

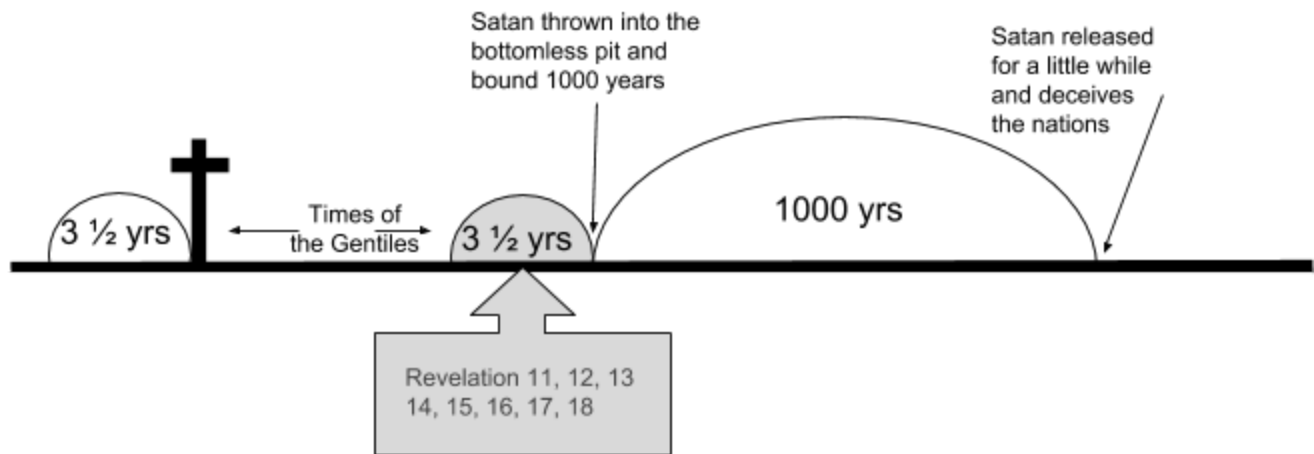
Revelation 20 - Before and After the 1000 Years

Satan bound for 1000 years

Rev 20:1-15 ESV Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, **holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit** and a great chain. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and **Satan**, *and bound him for a thousand years*, 3 **and threw him into the pit**, and shut it and sealed it over him, *so that he might not deceive the nations any longer*, **until the thousand years were ended**. After that he must be released for a little while.

Some timeline keys centered around the 1000 years

- Satan is bound for 1000 years
- He will no longer deceive the nations
- He will be released at the end of the 1000 years “for a little while”



Satan was thrown into the bottomless pit

- **It is the “abyss” that the demons did not want to be cast into** Luk 8:30-32 ESV Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the **abyss**. 32 Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.
- Rev 9:1-5 & 11 ESV And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and **he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit**. 2 **He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit**, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. 3 Then **from the smoke came locusts on the earth**, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. 4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 **They were allowed to torment them for five months**, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment

of a scorpion when it stings someone... . . . 11 **They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit.** His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

- Rev 11:7-8 ESV And when they have finished their testimony, **the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them [the two prophets],** 8 and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.
- Rev 17:8 ESV **The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction.** And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come.

4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom **the authority to judge** was committed.

Those seated on thrones with authority to judge

- Mat 19:27-28 ESV Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" 28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, **you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**
- Luk 22:28-30 ESV "You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and **sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**
- 1Co 6:1-5 ESV When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? 2 Or do you not know that **the saints will judge the world?** And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? 3 **Do you not know that we are to judge angels?** How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life! 4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,
 - Notice the context of judgement here has to do with a comparison of having the ability to judge grievances and conflicts among people in this life...not to determine eligibility of heaven or hell

