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1. Amillennialism: (No "literal" millennium) The millennium is a symbolic reference to the period of time we are in right now as Christ rules and reigns in and through his church.

Proponents: Augustine, John Calvin, Martin Luther, Sam Storms, Louis Berkhof

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2. Postmillennialism: The millennium is a period of time that will occur just before Christ returns so that the gospel triumphs in the world. After the triumph of Christianity (post) Christ returns to establish his millennial reign.

Proponents: Jonathan Edwards, many Puritans, Doug Wilson

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3. Premillennialism: The millennium is a period of time that will occur after Christ returns. Therefore, Jesus' second coming comes before (pre) the millennium.

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What will the millennium be like?

(*see* Isaiah 11:6-9; Ps. 72; Isaiah 2: Micah 4)

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The Great White Throne Judgment

(Verse 5) the resurrection of unbelievers for final judgment

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- The Book of Life (Rev. 20:12)—mentioned 9x's in the bible

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