

From Death to the New Jerusalem

2 Corinthians 5

1 Thessalonians 4

2 Peter 3

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NKJV)

1 For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NKJV)

4 For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (NKJV)

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

1. We Must Put Away This Body

- This earthly body is decaying
- It is like a tent, temporal
- Death is needed to put away
- Putting away of body means presence in heaven
- The spirit will be clothed,
 - 1...if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

1. We Must Put Away This Body

Scripture is not clear about how we exist between death and the resurrection. Shall we be disembodied spirits or be given temporary bodies? Any comments about the matter are pure speculation, for Scripture is silent.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NKJV)

17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2. We Will Receive a New Body

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

Departed believers are with Christ; they are living with Him face to face.

This confirms first point and text...absent from body present with the Lord

2. We Will Receive a New Body

What state will these believers be?

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However, when Christ returns...OH BOY

2. We Will Receive a New Body

Those in heaven will put on a resurrected body

And we who are alive will be changed in the twinkling of an eye .

...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52 (HCSB)

2. We Will Receive a New Body

- we will be standing in mid-air and transformed into perfect men and women.
- we will be standing in the clouds in the midst of teeming millions.
- we will be transformed in the midst of the spectacular glory and majesty, dominion and power of the Lord God Himself.



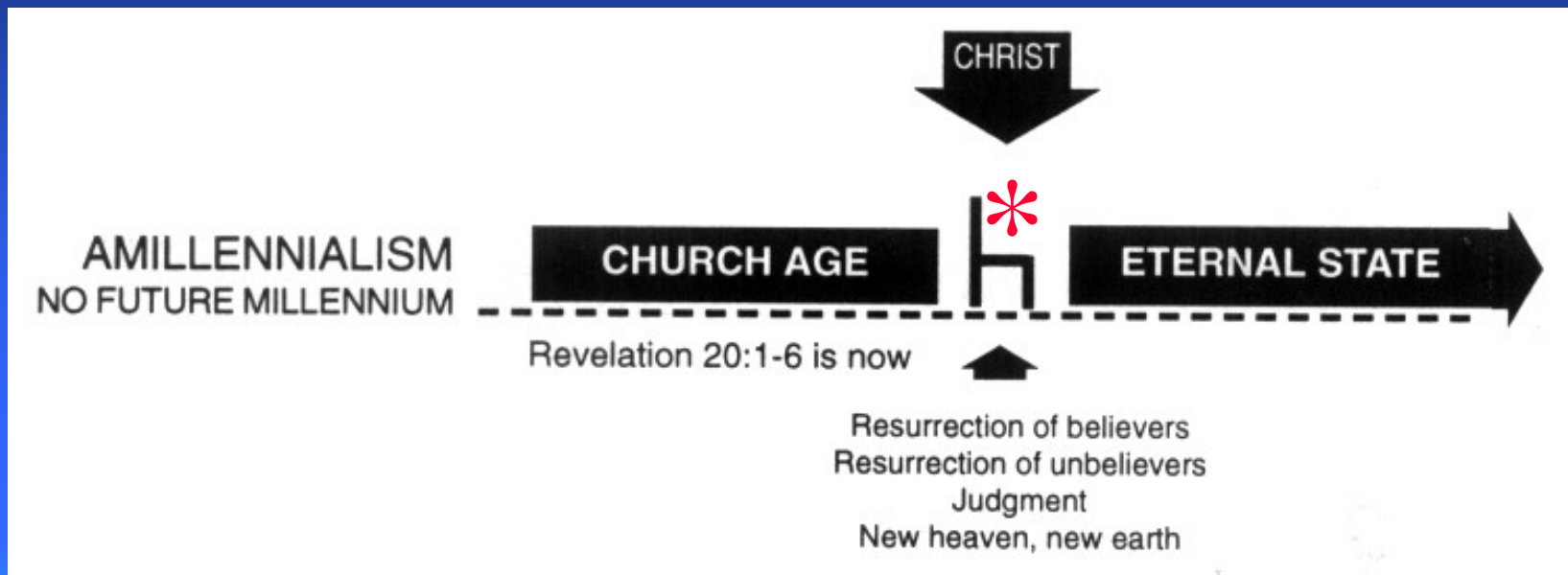
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We are not here to debate the millennium or when it will happen, but to look at an overview of existence from death till the New Heaven and Earth.

However, what happens next depends how you view end times.

