

Literary Evidence: Textual Concerns and Millennial Positions?  
Chart

Historic Premil	Progressive Premil	Futurist (Dispensation al) Premil	Amil	Postmil	Scripture References
There are still unreached people groups in the world.	There are still unreached people groups in the world.	There are still unreached people groups in the world.	The Gospel was preached to the whole world (οικουμενη rather than κοσμος or εθνος), meaning to Rome which would testify to the whole world, during the trial of Jesus of Nazareth.	The Gospel wasn't preached to all people until after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, as reported in the book of Acts.	Matthew 24:14
Eschatological signs not visible until the establishment of a future millennial kingdom.	Eschatological signs not visible until the establishment of a future millennial kingdom.	Eschatological signs not visible until the establishment of a future millennial kingdom.	All the eschatological signs would be seen in the generation that saw Christ incarnated.	All the eschatological signs would be seen in the generation that saw Christ incarnated.	Matthew 24:34
No mention of a future, seven-year tribulation or related large-scale rapture.	???	No mention of a future, seven-year tribulation or related large-scale rapture.	No mention of a future, seven-year tribulation or related large-scale rapture.	No mention of a tribulation or large-scale rapture.	
The coming of the New Jerusalem is typically seen as future.	The New Jerusalem is currently coming down from Heaven.	The coming of the New Jerusalem is strictly future.	The New Jerusalem is currently coming down from Heaven.	The New Jerusalem came down from Heaven.	Revelation 3:12

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Jesus will not conquer the world until it is time to finally destroy the current earth.	Jesus is depicted as currently conquering the world or as having conquered it through His crucifixion and resurrection.	Jesus will not conquer the world until it is time to finally destroy the current earth.	Jesus is depicted as currently conquering the world or as having conquered it through His crucifixion and resurrection.	Jesus is depicted as currently conquering the world or as having conquered it through His crucifixion and resurrection.	Revelation
People will continue to get worse and worse and the church will continue to shrink.	The effects of sin are being lessened like Jesus promised.	People will continue to get worse and worse and the church will continue to shrink.	The effects of sin are being lessened like Jesus promised.	The effects of sin are being lessened like Jesus promised.	Isaiah 9:1-6; John 3:17; Matthew 13:31-35
Sees the tribulation as strictly future.	???	Sees the tribulation as strictly future.	The world's current condition is tribulation	The world's current condition is tribulation	Revelation 1:9
The great tribulation will be followed by terrifying cosmic disturbances.	The great tribulation will be followed by terrifying cosmic disturbances.	The great tribulation will be followed by terrifying cosmic disturbances.	The great tribulation as described by Jesus preceded his death burial and resurrection — which was accompanied by the signs described (Matthew 27:50-53; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44)	No apparent cosmic signs accompanying the end of the age.	Matthew 24:29-31; 27:45-54

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Angels (Messengers) will gather the saints after the great tribulation.	Angels (Messengers) will gather the saints after the great tribulation.	Angels (Messengers) will gather the saints, which is happening now, after the great tribulation, which is strictly future.	Jesus instructed His disciples to make disciples of all nations following the greatest of all tribulations, which ended at His death, burial, and resurrection.	The gathering of the saints (Matthew 28-Acts) happened before the greatest of all tribulations (Destruction of the Temple in 70 AD).	Matthew 24:31
Jesus Christ does not currently have divine omniscience because the day is still future; which is a problem because Jesus has reassumed His divine authority.	???	Jesus Christ does not currently have divine omniscience because the day is still future; which is a problem because Jesus has reassumed His divine authority.	The kenosis of Christ meant he did not exercise His omniscience.	The kenosis of Christ meant he did not exercise His omniscience.	Matthew 24:36
The whole world will be at its most wicked and violent in history when Christ returns.	???	The whole world will be at its most wicked and violent in history when Christ returns.	When Christ was crucified, people were like they were in the days of Noah—concerned about their own glory and righteousness rather than about God's glory (Jesus said nothing about increased violence).	At the time of the Temple's destruction in 70 AD, the Jews were as wicked as they would ever be.	Matthew 24:37-38

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The rapture is a rapture of judgment, not deliverance.	???	The rapture is a rapture of judgment, not deliverance.	The rapture to judgment is perpetual and at the moment of each one's death.	The rapture to judgment was fulfilled through Rome in the sack of Jerusalem in 70 AD.	Matthew 24:39-41
Sees the coming of Christ's kingdom as future.	???	Sees the coming of Christ's kingdom as future.	Recognizes the imminence, urgent, and perpetual nature of Christ's coming.	Recognizes the imminence, urgent, and perpetual nature of Christ's coming.	Matthew 24:42-51
Dead saints are raised to reign with Christ during the millennium. Dead and living saints serve Christ as His priests during the millennium.	Dead saints are raised to reign with Christ during the millennium. Dead and living saints serve Christ as His priests during the millennium.	Dead saints are raised to reign with Christ during the millennium. Dead and living saints serve Christ as His priests during the millennium.	Dead saints are raised to reign with Christ in heaven during the millennium. Dead and living saints serve Christ as His priests during the millennium.	No explanation as to how dead saints can reign during the millennium on the earth.	Revelation 20:4-6
Satan will be bound for 1,000 years.	Satan will be bound for 1,000 years.	Satan will be bound for 1,000 years.	Satan is currently bound from deceiving the nations.	Satan is currently bound from deceiving the nations.	Revelation 20:2
No accounting for how there can still be death during the millennium if it is the perfect reign of Christ and establishment of His government.	???	No accounting for how there can still be death during the millennium if it is the perfect reign of Christ and establishment of His government.	There will still be death during the millennium. The curse ends at Christ's second coming.	There will still be death during the millennium. The curse ends at the end of this current age.	Isaiah 65:20; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

