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- Coming Kingdom (Millennium)
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Amillennialism- *The belief that there is no literal millennium, but that the millennium is symbolic of a present reality realized through Christ's reign in Heaven and within the hearts of believers.*

1000 Years- 1000 years is a figurative number. The millennium is now. Christ is reigning in His kingdom

Great Tribulation Period- Occurs at the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ which is a figurative number.

Anti-Christ- Literal Figure. Will rise, control the world.

Apostasy- Future, prior to the return of Christ.

Satan- Bound at the beginning of the present millennial time. Released at the end.

Return of Christ- One return after the figurative millennium period where He will set up the New Heavens and Earth.

Rapture- Mostly post-trib and will occur at the time of the return of Christ.

Resurrection- One resurrection of all people at approximately the same time at the return of Christ.

Judgment- One judgment at the consummation of all things

Israel and the Church- Mostly the Church replaces Israel. The N.T. Church is the true Israel.

Kingdom of God- A spiritual reality in which we now live.

Charismatic Gifts- Mostly cessationist

Gospel- Will be preached everywhere

New Heavens & New Earth- After the figurative 1000 years is finished at Christ's return

Dispensational Premillennialism- *The belief that the future Christ will come and set up His Kingdom on earth and reign for one thousand years.*

1000 Years- Future, literal 1000 years.

Great Tribulation Period- Occurs before the 1000 year reign of Christ.

Anti-Christ- Literal Figure. Will rise, control the world.

Apostasy- Prior to the 1000 year reign.

Satan- Bound at the end of the tribulation, before the 1000 year reign. Released after the 1000 year reign.

Return of Christ- 1) A partial return before the 7-year tribulation. 2) Another return after the 7 years.

Rapture-The Church will be raptured before the 7-year tribulation which is before the millennium.

Resurrection- 1) A resurrection of the good at the rapture. 2) A resurrection at the beginning of the 1000 year reign of Jesus. 3) A resurrection after 1000 years. 4) A resurrection of the wicked to damnation

Judgment- 1) A judgment of the raptured 2) A judgment of the nations 3) A judgment of the wicked at the end of the 1000 years

Israel and the Church- Israel and the church are separate. The church replaces Israel because Israel rejected the Messiah

Kingdom of God- Literal, physical reign of Jesus during the 1000 years

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New Heavens & New Earth- After the 1000 year reign of Christ is completed

Historical Premillennialism- *The belief that the future Christ will come and set up His Kingdom on earth and reign for one thousand years.*

1000 Years- Future, literal 1000 years.

Great Tribulation Period- Occurs before the 1000 year reign of Christ.

Anti-Christ- Literal Figure. Will rise, control the world.

Apostasy- Prior to the 1000 year reign.

Satan- Bound at the end of the tribulation, before the 1000 year reign. Released after the 1000 year reign.

Return of Christ- 1) A partial return before the 7-year tribulation – some say after
2) Physical appearance to reign in the millennial kingdom.

Rapture- Saints are raptured after the 7-year tribulation and before the millennial reign.

Resurrection- 1) A resurrection of the saints before the millennium
2) A resurrection of everyone after the millennium

Judgment- One judgment at the consummation of all things

Israel and the Church- The Church fulfills what Israel was supposed to do.

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New Heavens & New Earth- After the 1000 year reign of Christ is completed

Postmillennialism- *The belief that the Church ushers in the millennium through the triumph of the Gospel*

1000 Years- Differing opinions. 1) A future 1000 years of peace ushered in by the preaching of the gospel that converts the world.
2) We are possibly in the millennial period now due to the preaching of the gospel worldwide.

Great Tribulation Period- The Great tribulation occurs at the end of the millennium.

Anti-Christ- Non-Literal Figure

Apostasy- ?

Satan- Real Figure will be bound by the preaching of the gospel throughout the world

Return of Christ- One return after the figurative millennium period where He will set up the New Heavens and Earth.

Rapture- Not real to most in this camp. Simultaneous to the return of Christ for others

Resurrection- One resurrection of all people at approximately the same time at the return of Christ.

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Israel and the Church- The Church replaces Israel. The N.T. Church is the true Israel.

