

Systematic Theology II

Taught by Dr. Luke Johnson

Mondays, June 15th - July 20th

6:30-8pm in the Education Center

SCHEDULE FOR COURSE AND EVENING

SCHEDULE FOR THE COURSE:

WEEK 1: PNEUMATOLOGY I

WEEK 2: PNEUMATOLOGY II

WEEK 3: ECCLESIOLOGY I

WEEK 4: ECCLESIOLOGY II

WEEK 5: ESCHATOLOGY I

WEEK 6: ESCHATOLOGY II

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING:

6:30-7:10 LECTURE

7:10-7:15 BREAK

7:15-8:00 LECTURE

THEOLOGICAL TRIAGE

Full Deity and Actual Humanity of Christ

The Trinity

Justification by Faith Alone

Authority of the Scriptures

Ecclesiology

Baptism

Lord's Supper

Gender Roles in the Church

Certain Eschatological Questions

Gospel Freedom Issues

Understanding of Some Difficult Texts

Understanding of Miraculous Gifts

**TIER 1:
DIFFERENT FAITH**

**TIER 2:
DIFFERENT CHURCH**

**TIER 3:
DISAGREE WITH UNITY**

KEY FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:19–21

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

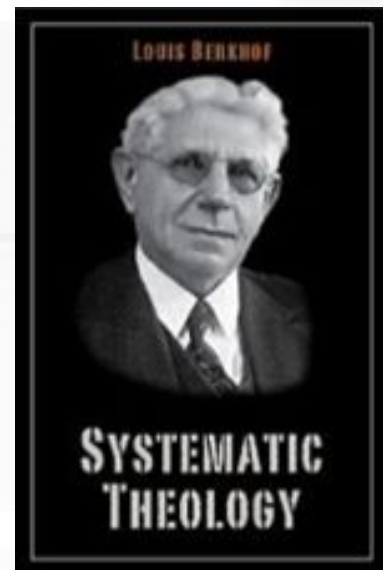
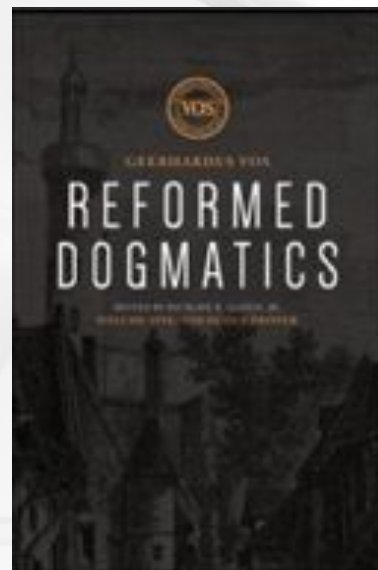
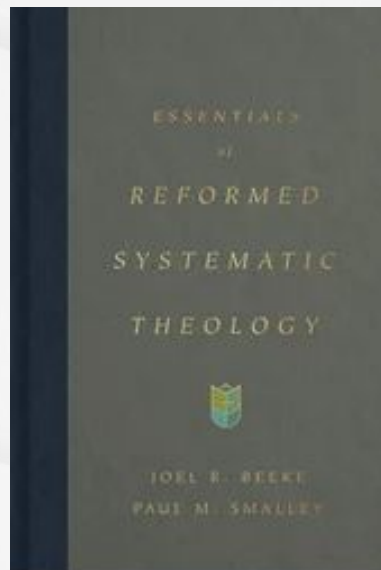
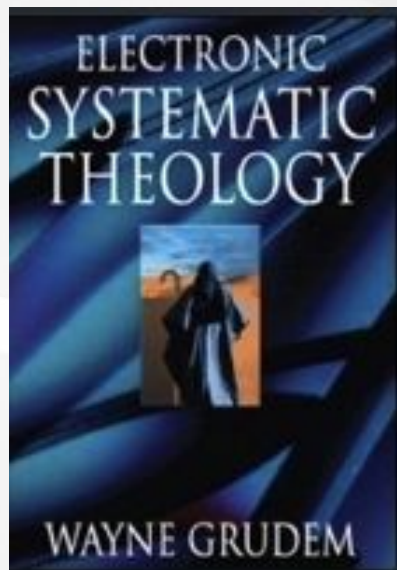
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II

