

## Definitions/Revelation Series

**Eschatology** - the study of end times

**Apocalypse** - a Greek term meaning to unveil, uncover, or bring out of hiding, translated into English as “revelation”.

**Millennium** - refers to the period of time when Satan is bound and Christ reigns for a thousand years as referred to in Revelation 20:1-6.

**Pre-millennialism** - (lit. “before the millennium”) the belief that the millennium of Revelation 20 is a literal thousand years and that the Second Coming of Christ will occur *before* the millennium.

**Post-millennialism** - (lit. “after the millennium”) the belief that the millennium of Revelation 20 is figurative and is being inaugurated through the agency of the church by the preaching of the gospel. The nations will be converted and the world brought under God’s law. Christ will return *after* the millennium is fully inaugurated.

**Amillennialism** - (lit. “no millennium”) the term “amillennialism” is something of a misnomer for it implies that an amillennialist doesn’t believe in a millennium. Amillennialism is the belief that the millennium is figurative referring to the entire age between Christ’s first and second coming as Christ now reigns in heaven and in the hearts of His people on earth.

**Preterism** - a term from Latin referring to that which is past

**Partial-preterism** - the belief that most or all of the biblical prophecies concerning the End Times have already been fulfilled in the first century. The Partial-preterist believes the only event yet to be fulfilled is the Second Coming of Christ.

**Full-preterism** - the belief that all biblical prophecies have been fulfilled including the Second Coming of Christ which occurred in 70 A.D. Full-preterism is considered heretical.