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The abomination of desolation (the antichrist) has not yet appeared.	Difficult to explain any abomination of desolation from this point of view, unless the postmil interpretation is assumed.	The abomination of desolation (the antichrist) has not yet appeared.	The idolatry of the Jews, signified by the throwing over of the money-changers tables in the Temple (cf. Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18) fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy.	The abomination of desolation stood in the temple and demanded worship in 70 AD prior to the destruction of the Temple.	Matthew 24:15; Isaiah 11:31ff
The abomination of desolation is revealed during the greatest of tribulations.	???	The abomination of desolation is revealed during the greatest of tribulations.	The greatest of tribulations begins after the appearance of the abomination of desolation.	The greatest of tribulations begins after the appearance of the abomination of desolation (sack of Jerusalem in 70 AD).	Matthew 24:21
Jesus is seen as not yet having established His kingdom and as not bringing all nations under His kingship.	Jesus is seen as not yet having established His kingdom and as not bringing all nations under His kingship.	Jesus is seen as not yet having established His kingdom and as not bringing all nations under His kingship.	Jesus has all authority and instructs His people to make disciples of all nations.	Jesus has all authority and instructs His people to make disciples of all nations.	Matthew 28:18-20

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Satan will be released after the future millennial reign of Christ.	Satan will be released after the future millennial reign of Christ.	Satan will be released after the future millennial reign of Christ.	Satan will be released to deceive the nations again after all the elect are saved.	Strictly claims that the millennial kingdom of Christ will culminate in the final establishment of Christ's reign without room for Satan's release between the millennial kingdom and Christ's second coming.	Revelation 20:7-10
Satan is currently not bound and is deceiving the nations.	???	Satan is currently not bound and is deceiving the nations.	The kings of the earth, namely false religions, are the ones deceiving the nations.	The kings of the earth, namely the imperial cult, were the ones deceiving the nations.	Revelation 13:14
Christ will come and rapture his people, the dead first and the living next.  (Requires some kind of soul sleep, which is difficult because to be absent from the body is to be present with Christ; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:8)	Christ will come and rapture his people, the dead first and the living next.  (Requires some kind of soul sleep, which is difficult because to be absent from the body is to be present with Christ; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:8)	Christ will come and rapture his people, the dead first and the living next.  (Requires some kind of soul sleep, which is difficult because to be absent from the body is to be present with Christ; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:8)	The coming of Christ with trumpet blast is perpetual upon every believer's death. Those who remain at Christ's second coming will join them forever.	The coming of Christ with trumpet blast is perpetual upon every believer's death. Those who remain at Christ's second coming will join them forever.	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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The antichrist will one day be revealed and set himself up in a new temple.	???	The antichrist will one day be revealed and set himself up in a new temple.	The idolatry of the Jews, signified by the throwing over of the money-changers tables in the Temple (cf. Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18) fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy; Paul used the occurrence as a perpetual state of reality until the second coming of Christ (cf. Matthew 24:5, 24; 2 John 7).	The abomination of desolation stood in the temple and demanded worship in 70 AD prior to the destruction of the Temple.	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
The world is being reserved for fiery destruction.	???	The world is being reserved for fiery destruction.	The world is being reserved for the fiery destruction of ungodly men.	No future judgment of the whole world but a progression of the world until the second coming of Christ.	2 Peter 3:7
Claims that the world is getting worse and worse, more and more rebellious against God, until it is finally destroyed in God's wrath.	The kingdom of heaven is currently overtaking the world.	Claims that the world is getting worse and worse, more and more rebellious against God, until it is finally destroyed in God's wrath.	The kingdom of heaven is currently overtaking the world.	The kingdom of heaven is currently overtaking the world.	Matthew 13:31-35
The end of the age was not described as a few thousand years in the future.	???	The end of the age was not described as a few thousand years in the future.	The end of the age was clearly identified as Jesus death, burial, and resurrection.	The end of the age was not identified as 70 AD.	Matthew 19:28

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An angel or eagle will announce woes in the middle of the great future, seven-year tribulation.	Rome was the woe of Israel in AD 70.	An angel or eagle will announce woes in the middle of the great future, seven-year tribulation.	Rome persecuted Israel in the 90s AD.	Rome was the woe of Israel in AD 70.	Revelation 8:13
Places the 1,000 years during which Satan is bound in the future, which means he is loosed even though Gospel work is not finished.	Places the 1,000 years during which Satan is bound in the future, which means he is loosed even though Gospel work is not finished.	Places the 1,000 years during which Satan is bound in the future, which means he is loosed even though Gospel work is not finished.	Satan is currently bound from deceiving the nations, the 1,000 years is now. Satan will not be loosed until all the sealed are sealed.	Satan is currently bound from deceiving the nations, the 1,000 years is now. Satan will not be loosed until all the sealed are sealed.	Revelation 9:1-12
1,000 years has not yet begun.	1,000 years has not yet begun.	1,000 years has not yet begun.	1,000 years is during John's writing of Revelation (60s or 90s AD) — started at Christ's resurrection and ascension.	Doesn't begin the 1,000 years until AD 70 but mostly dates Revelation to the 60s AD.	Revelation 9:1-12 (cf. Revelation 20:1-10)
Literal future event.	???	Literal future event.	Only the outer courts of the temple are trampled on by the world. The church is revealed as faithful and their faith undamaged by the world.	Interprets the passage as the destruction of Jerusalem, including the temple.	Revelation 11:1-6