Kingdom of God- A spiritual and physical reality affected through worldwide conversion

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Bethlehem



Cross



Tomb



Ascension



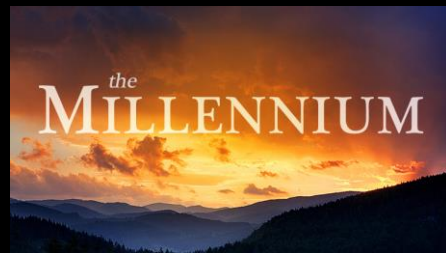
Holy Spirit



Church



**70th Week
of Daniel**



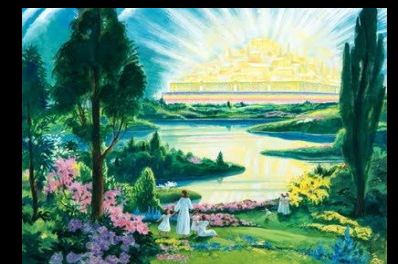
**1000 Year
Reign**



**Gog &
Magog**

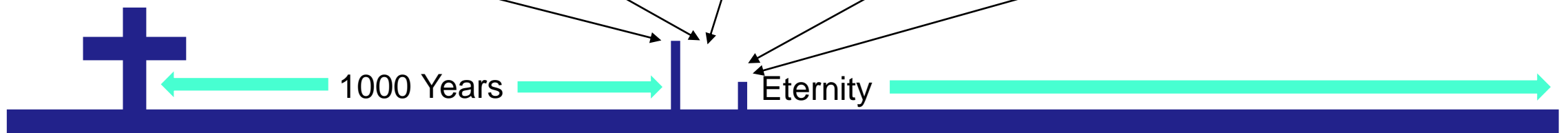
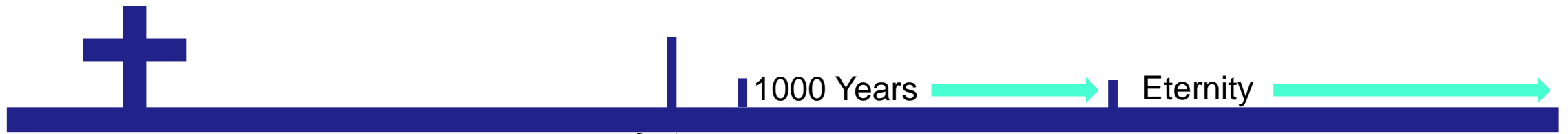


