

SERMON NOTES

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ESCHATOLOGY 101: THE NATURE OF THE MILLENNIUM Revelation 20:1-6

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BIG IDEA: How does your view of the millennial kingdom affect the way you live now?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom is God's <u>reign</u> through God's <u>people</u> over God's <u>creation</u>.

The kingdom of God is <u>central</u> to the biblical story of <u>redemption</u>.

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Historic Premillennialism—Historic Premillennialism is the view that Christ's second coming will occur prior to His millennial kingdom, and that the millennial kingdom is a literal 1000-year reign of Christ on earth (although a literal 1000 years is not necessary for some).

Dispensational Premillennialism--Dispensational premillennialists hold that the second coming of Christ happens before the establishment of the millennial kingdom.

Christ's second coming is preceded by a pretribulational rapture of the Church, the earthly activity of the Antichrist, and the outpouring of God's wrath on mankind.

Amillennialism (*Realized Millennialism*)—Amillennialism sees the first coming of Christ as the inauguration of the kingdom, and His Second Coming as the consummation of the kingdom. Thus, the Millenium (1000 year reign) is figurative and happening now.

Postmillennialism—Postmillennialism sees Christ's second coming as occurring after the millennium, in which there will be a golden age or era of Christian prosperity and influence.