PNEUMATOLOGY | ECCLESIOLOGY | **ESCHATOLOGY**

ESCHATOLOGY:

DOCTRINES OF THE LAST THINGS

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

Heaven Is Not My Home



1. Heaven is Not My Home | Part 1

Jun 8, 2025 • Drew Warner



2. Heaven is Not My Home | Part 2

May 11, 2025 • Drew Warner



3. Heaven is Not My Home | Part 3

May 4, 2025 • Drew Warner



4. Heaven is Not My Home | Part 4

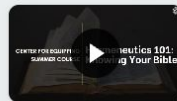
Jun 29, 2025 • Drew Warner

Hermeneutics 101: Knowing Your Bible



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 1: Part 1

Jul 8, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 1: Part 2

Jul 8, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 2: Part 1

Jul 15, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 2: Part 2

Jul 15, 2025 • Luke Johnson



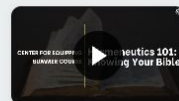
Hermeneutics 101 | Session 3: Part 1

Jul 22, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 3: Part 2

Jul 22, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 4: Part 1

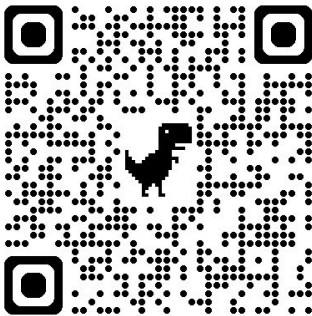
Jul 28, 2025 • Luke Johnson



Hermeneutics 101 | Session 4: Part 2

Jul 28, 2025 • Luke Johnson

SCAN HERE TO ACCESS THESE LECTURES!



ESCHATOLOGY:

DOCTRINES OF LAST THINGS

- **Session 1: End Times Passages in the Old & New Testaments**
- **Session 2: Terms, Hermeneutics, and Millennial Views of the End Times**

HERMENEUTICAL COMPONENTS TO END TIMES FRAMEWORKS

***WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
HERMENEUTICS AND ESCHATOLOGY?***

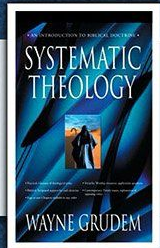
ἐρμηνεύω

hermēneuō

interpret

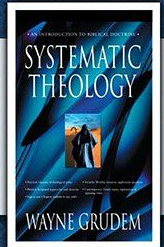
In order to help people to avoid making mistakes in interpreting Scripture, many Bible teachers have developed “principles of interpretation,” or guidelines to encourage growth in the skill of proper interpretation. The word hermeneutics (from the Greek word ἑρμηνεύω “to interpret”) is the more technical term for this field of study: hermeneutics is the study of correct methods of interpretation (especially interpretation of Scripture).

WAYNE GRUDEM
Systematic Theology



Another technical term often used in discussions of biblical interpretation is “exegesis,” a term that refers more to the actual practice of interpreting Scripture, not to theories and principles about how it should be done: exegesis is the process of interpreting a text of Scripture. Consequently, when one studies principles of interpretation, that is “hermeneutics,” but when one applies those principles and begins actually explaining a biblical text, he or she is doing “exegesis.”

WAYNE GRUDEM
Systematic Theology



PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- **Historical-** Every Biblical passage is situated in a particular time and cultural that shapes a proper understanding of the respective text.
- **Grammatical-** Every Biblical passage is constructed of words, syntax, sentences, paragraphs, pericopes, etc., which form the essential basis for meaningful communication.
- **Literary-** Every Biblical passage belongs to a literary genre that utilizes various literary devices (narrative prose, metaphor, allegory, etc.) to accomplish the desired communicative purpose.

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- **Example:**
 - **“Green”:** *Historically*- Could include “yellow” as a color because the Hebrew word for “yellow” (tzahov) did not exist in the language during the writing of the OT.
 - **“Green”:** *Grammatically*- A word denoting a particular color derived from the combination of blue and yellow on a color wheel.
 - **“Green”:** *Literarily*- A word that could metaphorically describe the disposition of envy, a reference form money, or feeling physically ill.