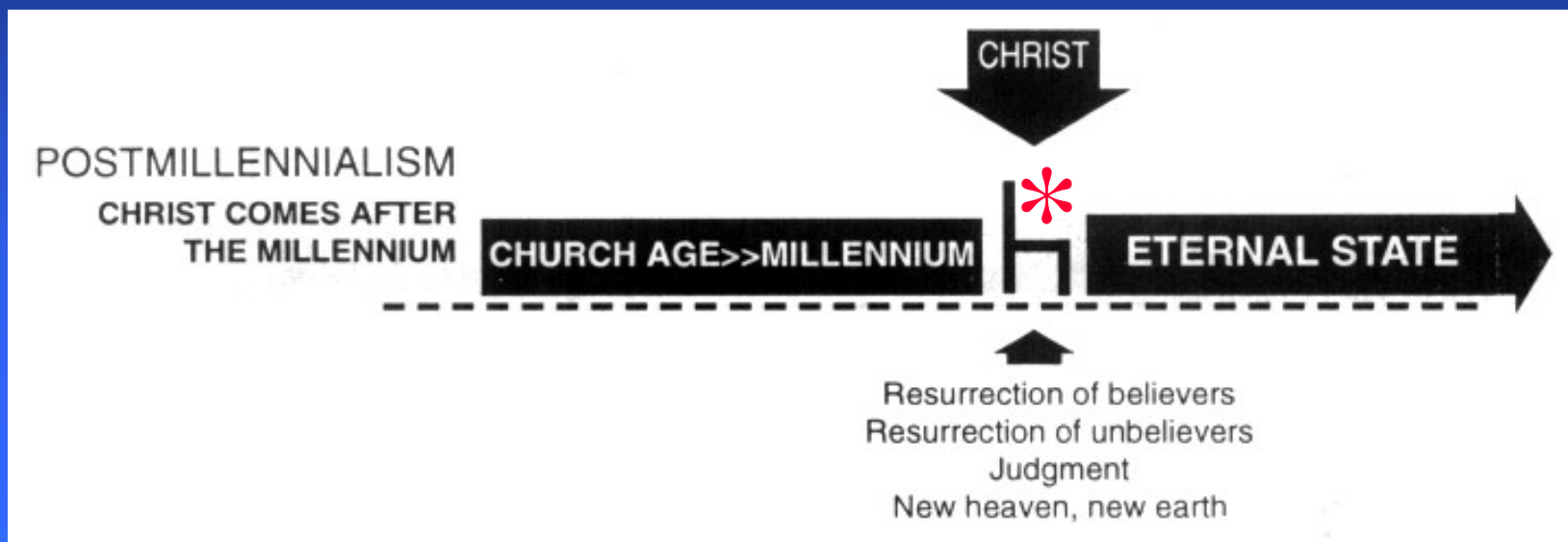
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One view



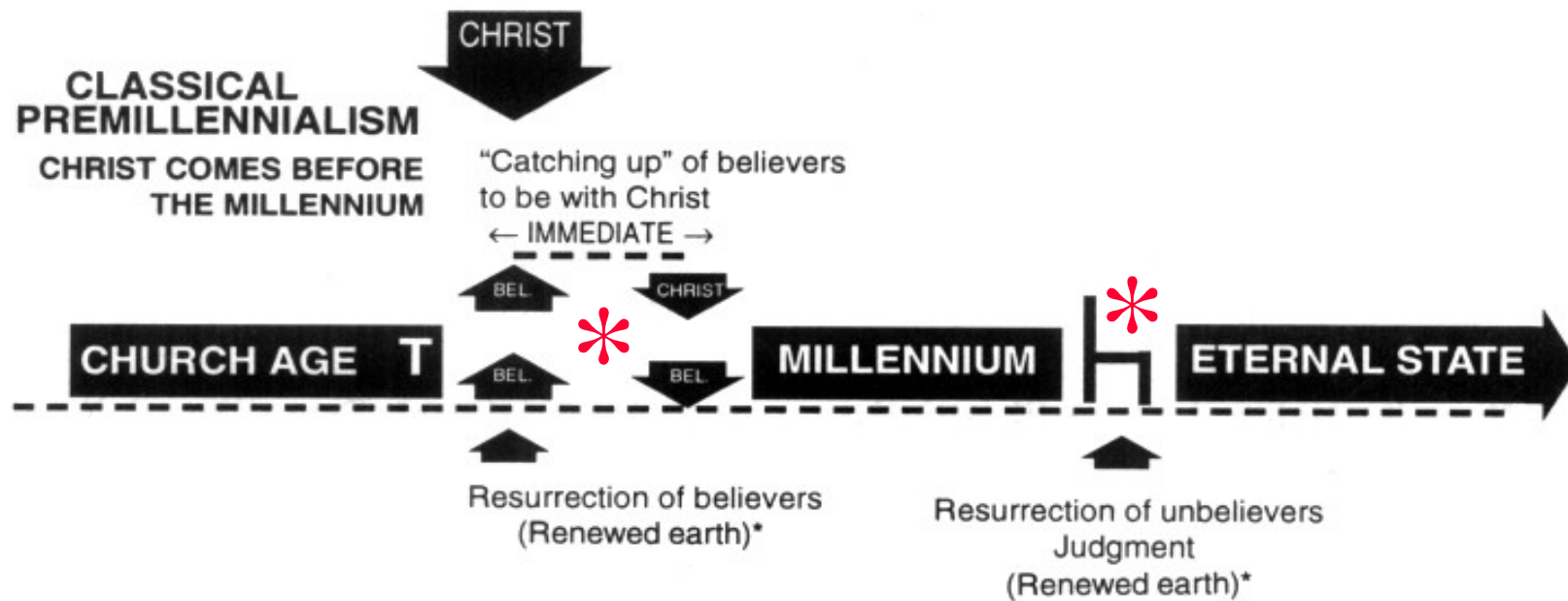
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Second View



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Third View



2 Peter 3:10-13 (NKJV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

2 Peter 3:10-13 (NKJV)

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



3. The Day of The Lord

The day of Lord refers to the day when God shall dissolve and destroy the heavens and earth, the day when the universe "shall be set aflame by fire and shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat"

3. The Day of The Lord

The day of the Lord will be a day of no escape. "They shall not escape" (*ou me ekphugosin*). This is a double negative in the Greek: they shall not, by no means, escape.

Judgment and destruction are an absolute surety; they shall not, in no wise, escape.

Who, the unbeliever.



From now till...?

Are ready to face the Lord?

At the Day of the Lord?

Or

At the Judgment seat of Christ?