

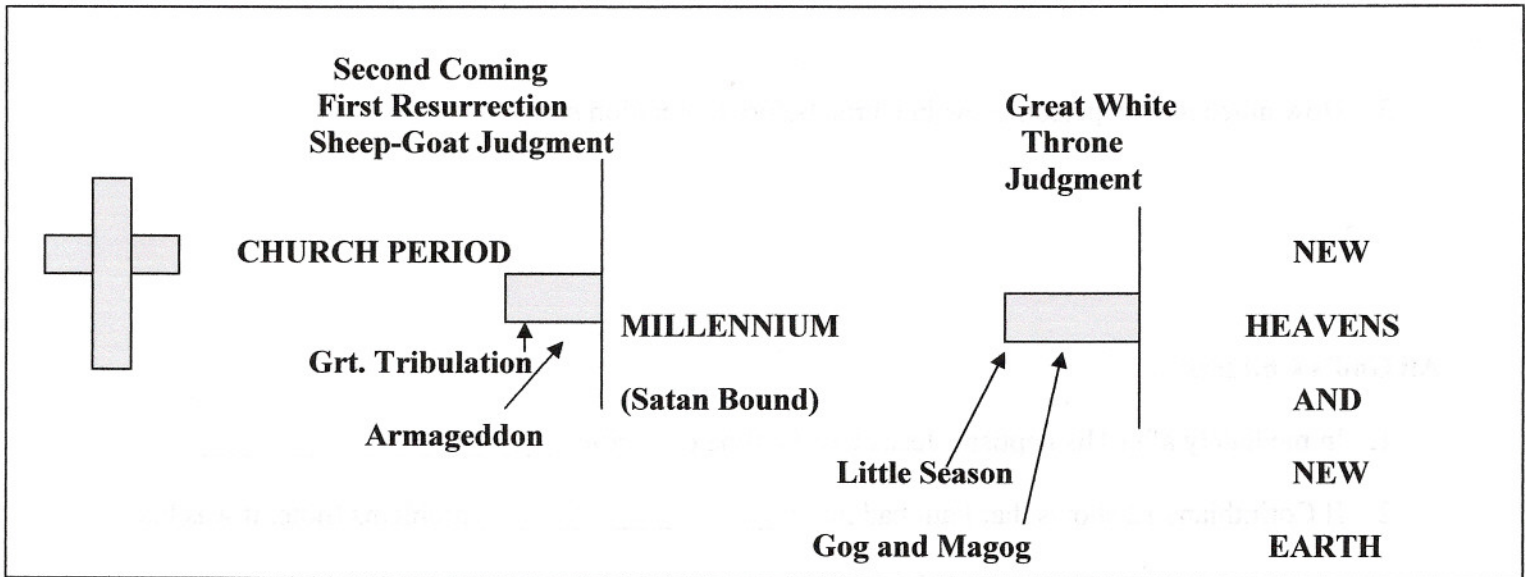
II. HISTORIC-PREMILLENNIAL IDEA OF THE “KINGDOM”

“Historic” means that this system of eschatology is very ancient, being taught by some of the early church fathers (for example, see the Epistle of Barnabas, and the writings of Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Victorinus). Of course, not all of the early church fathers were premillennial in eschatology. Gaius of Rome and Origen, just to name two, strongly opposed premillennial doctrine.

“Premillennial” means that the Second Coming of Christ is thought to be fore (pre) the millennium.

A chart of the historic-premillennial theory might appear like this:

THE KINGDOM OF GOD



An explanation of the chart's chief ideas: The kingdom, a thousand years of peace and prosperity, is to be ushered in at the second coming--and it is to be an earthly kingdom in which Christians are reigned over by Christ. The “kingdom” of Acts 1:6 and the “millennium” are the same thing, if your eschatology follows the historic-premillennial lines.