

- i. Some believe this is not necessarily 7 calendar years but may just be a period of time
- d. Recall Daniel 9 for an understanding of where this 7-year tribulation comes from
  - i. Daniel 9:24-26 – 7 weeks and 62 weeks equals 69 weeks
  - ii. Daniel 9:27 – one week (this is indicated to be the tribulation period)
  - iii. But where does the 7-years come from when this text speaks of weeks?
    - 1. Gen 29:15-30 – vs. 27-28 are the foundation for this thought process
- e. Again – as was discussed in the study of dispensationalism the 7-year tribulation does NOT appear in the NT
- f. The second coming of Christ comes at the end of chapter 19
  - i. The rapture takes place here at the second coming of Christ
- g. Revelation 20 represents the binding of Satan and 1000 year millennium
- h. At the end of the 1000 years those apart from Christ are raised – the unsaved
- i. Satan is loosed
- j. The final destruction of the wicked and the resurrection of the unsaved (the second death in Rev 20)
- k. Then comes the new heaven and the new earth
  - i. 2 Peter 3:10-13 – At the coming of Jesus (as a thief in the night) this event alters the earth as we know it and begins the New heave and New earth – not an extension of the old

been resurrected and are in glorified bodies so they no longer procreate.

Problem Note: If Christ returns at the end of Rev 19 and all the saints are resurrected and all the wicked are destroyed (in the great battle) who is left on the earth to go into the millennium age? The wicked are dead and can't populate – the saints have

## Historic Premillennialism

1. Premillennialists (both dispensational and historic) take the millennium from Revelation 20:1-6 literally
  - a. They believe that this is a literal 1000 years
  - b. Christ will return sometime in the future and establish a physical kingdom here on earth that will last for 1000 years
  - c. Most believe that this will be a literal calendar 1000 years
2. Amillennialists and Postmillennialists understand this 1000 years from Revelation 20:1-6 as being symbolic
3. All four systems have the following in common:
  - a. The Bible is the authoritative word of God
  - b. Salvation is by grace through Christ's sacrifice
  - c. There will be a physical future return of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - d. There will a physical resurrection of the dead
  - e. All will stand before God in judgment
  - f. The righteous will be rewarded in heaven and the wicked consigned to/punished in hell
  - g. Each of the four systems can be considered evangelical
  - h. Each has been held to and taught by godly Christ centered men

*Note: It should be understood that the differences that arise are most often NOT due to an intentional or malicious misleading but rather because of the method each systems uses for interpreting scripture.*

4. The three main differences or points of disagreement:
  - a. The time of the Lord's coming
  - b. The purpose of His coming
  - c. The kind of kingdom that will be setup at His coming
5. Premillennialism defined (Bro. Jim Gables) – the view of last things which holds that the second coming of Christ will be followed by world wide peace and righteousness before the end of the world comes

- a. 1000 years of peace and righteousness on earth
  - b. Christ will reign in person on this earth
  - c. This 1000 years will take place after the second coming but before the end of the world
6. Historic Premillennialism
    - a. Early church fathers (Ireneaus, Justin Martyr, Papias) indicate in their writings that Premillennialism was an early view – hence “historic”
    - b. This “historic” view is in light of the modern (1800's) dispensational view
      - i. The dispensational thought process is not found in any early church writings
    - c. The major difference between historic premil and dispensationalists:
      - i. Historic's see that the church is the fulfillment of the Jewish hope
      - ii. Any future dealings that God may have with the physical descendents of Abraham God will use the church and not the revived nation of Israel
      - iii. Remember that dispensationalists hold to a view in which God will continue dealing with national Israel after the church has been raptured
        1. Israel as a nation will become the center focus
      - iv. Historic's believe that God will continue to work through His church until the kingdom is consummated
      - v. Historic's hold that the church WILL go through the tribulation period
        1. Dispensationalists deny this
  7. Chart Overview
    - a. Starts with Christ – Jews and Gentiles in one equal body known as the church
    - b. From His first coming (birth) to His second coming in the church age
    - c. At the end of the church age will be a 7-year tribulation