Jesus is the ONE APPOINTED TO BE JUDGE

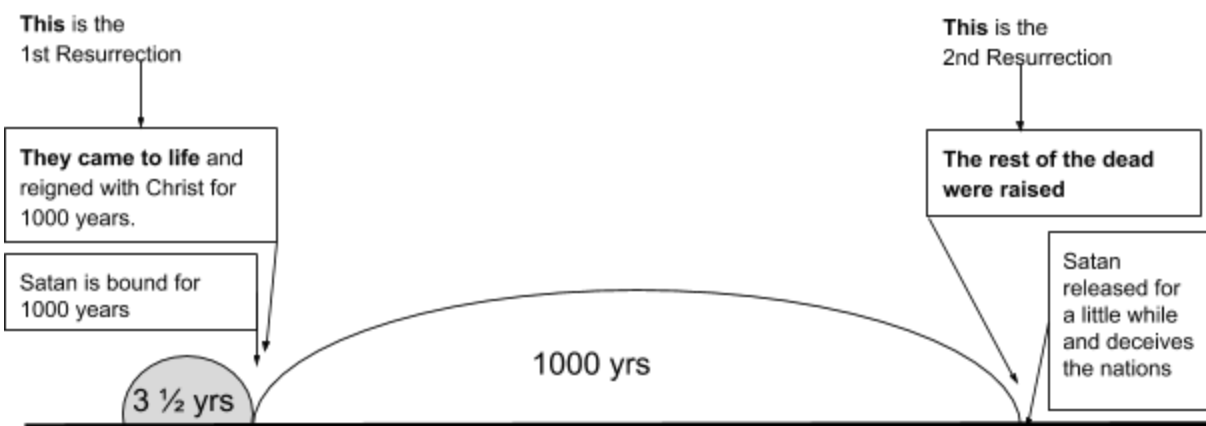
- Act 10:40-42 ESV but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that **he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.**

In what sense will we judge angels and the world? - it is likely that it is more in the realm of ruling

- Mat 25:20-23 KJV And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, **I will make thee ruler over many things**: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, **I will make thee ruler over many things**: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
- Act 7:27 KJV But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a **ruler and a judge** over us?
- Act 7:35 KJV This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a **ruler and a judge**? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.
- Tit 1:5 KJV For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain** elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Reigning with Christ for 1000 years

Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** 5 **The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.** 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! **Over such the second death has no power**, but they will be **priests** of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.



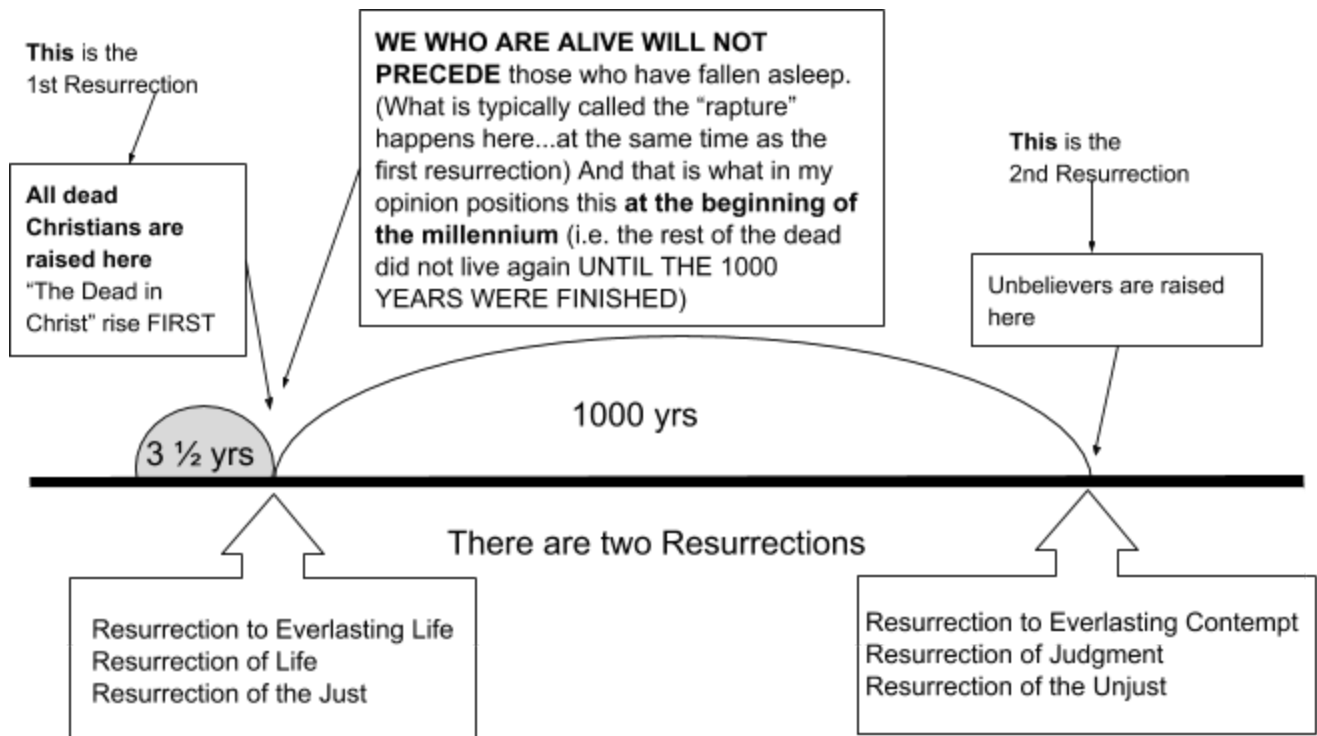
- Those beheaded, and those who had not worshiped the beast - nor received its mark came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years (this took place on the front end of the millennium)
- **The rest of the dead** (came to life **after the thousand years** were ended - on the back end of the millennium)
- **THIS (what was just described) is the FIRST resurrection** - it is as if the phrase (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended) is parenthetical
- Those in the first resurrection reign with Christ 1000 years
- If you are in the FIRST resurrection - the second death has no power over you (these are obviously then Christians)

