

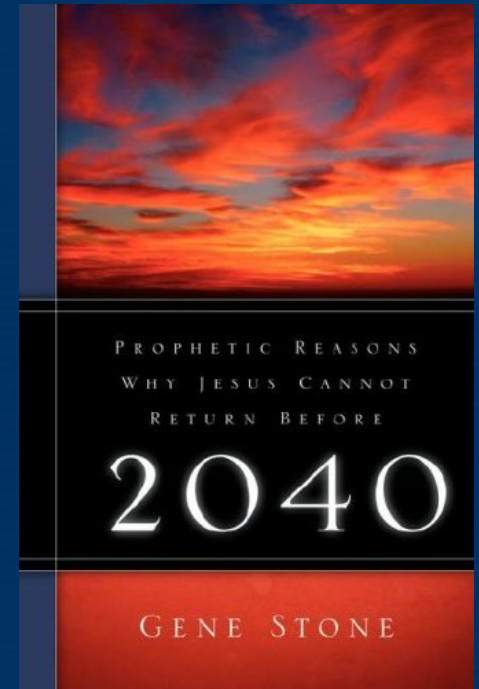
Eschatology

The Study of End Times



Strange Voices

- *88 Reasons Why The Rapture Will Be in 1988 –The Feast of the Trumpets* – Ed Whisenant
- *Prophetic Reasons Why Jesus Cannot Return Before 2040* – Gene Stone
- *When Will Jesus Come?: Compelling Evidence for the Soon Return of Christ* – David Hunt
 - Hunt uses specific verses from the Bible, that **COULD NOT** have been fulfilled in **ANY** other time than the one we live in now, to show the time is very short for the "end times" events to begin.
- *Left Behind* – LaHaye and Jenkins
 - Sixteen book series; 65 million total copies sold, multiple movies and video games
- Rapture Prediction of May 21, 2011 - Harold Camping of Family Life Radio
 - "I don't know where we went wrong other than that we obviously don't understand the Scriptures in the way that we should."



Lakewood Lessons – How should we respond?

Mentally:

- “But I don’t want you to be uninformed brothers” (1 Thes 4)
- “The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to show his servants the things that must take place” (Rev 1)
- “It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.” (Acts 1)

Emotionally:

- “And I fell at his feet to worship him. . . Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Rev 19)

The Purpose of Prophecy

1. Prophecy Comforts – 1 Thessalonians 4:18, John 14:1
2. Prophecy Calms – 2 Timothy 3:1-5, Titus 2:13
3. Prophecy Converts – Acts 3:12-26, 17:31-34, 28:30-31
4. Prophecy Cleanses – Titus 2:14, Ephesians 5:26-27, 2 Peter 3:14, 1 John 3:2-3
5. Prophecy Compels – 1 Corinthians 15:52-58, 2 Corinthians 5:10-14
6. Prophecy Confirms – Revelation 22:18-19
7. Prophecy Centers on Jesus Christ - Revelation 1, 4, 5, 19
8. Prophecy is NOT for Curiosity, it is for worship.

God's Prophetic Timeline

1. The Rapture of the Church – 1 Thes 4
2. The Judgment Seat of Christ – 1 Cor 3, 2 Cor 5, Rom 14
3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Rev 19
4. The Beginning of the Tribulation – Dan 9
5. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ – Rev 19



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6. The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ – Rev 20
7. The Great White Throne Judgment – Rev 20
8. The New Heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem – Rev 21-22



General Guidelines for Reading Prophecy

- Always follow the normal principles of interpretation. Apply the basic historical, grammatical, literary interpretation.
- Recognize that the symbolism is not to be dissected for purposes of application.
- View prophecy as primarily focusing on the Messiah and His eventual reign on earth.
- Recognize the principle of “foreshortening.”

