

Revelation Review (Chs. 1-3)

1. Who wrote the book of Revelation? _____
2. About when did John write it? _____
3. What does "revelation" mean? _____
4. Whose revelation did John write down? _____
5. Are the 7 churches literal churches or representative of different periods of church history?

6. When did the 7 churches of Revelation exist? _____
7. What is *eschatology*? _____

Three Unresolved Issues In Revelation & Eschatology

- 1) the timing of the *rapture*
- 2) the nature and length of the *tribulation*
- 3) the nature and length of the *millennium*

The Rapture

Regarding the rapture, there are *basically* two views:

- 1) Pretribulation, meaning Christians are raptured *prior to* or at the *beginning* of a 7-year period of tribulation (Daniel's 70th week).
- 2) Posttribulation, meaning Christians are raptured at the *end* of a period of tribulation.

The Tribulation

How one views the tribulation affects how one understands the rapture and the millennium.

- 1) Many believe that the tribulation is a *definite 7-year* period (again, Daniel's 70th week).
- 2) Others believe that the tribulation is an *undefined* period coming in the future.
- 3) Still others believe that the tribulation is the *entire* period of church history between the two comings of Christ.

The Millennium

There are basically three views:

- 1) The millennium is a literal period of 1000 years under the rule and reign of Christ setup at His second coming. (*Premillennialism*)
- 2) The millennium is an undefined "golden" period of history in which increased expansion of the gospel and kingdom will usher in the second coming of Christ.
- 3) The millennium is not a literal period of human history on earth but is symbolic for Christ's reign in heaven during the church age until He puts "all things under His feet" (1 Corinthians 15:24-25) and returns in glory to consummate all history and restore all things.