**White Throne
Judgment**



**New Heaven
& New Earth**

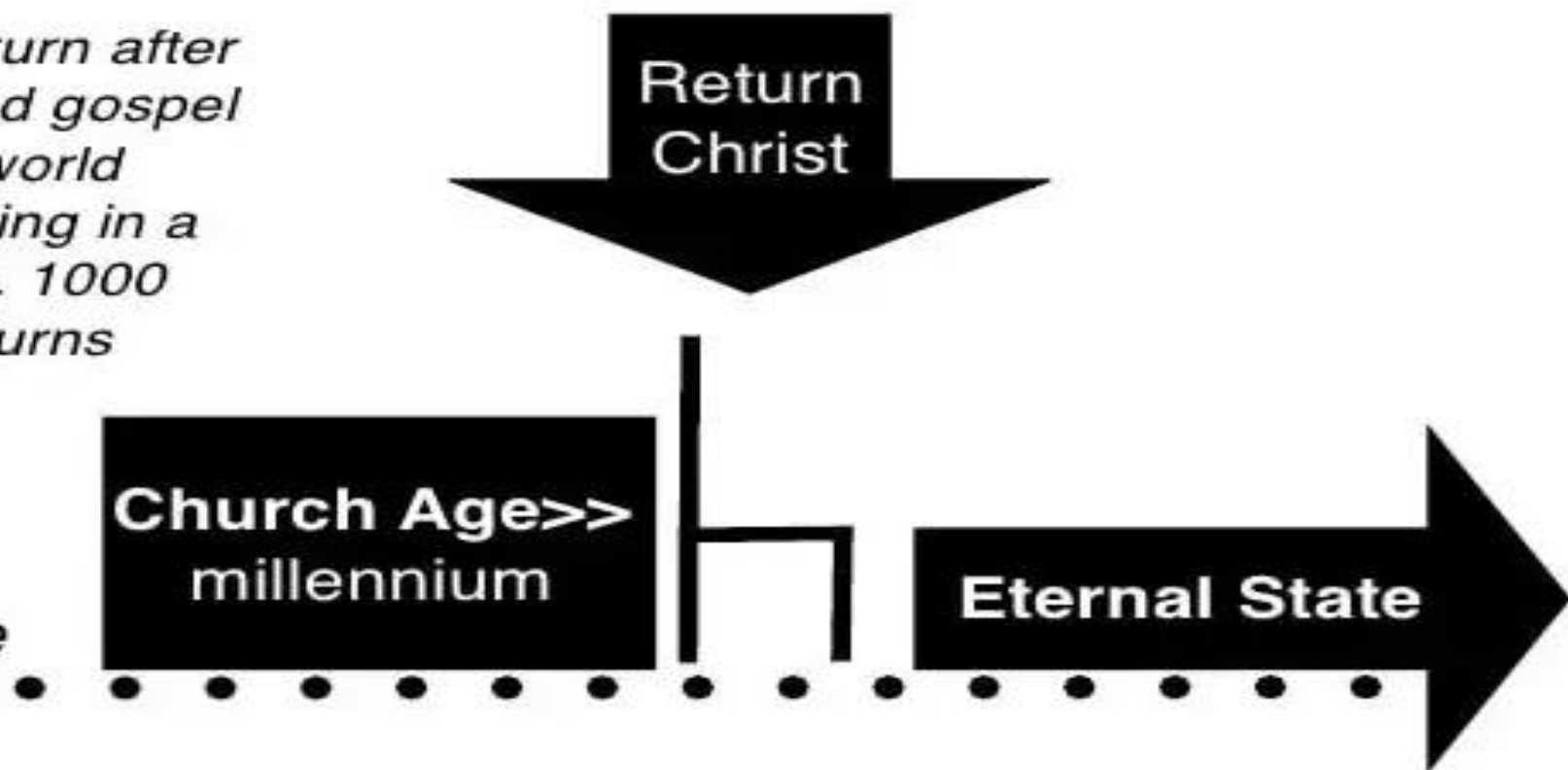
Premillennialism



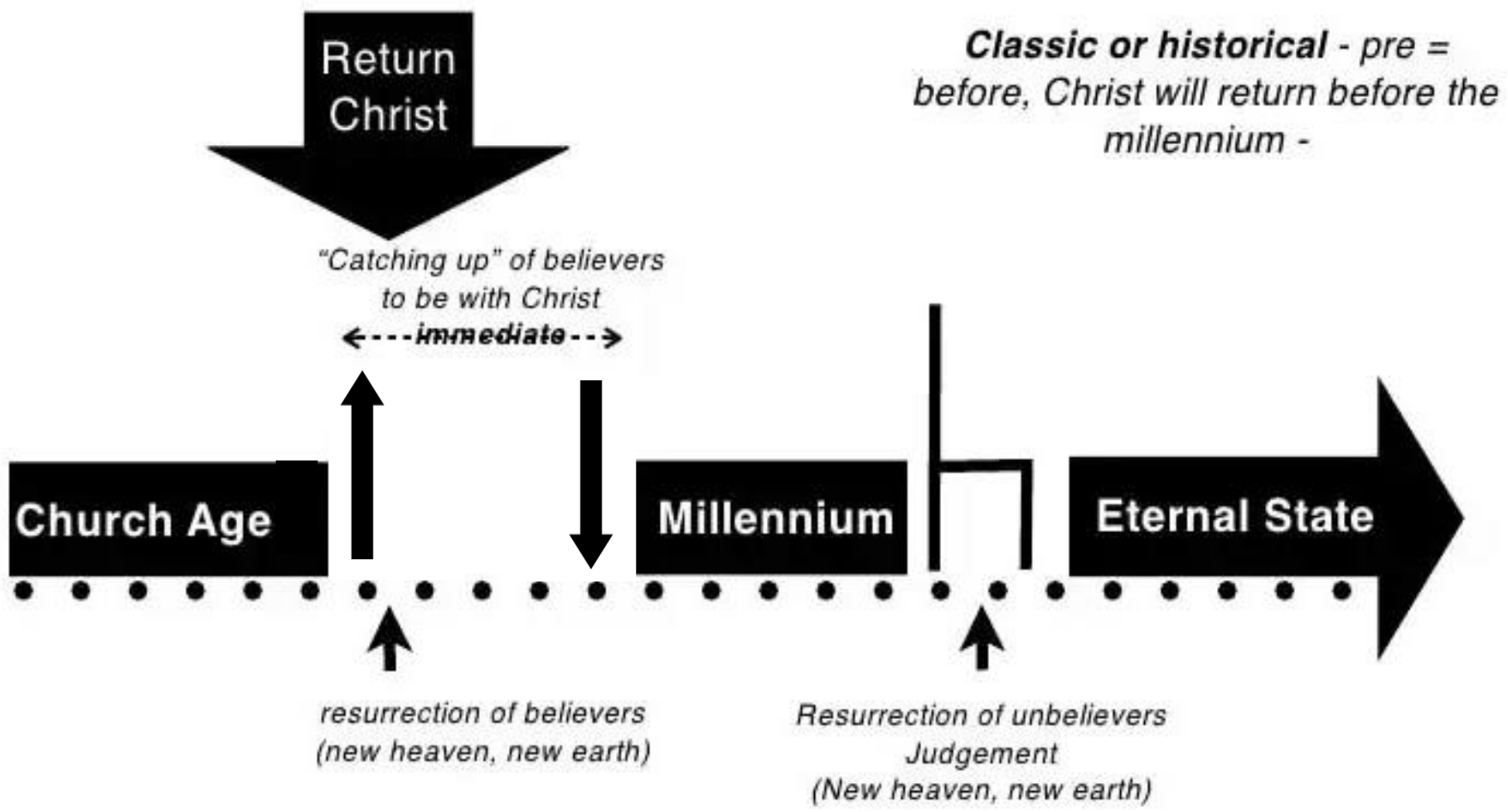
Amillennialism

Post = after - Christ will return after the millennium - church and gospel will grow - large % of world become Christians ushering in a millennial age (not necc. 1000 years)- then Christ returns

Postmillennialism
Christ comes after the millennium



*Resurrection of believers
