

Jesuit (Counter - Reformation) Influence on Eschatology

<u>The Reformation</u> (and Related Matters of Truth & Righteousness)		<u>The Counter - Reformation</u> (and Related Matters of Error & Ungodliness)
Christ and the Apostles laid (and were) the foundation of the Christian Church giving clear prophecies of the great "falling away", "false Christs" and "false prophets", the rise of "Antichrist", the fall of "Babylon", the return of Christ, the resurrection and judgment immediately following His return – no second chance, no "left behind believers", only "goats and sheep", the condemned and the saved. (Matthew 24, Acts 20:29-30, 2 Thessalonians 2, 2 Peter, Jude, 1 John 2, Revelation)	1st Century AD	False Christ and false apostles and antichrists appeared according to the predictions of Christ and the apostles.
The "Apostles' Creed" (not penned by apostles) states, "The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." Hence early Church Fathers had no place for a "Millennium" for Christ to reign on earth before the judgment!	C150AD	
Early Church Fathers through to Augustine held a Reformed view of prophecy – (See WJ Greier's "The Momentous Event"). Augustine explained the binding of Satan (Rev 20) as fulfilled by Christ and the Millennium as a present reality.	90-430AD	
Athanasius (famous for his creed), upheld the deity of Christ as he opposed the heresy of Arianism. He spoke of a simple doctrine of the Lord's return (as per the Apostles' Creed). See "The Momentous Event". No mention of a millennium, only Christ's return and judgment of all.	293-373AD	
Augustine "laid the ghost of (pre-) millenarianism so effectively that for centuries the subject was practically ignored." (SJ Case)	354-430AD	
Martin Luther – The Protestant Reformation began! – as Luther nailed his "95 Theses" to the Wittenberg Cathedral door.	1517AD	
Martin Luther – printed the first German Bible	1534AD	Ignatius De Loyola , founded the "Society of Jesus" or Jesuits.
	C 1525AD	Anabaptists revived Premillennialism – "Anabaptists rejected the Reformed understanding of justification by faith alone. They denied the forensic nature of justification and insisted that the only ground on which sinners can be acceptable to God is a "real" righteousness wrought within the justified person. "Menno [Simons], and Anabaptists generally, did not accept Luther's forensic doctrine of justification by faith alone because they saw it as an impediment to the true doctrine of a 'lively' faith which issues

		<i>in holy living." [Timothy George, <i>Theology of the Reformers</i> (Nashville: Broadman, 1988), 269]."</i> (http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/anabapt.htm)
<i>The historic Confessions and Catechisms of Protestant Churches of the Reformation uphold a non-millennial, non-futurist, non-dispensationalist position.</i>	C 1591AD	Francesco Ribera, a Jesuit , produced a <u>futurist interpretation</u> of the Revelation, relegating all prophecy of the Antichrist to the <u>distant future</u> , even after Christ's return and the resurrection, clearing the Popes of such a charge.
<i>All, including Wesleyan Methodists were convinced the popes of Rome were fulfilling the prophecies concerning Antichrist etc. (See Ralph Woodrow's "Great Prophecies of the Bible")</i>	C 1613AD	Luis De Alcazar, a Jesuit , produced the <u>praeterist interpretation</u> of the Revelation, relegating all prophecy of the "Antichrist to <u>the past</u> , in the form of the Pagan Roman Empire, before the rise of Popery.
	1776AD	Adam Weishaupt , Jesuit trained, formed the "Order of Perfectibilists" (Illuminati), & infiltrated the Freemasons.
	1811AD	Manuel Lacunza (Jesuit Priest) , wrote interpretation of prophecy
	1827AD	Edward Irving translated Jesuit, Lacunza's book into English, sowing the early seeds of <u>Dispensationalism</u> . Margaret MacDonald , associated with Irving, gave a "prophetic utterance", introducing the <u>Secret Rapture doctrine</u> . (See Woodrow's "Great Prophecies of the Bible")
	1825-1882AD	JN Darby of the Plymouth Brethren , became the "father of modern dispensationalism".
	1844-1870AD	Christadelphians, Seventh Day Adventism, Jehovah's Witnesses began. (All major on predictions concerning Christ's return.)
<i>Burgon & Scrivener (faithful men on the Revision Committee opposing Wescott & Hort, defended the "Received Text" of the N.T. on which the Bibles of the Reformation, including the A.V. (K.J.V.) were based.</i>	1881AD	Wescott & Hort (pro-Roman Catholic & New Age heretics) & Revision Committee produced the "Revised Version", 1000's of omissions & errors based largely on "Vaticanus" & "Sinaiticus" N.T. manuscripts. This committee, though commissioned to revise the English translation of the Bible (A.V.), actually revised the underlying Greek Text (Received Text), giving rise to the "Critical Text"/NU- Nestles-United Bible Societies Text/Nestles-Aland Text, <u>used in all modern translations incl. NKJV</u> . 20th Century – modern Bible versions, <u>based on Roman Catholic manuscripts</u> , flood the Protestant churches. Most Protestants are completely unaware of this as their pastors never teach these truths!
	1909AD	The Schofield Bible made popular the Jesuit-inspired futurist view of Bible prophecy, printing Dispensationalist marginal notes which have become accepted by many as fact.
<i>The need of Reformation again is great! Protestants must teach publicly the truth and expose error on end times, especially Dispensationalism.</i>	20th C	Dispensationalist books flood the market, Reformed churches decline & fall away from their traditional position. Counter-Reformation prevails!