What is the second death?

- Rev 21:8 ESV But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in **the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.**"

There are two resurrections mentioned in Scripture - each describes the two eternal destinies

- **Everlasting Life and Everlasting Contempt** - Dan 12:1-3 ESV "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to **everlasting life**, and some to shame and **everlasting contempt**. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.
- **The Resurrection of Life and the Resurrection of Judgment** - John 5:24-29 ESV Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. 27 And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice 29 and come out, those who have done good to **the resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil to **the resurrection of judgment**.
- **Resurrection of the Just and Resurrection of the Unjust** - Act 24:14-15 ESV But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, 15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that **there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust**.



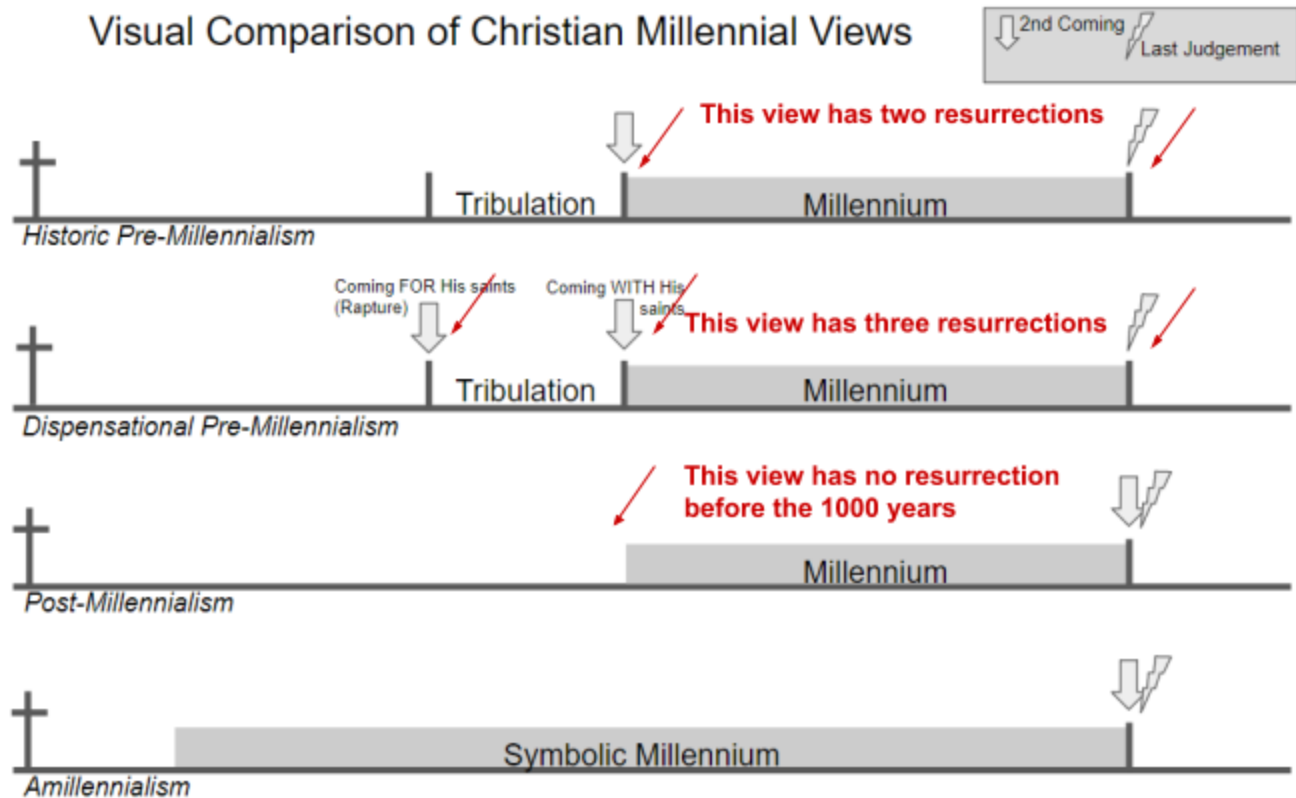
The Rapture

1Th 4:13-18 ESV But 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. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For 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**. 16 For 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. 17 **Then 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**. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

