

Preterist View

“past”

Full

- Believes that **ALL** events in were fulfilled in 70 AD
 - The 2nd Coming has already happened.
 - The resurrection of the dead.
 - We are living in the New Heavens and Earth
- Heretical

Partial

- Believes that **most** events were fulfilled in 70 AD
 - The bulk of Revelation is fulfilled in 70 AD
 - However, the 2nd coming and resurrection of the dead are still to come.
- Problematic but not heretical

Historicist View

- The bulk of Revelation is describing events that take place over the entire “Church Age.”
- An example:
 - Chapters 1-3 are seven periods in church history.
 - Chapters 4-7 represent the fall of the Roman Empire.
 - Chapters 8-10 describes various invasions into the Roman Empire.
 - Chapters 11-13 describe the true Church’s struggle against Catholicism.
 - Chapters 14-16 speaks of the judgment of God on the Catholic Church.
 - Chapters 17-19 tell us of the eventual overthrow of the Catholic Church.

Idealist View

- This view sees Revelation as a description of the ongoing struggle in this age between God and Satan, good and evil culminating in the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- It usually results in seeing the bulk of Revelation as an allegory.
- This is attractive to many because it requires you to really not take a position in any concrete way. It is teaching “spiritual lessons” that apply throughout history.
- “And he stood on the sand of the seashore. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.”
(Revelation 13:1)

Futurist

- The bulk of Revelation is future oriented, looking to the final days/years leading up to and including eternity.
- Futurists tend to divide the book of Revelation into three sections as indicated in 1:19: “what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.”
 - Chapter 1 describes the past (“what you have seen”)
 - Chapters 2-3 describe the present (“what is now”)
 - And the rest of the book describes future events (“what will take place later”).

Millennial Debate/Revelation 20

- Post-Millennium.
 - Christ will return after the Millennium.
 - The Millennium is usually seen as currently existing. The Church is the Kingdom.
- A-Millennium.
 - The Millennium is spiritual.
 - The Millennium is currently existing in the sense that Christ is reigning now in heaven. There will be no earthly reign/kingdom.
- Pre-Millennium.
 - Christ will return to establish a millennial kingdom.
 - It may or may not be an actual 1,000 year.