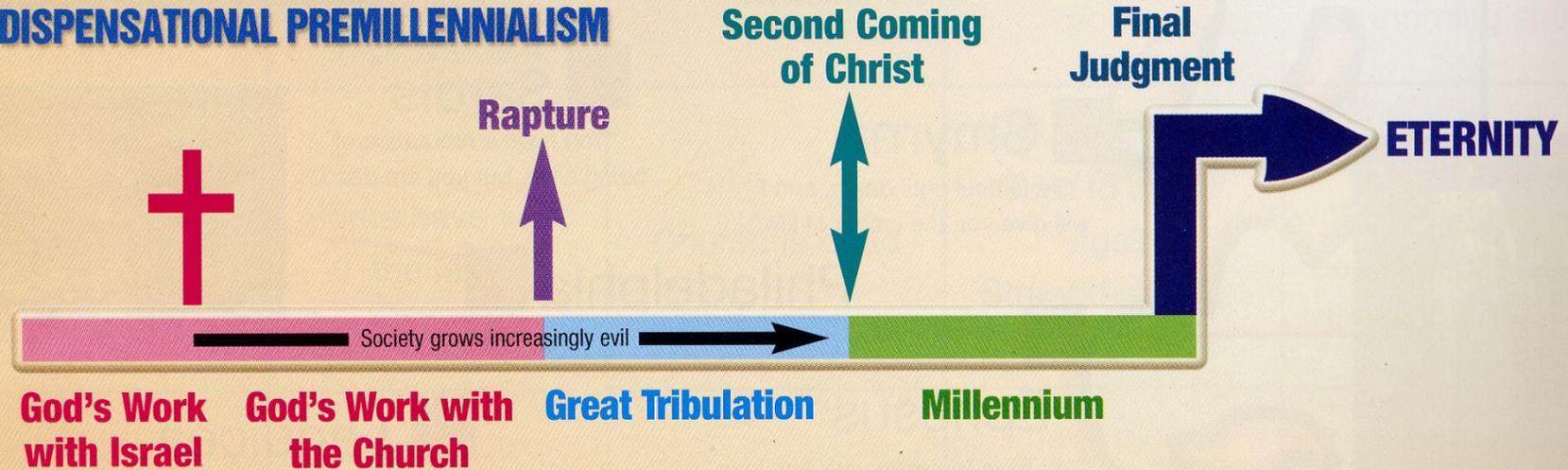


This Commentary is written from the Scriptural, Historical and Apostolic “Dispensational Pre-Millennialism” viewpoint. The chart below simplifies and illustrates this interpretation.

DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM



What is dispensational premillennialism?

Dispensational premillennialism is the belief that the Second Coming of Christ will precede the millennium and that God will still give the nation of Israel the land described in Genesis 15:18.

Dispensational premillennialism treats the millennium as a literal, future event. Most dispensational premillennialists are pre-tribulationists; they understand Rev. 4:1, 2 to refer to “the rapture,” when Christ removes Christians from the earth before the great tribulation begins. Some dispensational premillennialists, known as mid-tribulationists, believe the rapture will occur during the great tribulation.

According to the dispensational premillennialists . . .

- God’s promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional; therefore, the Jews will still receive the land described in Genesis 15:18.
- During the great tribulation, many Jews will turn to Jesus Christ.
- All references to Israel in Revelation refer to the nation of Israel.

What Scriptures seem to support dispensational premillennialism?

- God’s promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional—Genesis 15:7-21.
- God will keep Christians from the outpouring of His wrath during the tribulation—I Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10.
- The church is not specifically mentioned between Revelation 4 and 19.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

-2 Timothy 2:15