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- **Eschatological Example:**

- **“Seven”:** *Historically*- A number associated with the creation process of Genesis 1-2, and with the Sabbath and sabbatical years.
- **“Seven”:** *Grammatically*- A word denoting a numerical value used for quantification (counting, calculating, chronology, etc.)
- **“Seven”:** *Literarily*- A word that could metaphorically describe “fulness/completeness,” “perfection,” “rest,” etc.

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- Eschatological Example:

⁷ In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, ⁸ their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹ they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails

(Rev 9:7–10)

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- Eschatological Example:
Rev 9:7–10 Literally Understood



PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- Eschatological Example:
Rev 9:7–10 Figuratively Understood



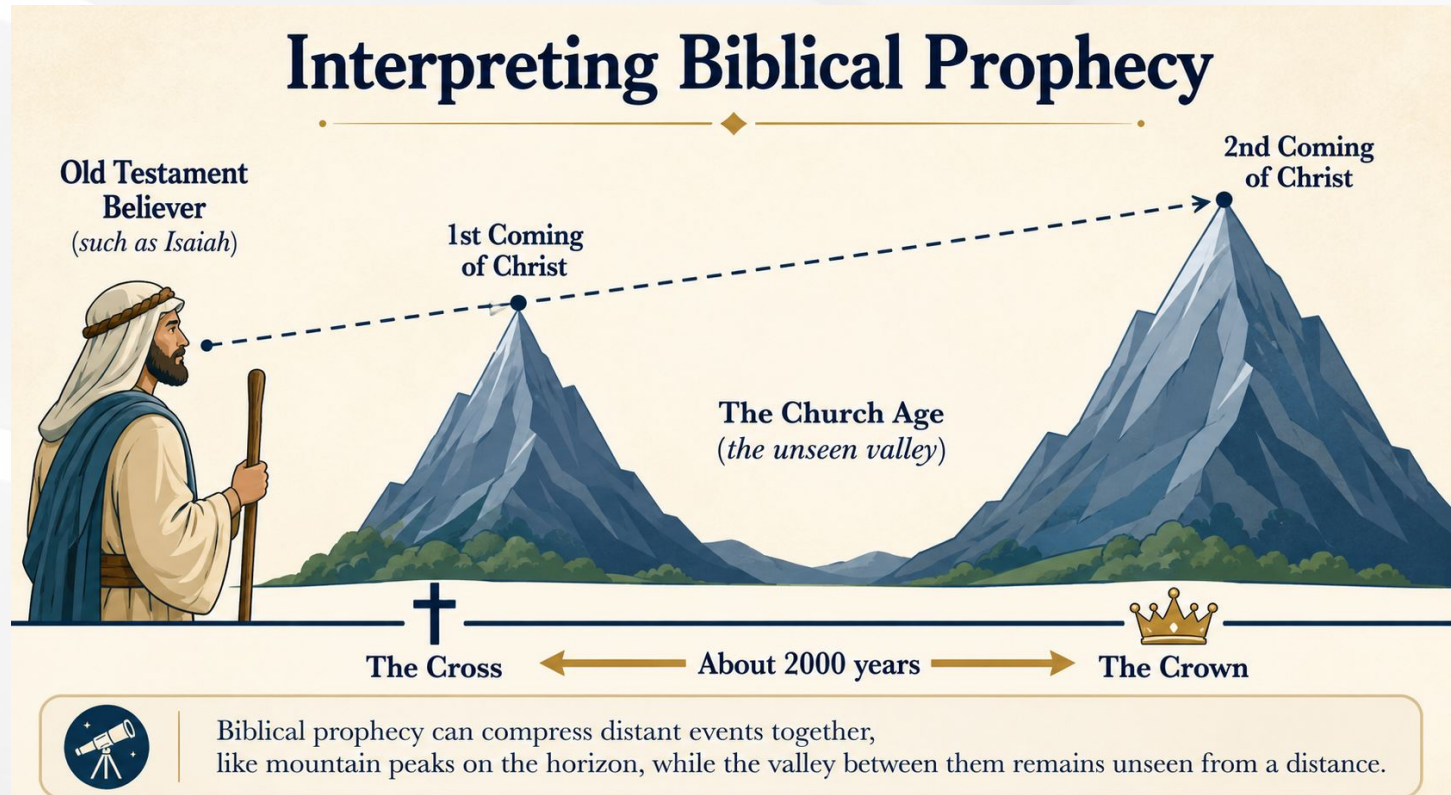
PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- **Hermeneutical Decisions:**

