

# GENEALOGY OF FUTURISM

As part of the Counter-Reformation, Ribera devised the theory that the antichrist would be a supernatural individual who would appear sometime in the distant future, and would reign for 3 1/2 literal years, first making, then breaking a covenant with the Jews

**Francisco Ribera**  
Jesuit priest  
(b. 1537 - d. 1591)

Denied the day = year principle of prophetic interpretation; supported Ribera's theory of a future literal 3 1/2 year reign of antichrist; based on misinterpretation of Daniel 9:27

**Cardinal Robert Bellarmine**  
Jesuit priest  
wrote between 1581 and 1593

Resurrected Ribera's theory on futurism and wrote the manuscript *The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty* beginning in 1791 (published in 1826), which advocated Ribera's position; manuscript printed in London, Paris, Mexico, and Spain (three languages)

**Manuel de Lacunza**  
Jesuit priest  
(b. 1731 - d. 1801)

aka Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben-Ezra

Irving was forerunner of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements ("Holy Spirit" manifestations in worship)

**Edward Irving**  
Scottish Presbyterian minister  
(b. 1792 - d. 1834)

Samuel Roffey Maitland was librarian at Canterbury Cathedral who "discovered" Lacunza's manuscript and gave it to Irving

Theory on the "spiritual" nature of the second coming is accepted; claimed that Christ would come "invisibly" and take His people from earth; idea based on the literal rendering of Matthew 24:36-42, Luke 17:26-37, and Revelation 3:3; theory of dispensationalism developed; modern Christian Zionism presented in 1840 at Geneva conference

**John Nelson Darby**  
Plymouth Brethren minister  
(b. 1800 - d. 1882)

In 1830 Margaret Macdonald had a vision of a "secret rapture"; spent 10 years trying to get someone to accept her view; finally she convinced Darby of its validity

**Cyrus Ingersol Scofield**  
(b. 1843 - d. 1921)

conferences were attended by many influential ministers

1830-1840  
prophecy conferences held at Lady Powerscourt's castle in Dublin

**Dallas Theological Seminary**  
founded in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer, a student of Scofield

incorporated Darby's futurism into the notes in his *Scofield Reference Bible*

**Moody Bible Institute**  
founded in 1886, influenced by Scofield

**John Wolvoord**   **Charles C. Ryrie**   **Hal Lindsey**   **J. Vernon McGee**

Publishes Sunday School lessons which promote futurism for the Assembly of God and other Pentecostal churches   Published Charles C. Ryrie's study Bible which contains Scofield's views on prophecy

**Tim LaHaye**   **Jerry B. Jenkins**   **Billy Graham**   **Jerry Falwell**

co-authored "Left Behind" series

**Pat Robertson**   **Jack Van Impe**   **John Hagee**   **John Ankerberg**   and many others