



Foundations



Eschatology

Eschatology Definition

The word **eschatology** comes from two Greek words, **escato** and **lovgo** meaning “last, end, or final” and “study of,” the word **eschatology** refers to “**the study of final things**” in the Bible.

Areas of Controversy...

Die for -

Divide for -

Debate for -

Decide for -

Die For Divide For Truth

There are several accepted views on Eschatology but:

The one view that all Christians must hold in that Jesus WILL physically return in His second coming. If any view denies this, it is heretical.

Immanency

Over 90 Verses on Jesus' 2nd Coming:

Matt 16:27, 24 & 25; Heb 9:28; 1 Thes 3:13, 4:13-18, 5:2 & 23; 2 Thes 2:8; Rev 1:7, 3:11, 16:15, 22:11-15, 20; 1 Pet 1:13; 2 Pet 3:10; Jh 5:28-29, 6:39-40, 14:1-3; Act 1:10-11, 17:31; Mk 8:38; Lk 9:26, 12:40, 21:34-35; Titus 2:13; Col 3:4; 1 Jh 2:28, 3:2-3; Jm 5:7; Phil 3:20; 1 Cor 1:7, 4:5; Jude 14-15.....and many more!

Hermeneutical Views On Prophecy

Full Preterism - This hermeneutic espouses that ALL prophecy as already been fulfilled in one way or another, this can lean into heresy.

Partial Preterism - The belief that most of Daniel, Revelation, & Matthew 24 have been fulfilled already either in the destruction of the temple in 70AD.

Hermeneutical Views On Prophecy

Historicism - The interpretation of biblical prophecy through the lens that all events in prophecy are fulfilled from John's time until now.

Hermeneutical Views On Prophecy

Idealism - This is the timeless view, is views biblical prophecy through an allegorical lens, and does not take any of it literally. Prophecy is more about who God is and who we are than its actual content.

Hermeneutical Views On Prophecy

Futurism - Interprets biblical prophecy at face value. That if it has not been literally fulfilled, it is “yet to be fulfilled”, and assumes it will come to pass. It is the most literal way of interpreting scripture.

Millennial Views

Amillennialism -

- 2nd coming of Christ happens, then the eternal state
- No literal millennial reign of Christ
- No rapture
- No literal 7 year tribulation
- No distinction between Israel and the church
- One resurrection of the dead for judgement.

Millennial Views

Postmillennialism -

- 2nd coming of Christ happens, then the eternal state.
- Present age blends into the Millennial Reign.
- No rapture.
- No literal 7 year tribulation.
- the Church is the new Israel, no distinction.
- One resurrection of the dead for judgement.

Millennial Views

Historic Premillennialism -

- 2nd coming of Christ and rapture at the same time as Christ returns to the earth.
- Believers resurrected at Millennium, unbelievers at the end of the millennium.
- Christ reigns now in heaven and will on earth.
- Church goes through the 7 year tribulation.
- Some distinction between Israel and the church

Millennial Views

Dispensational Premillennialism -

- 2nd coming of Christ and rapture at different times
- Church is resurrected at Rapture, Jews/Gentiles at end of tribulation and unbelievers at the end of the millennium.
- Christ millennial reign literal 1,000 years on earth.
- Church does not go through the 7 year tribulation.
- Complete distinction between Israel and the church

Interpreting Scripture

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.—

The Golden Rule of Interpretation, D.L. Cooper

Interpreting Scripture

“If the literal sense makes the most sense, anything else is nonsense.”

-Jack Arnold on D.L. Cooper

Interpreting Scripture

Historical Grammatical Interpretation -

A literal method that seeks to understand the words of the passage in their normal, natural, and customary meaning within the context.

This method searches for the intended meaning of the Biblical author.

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Imminency

“13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,”

Titus 2:13

Daniel 70 Weeks Prophecy

Jesus Disciples missed that the Messiah would die as prophesied:

““And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;”

Daniel 9:26

Daniel 70 Weeks Prophecy

Jesus spoke of the “time of the gentiles”

“24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” **Luke 21:24**

Daniel 70 Weeks Prophecy

“25 “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.
26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.” Daniel 9:25-26

Daniel 70 Weeks Prophecy

The three things Daniel is being told in the 70 Weeks Prophecy:

- The rebuilding of the temple
- The coming of the Messiah
- The end of days

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“27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.” Daniel 9:27

The Rapture

Definition:

Rapture - transliteration of latin word “Rapturus” meaning to be caught up, pulled up, snatched up.

The Rapture's Purpose

The Purpose of the PreTrib Rapture:

-Delivering of the church from God's wrath on the nations, and from Israel's refining fire, like Noah & Lot. To be made ready to come with Him on His 2nd coming, and reign with Him in His millennial kingdom.

(Matt 24:36-44; Lk 17:20-36; Rev 4:4; 19:14; 20:4)

Judgement Seat of Christ

- Purpose is for reward to Believers
 - Not for judgement/condemnation, Believers only.
 - Everything done in faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit is Gold, Silver & Precious Stones
 - Everything not done in faith is burnt up
- (1 Cor 3:9-15; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Co 5:10; Matt 10:41-42)

Tribulation Period Purpose

- To Judge the nations for their rejection of Jesus
- To act as a refiners fire for Israel, that they may come to faith in Jesus Christ. (The time of Jacob's "Israel's" Trouble)
(Matt 24:9-20; Romans 9-11; Zech 13:8-9; Rev 5-19; Jer 30:7-11; Malachi 3:3)

Judgment of the Nations

The purpose of the Judgement of the Nations is to separate the good and moral from those who are wicked and took the mark of the beast during the tribulation. This Judgement does not have to do with salvation or mean they have eternal life automatically, it means all those who are found as kind and humane individuals will be allowed to enter into the Millennial Reign and all those who are not will be sent to Hades to await final judgement. (Matt 25:31-46)

Difference between the Great White Throne Judgement and the Judgement of the Nations:

GWT happens in Heaven, JOTN happens on earth.

GWT judges all people, JOTN judges just the nations on earth.

GWT judges on if their name is in the Lambs book of life

JOTN judges on their kindness to others and the Jewish people during the Tribulation

Millennial Reign's Purpose

- Takes Place after tribulation
- Satan is bound in the bottomless pit
- Fulfillment of all unfulfilled Messianic promises
- We will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 years

(Rev 20:1-6; Isa 2:1-4; Ps 2:7-9; Is 11:3-10, 65:20-25; 2 Tim 2:12; Jer 30:7-8)

New Heavens & New Earth

- Takes Place after Satan and the dead are judged
- Is the eternal Heaven we think of, but is a physical place
- No more sin or death ever!
- Dwelling with God for eternity!

Eternity - New Heavens & New Earth

““17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”

Revelation 22:17; 20-21