

SPLITTERS AND JOINERS (EP.68)

End Times Discussion (generalized and simplified)

	Splitter	Joiner
Storyline	Two People, Two Plan	One People, One Plan
Meaning	Israel and NT church are separate and distinct	Israel and NT church merge into one story in NT
Primary Reason?	Various OT promises to Israel not yet fulfilled	Old Testament promises either fulfilled in OT or in Christ
Views Most Associated	Dispensationalism, some premillennialists	Amillennialism, postmillennialism, some premillennialists
Prophecy Status	Most of Revelation, parts of Daniel, certain selections in the Gospels, and other passages not yet fulfilled	Very few prophetic passages not yet fulfilled.
Which direction is the church age headed?	Down	Unknown or Up
Rapture	For Dispensationalists, yes. "Splits" the Second Coming into two parts: the Rapture and the Second Coming	No. Only one Second Coming of Jesus
Seven-Year Tribulation	Yes. Some period of coming worldwide chaos, war, bloodshed and incredible suffering	For most, no. Most of the relevant passages refer to the 3.5 years leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in AD 70
Millennium	Generally thought of as a literal 1,000 year reign of Jesus physically present on the earth prior to new heaven and new earth	Amils hold to it referring to the entire age between the Ascension and the Second Coming. Some postmils take it literally, others don't. Neither hold to a physical presence of Christ in the millennium
Philosophy of Bible Interpretation	Generally, Old Testament and New Testament have same priority.	Generally, both testaments have priority, though New Testament amplifies, interprets, and clarifies the Old though and in Christ