

spreading, the world will be freed from external danger for a sizeable period and at the end of that period Christ will come.

Then there is the amillennial position: there is no such period of freedom from external danger, but Christ comes back and that's the end.

Halfway inbetween the two is the premillennial position which holds there will be this period of freedom from external danger and also that the return of Christ is something that might come soon and it will introduce the other. So you have the two hopes with one view holding one hope and denying the other, and you have the other view holding the other hope and placing this one so far in the distance that it is something way off and is not something that's living in our hearts. Instead of waiting for His Son from heaven we've got a thousand things to do first and then a long period after that. Then in between is the premil which to my mind keeps both hopes.

We haven't said anything about Revelation yet. Some people think premillennialism is just build on Revelation, but personally I think Revelation simply puts things together but I think they all can be established apart from it.

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That would be a high view. They are fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

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With the second coming. That would be my view. The second coming of Christ would establish the time when there would be universal peace and safety throughout the world.

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Aside from Revelation I would not want to argue about that. That is to say that there will be the two periods and that the one precedes the other so that so they both are things that could conceivably come in the future, that would be my view. As to how long that period would be, it certainly would have to be of considerable length or it wouldn't be something to look forward to as a tremendous thing. But as to how long--now there is a widespread idea about an eternal state and I don't find that anywhere in Scripture. As far as I'm concerned what God is going to do way off I don't know anything about. I would say there's going to be this long period and at the end of this period the wicked dead will be raised. What happens after that?

Will the same conditions continue forever? Or will there be certain changes at that time? At any rate I don't think the kingdom will be destroyed. There will be an attempt to destroy it but I don't think it will be destroyed; I think in some way or other it will continue. But the idea that all of time is going to come to an end--well, what's going to be when there is no time? It seems to me we just don't know. Whether God is going to change all the conditions in the world. It's like the man I heard on Cosmos, who says, We don't know whether the stars will bet