

UNIT 3

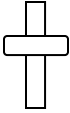
THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE MILLENNIUM, PT. 1

I/ The Return of Christ

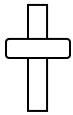
²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31, ESV)

II/ How to Read Revelation

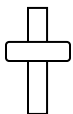
A. Partial Preterist View



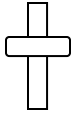
B. Historicist View



C. Futurist View



D. Idealist/Iterist View



E. Progressive Recapitulation

CH 1-3	CH 4-7	CH 8-11	CH 12-14	CH 15-16	CH 17-19	CH 20-22
John's Vision; Letters to the Seven Churches	The Seven Seals	The Seven Trumpets	The Woman and the Dragon; The Two Beasts	The Seven Bowls of Wrath	The Fall of Babylon, the Beast, and the False Prophet	Defeat of the Dragon, Final Judgment, New Heavens New Earth

III/ The Rapture

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, ESV)

A. Pretribulational

B. Midtribulational

C. Posttribulational