What is called the rapture is synonymous with the first resurrection all Christians are part of it

1. It is obvious that what is called the "rapture" includes a resurrection - **"and the dead in Christ will rise FIRST" THEN we who are alive...shall be caught up**
2. We who are alive at his coming **will not PRECEDE those who have fallen asleep** (this means that the dead are resurrected **BEFORE** we who are alive are caught up - based on this, **there cannot be a rapture BEFORE the resurrection**, because the dead in Christ rise FIRST -- and the resurrection takes place JUST BEFORE THE 1000 years. Those who hold to the rapture as taking place 7 years before the millennium, or 3 ½ years before the millennium have to squeeze in a third resurrection somewhere
3. All Christians are in this FIRST resurrection (the dead in Christ would be ALL believers who have died, we who are alive and remain would be ALL believers still alive) - on these the second death has no power

Visual Comparison of Christian Millennial Views



7 And **when the thousand years are ended**, Satan will be released from his prison 8 and will **come out to deceive the nations** that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. 9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but **fire came down from heaven and consumed them**, 10 and **the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire** and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- At the end of the 1000 years Satan is released, AND the rest of the dead are raised
- Who does Satan deceive? -- It can't be those who are part of the first resurrection as the second death has no power over them -- **It must be those he deceives those in the second resurrection???**

I have questions here

- There are several views of the millennium, and some of them teach about people being born during the millennium...I am not convinced of this at this time...It seems to me that the righteous are raised and the wicked destroyed at his coming - so if people are born during the millenium, then there would be another 1000 years where people could either be saved or lost (again seemingly after it appears the fates of all are set)
- Surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city -- Fire came down from heaven and consumed them

- If it is the resurrected unbelievers who are deceived at the end of the millennium, then they die twice...which also doesn't make sense since it is appointed unto man ONCE to die then to face judgement...so I am a little cloudy on this part - and the jury is still out for me.
- The devil was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur to join the beast and the false prophet
- They will be tormented FOREVER

The Great White Throne Judgement

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And **I saw the dead**, great and small, standing before the throne, **and books were opened**. Then **another book was opened, which is the book of life**. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, **according to what they had done**. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them**, and they were judged, each one of them, **according to what they had done**. 14 Then **Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire**. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The **“dead”** were judged by what was written in the books (plural)

- **Who are the dead?**
 - Dead in sin - not born again
 - The dead who died as a result of the fire that fell from heaven (see vs 9)
 - All the dead of ages past who died not knowing the LORD

What is written in the books?

- The things they had done - “they were judged according to what they had done”
- If a man must stand before God on His own merit, he will always fall short
- Rom 3:23 ESV for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Another book (singular) - others were judged by whether their names were written in the book of life

- For Christians, the judgment is based on this one criteria (**is your name in the book of life?**)
- While it is obvious that we must give an account for our lives and actions, and there are rewards or losses for sure, but heaven or hell is based on salvation through the blood of Christ
- **Live in Him so you will not be ashamed at His coming** - 1Jn 2:28 ESV And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.
- **Each of us must give an account** - Rom 14:11-12 ESV for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- **It is possible to see all your works destroyed, yet still be saved** - 1Co 3:10-15 ESV
According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- 13 **each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it**, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, **he will receive a reward**. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, **he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved**, but only as through fire.
- 2Co 5:9-10 ESV So whether we are at home or away, **we make it our aim to please him**. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, **so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil**.

Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them

- The reference to Death and Hades I think speaks simply of BODY and SOUL
- When a person dies not knowing the LORD (ala the rich man and Lazarus story) his **soul** goes to **hades**...while his **body** is **dead** in the **ground**
 - Luk 16:22-24 ESV The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. **The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes** and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'
- In the second resurrection bodies that are DEAD in the ground will once again be reunited with their souls which are in HADES - and will stand to face the judgment at the great white throne

Death and Hades (body and soul) were cast into the lake of fire

- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Christian - Born Twice, Dies Once

Unbeliever - Born Once, Dies Twice