



What's the Difference?

	Dispensational	Non-Dispensational
<i>Israel & the Church</i>	Separate entities Israel ≠ Church	Same people of God Israel = Church (the "New Israel")
<i>Literal Interpretation</i>	Consistently employed	Spiritualizing acceptable
<i>Unifying Theme of Bible</i>	Glory of God or Kingdom of God	Redemption of man or Kingdom of God

What's the Difference?

	Dispensational	Non-Dispensational
<i>Millennial View</i>	Always premil	Pre-, Post-, or Amil
<i>Tribulational View</i>	Pretrib	Mid- or Posttrib
<i>Recognizes Differing Economies</i>	Yes—often 7 dispensations	Yes & No—Covenant of Grace but no sacrifices

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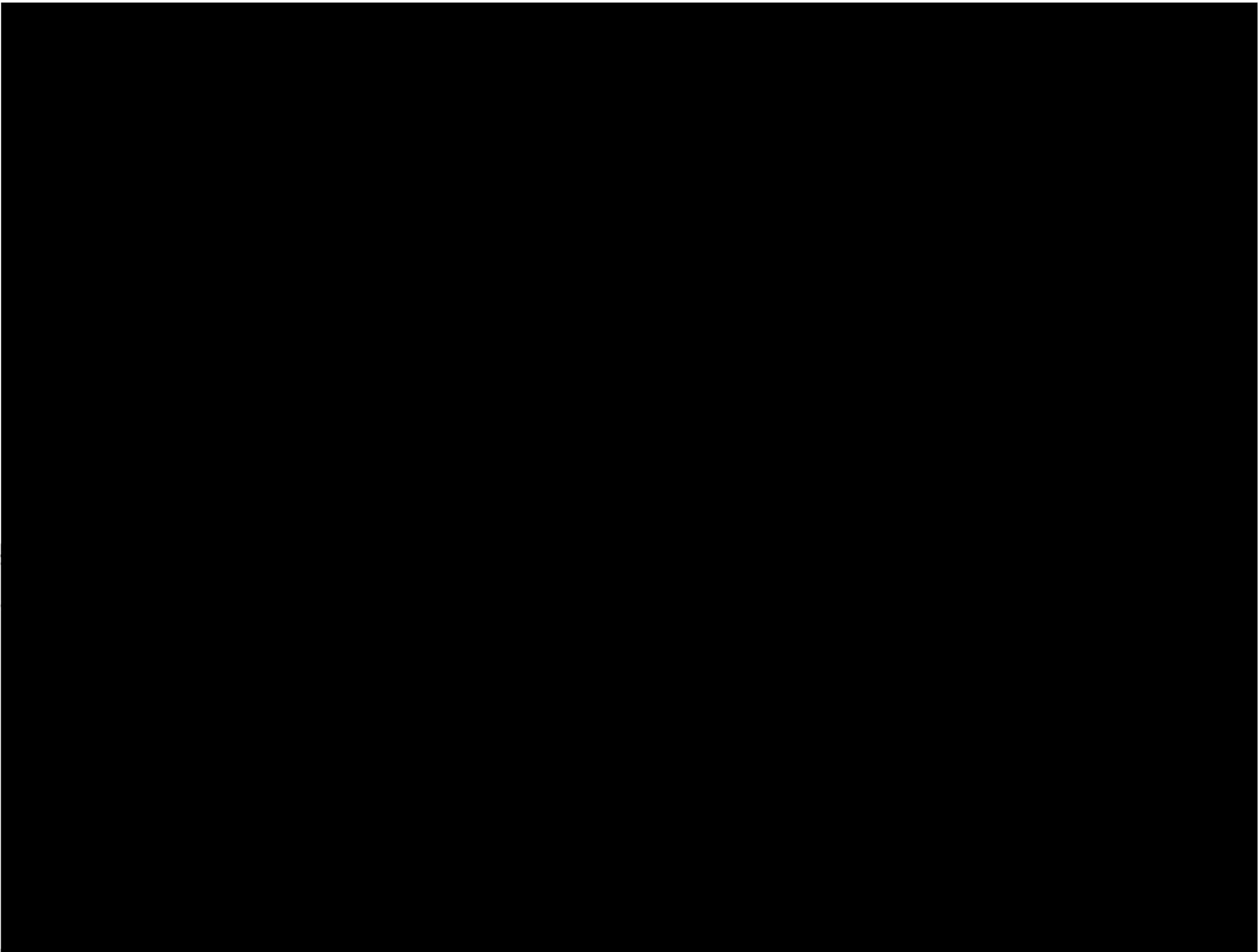
	Dispensational	Non-Dispensational
<i>Biblical Covenants</i>	Unconditional	Conditional or fulfilled
<i>Future for Israel?</i>	Yes	No (though covenant/historic premil says yes)
<i>Is the Church foreseen in the OT?</i>	Generally No	Yes

What's the Difference?

	Dispensational	Non-Dispensational
<i>Distinguishes law & grace</i>	More sharply	Not so sharp
<i>Theological stance</i>	Almost always conservative (few premil liberals!)	Conservative or liberal
<i>Number of Adherents</i>	Many—especially at lay level and at Bible colleges	Growing—especially at seminary level and Catholic Church

A Literal Kingdom for David's Line

1. Ordinary language for "kingdom" is used
2. Prophets interpreted the kingdom literally
3. Israel interpreted the kingdom literally
4. 586 BC kingdom overthrown is the same kind
5. The Davidic Covenant relates only to Israel
6. David saw the covenant applying only to Israel
7. Portions have been fulfilled literally
8. David's throne is not related to Christ's present session in heaven
9. John, Jesus, the 12, and the 70 all offered Israel a literal kingdom (Matt. 3:11; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:1, 9)



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