

Schools of Eschatology are:

- First, Idealism/Spiritualism/Symbolism – this teaches that prophecies should not be taken literally but allegorically¹.
- Preterist Postmillennialism and Amillennialism – this teaches that apocalyptic events took place in the past; the millennium is usually seen as the success of Christianity, starting with Constantine, and the Church, and will eventually bring in a utopia.²
- Historic Millennialism – those who adhere to this school of eschatology believe we are in the midst of the apocalyptic events traced through church history; in the 17th & 18th centuries those who held to this belief put themselves in Revelation chapter 11 and were looking for a later millennium.
- Futurist Premillennialism—those who hold to this view, of which I am one, believe and teach that apocalyptic events are yet to occur. They expect a future rapture, great tribulation, literal Antichrist, and battle of Armageddon, all culminating in the future return of Jesus Christ, who will literally rule for 1,000 years from Jerusalem.

They also believe, and I also believe, that the Jews still have a major role to play in future events, that they will return to the promised land, that God will give all of it to them as He promised, and that Christ will return as their

¹ Allegorically – symbolically, fictional, figuratively

² (Watson, 2015)

Messiah. It is in this school of eschatology that Dispensationalism resides.

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