Resurrection of unbelievers
Judgement
New heaven, new earth*

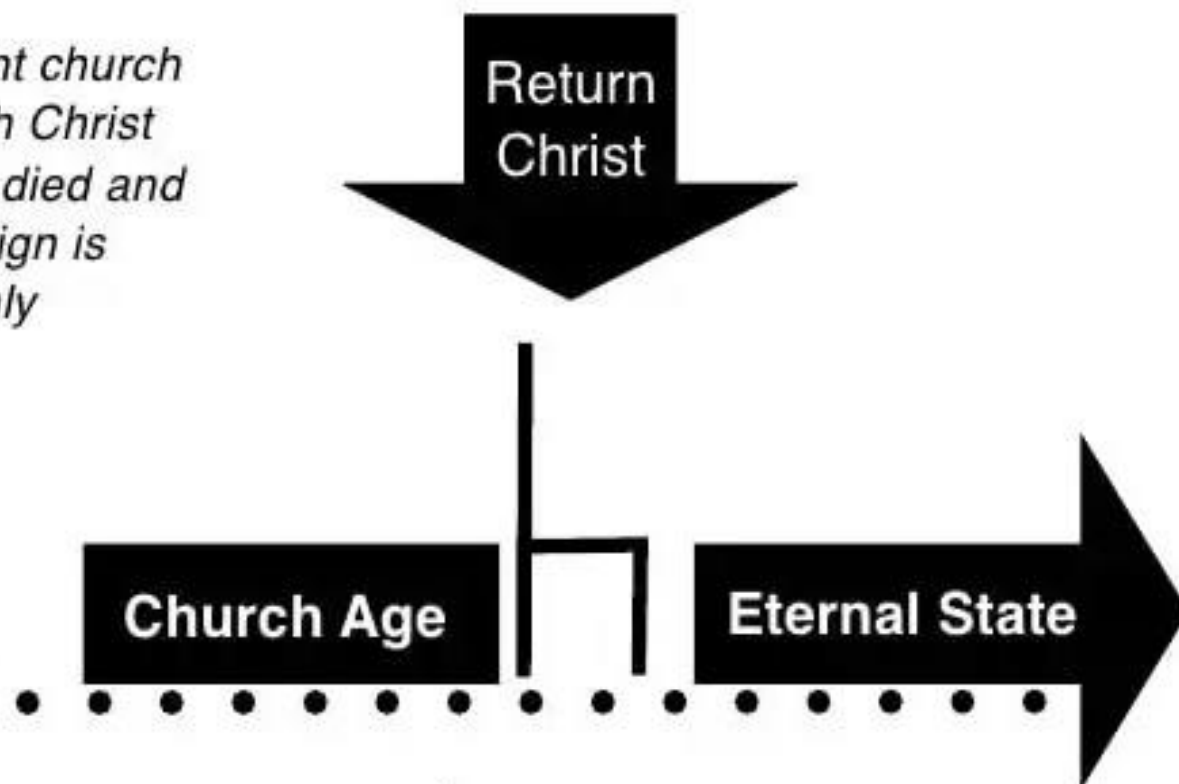


Premillennialism

Christ comes before the millennium

Rev 20:1-10 is the present church age - those reigning with Christ include people who have died and are in heaven - the reign is heavenly not earthly

Amillennialism
No future millennium



**Return
Christ**

Church Age

Eternal State

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