- **Do I interpret this word, phrase, sentence, paragraph literally, metaphorically, prophetically, allegorically, etc.?**
- **What hermeneutical/exegetical principles and procedures ought to be used to rightly interpret a particular passage?**
- **Are there any contextual clues from other passages within the same book of the Bible that more readily disclose the proper interpretive strategy for *this* particular passage?**
- **Do I have any theological convictions that may be properly or potentially improperly influencing a correct interpretation of a passage?**

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

- Hermeneutical Difficulties with Future Events:



PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutical Difficulties with Future Events:

1st Advent Passage in Isaiah

⁴ *Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;*

*yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.*

⁵ *But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;*

*upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

(Is 53:4–5)

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutical Difficulties with Future Events:

2nd Advent Passage in Isaiah

¹⁶ *He saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.*

¹⁷ *He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.*

PRINCIPLES OF HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutical Difficulties with Future Events:

2nd Advent Passage in Isaiah

¹⁸ *According to their deeds, so will he repay,
wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies;
to the coastlands he will render repayment.*

¹⁹ *So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west,
and his glory from the rising of the sun;
for he will come like a rushing stream,
which the wind of the Lord drives.*

²⁰ *“And a Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord. (Is 59:16–20)*

BENEFITS & LIMITATIONS WITH END TIMES DISCUSSIONS

***WHAT IS THE STUDY OF ESCHATOLOGY INTENDED
TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE CHURCH?
(IN OTHER WORDS, WHY DO WE HAVE THESE
PROPHECIES?)***

BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS OF ESCHATOLOGY

BENEFITS

- **Hope in the midst of suffering**
- **Endurance in the midst of persecution**
- **Confidence for the mission**
- **Strength for holiness**
- **Elevates Christ as glorious and beautiful**

LIMITATIONS

- **Christ return remains unknown**
- **Specifics regarding the “tribulation” remain vague**
- **Chronology is difficult to discern with ancient cultures**
- **Mystery remains**

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

What are the primary passages that depict elements of the end times events?

END TIMES MOTIFS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- **Day of the Lord**
- **Messiah**
- **Kingdom**
- **Final Judgment**
- **Gathering of Nations**
- **Creation Renewal**
- **Resurrection and Everlasting Life**
- **God's Final & Universal Reign**

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

***15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”
(Gen 3:15)***

***7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was
no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown
down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the
whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown
down with him.
(Rev 12:7–9)***

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

*“Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons shall bow down before you.*

*⁹ Judah is a lion’s cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.*

*He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?*

*¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.*

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

¹¹ *Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey's colt to the choice vine,
he has washed his garments in wine
and his vesture in the blood of grapes.*

¹² *His eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.*

(Gen 49:8–12)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.' ” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

(2 Sam 7:9–17)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Lord says to my Lord:

*“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies
your footstool.”*

*2 The Lord sends forth from
Zion
your mighty scepter.*

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

*3 Your people will offer
themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the
morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.*

*4 The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

*5 The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.*

*6 He will execute judgment among
the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.*

*7 He will drink from the brook by the
way;
therefore he will lift up his head.*

(Ps 110:1–7)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

(Is 2:1–4)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.*

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

(Is 9:6–7)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

³ *And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.*

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ *but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

⁵ *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

⁶ *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,*

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

⁷ The cow and the bear shall
graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall
play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his
hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They shall not hurt or
destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be
full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who
shall stand as a signal for the
peoples—of him shall the nations
inquire, and his resting place shall
be glorious.

(Is 11:1–10)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

*On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

*⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.*

*⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”*

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

*After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice
of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,*

“Hallelujah!

*Salvation and glory and power
belong to our God,
² for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great
prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood
of his servants.”*

³ Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

*The smoke from her goes up
forever and ever.”*

(Rev 19:1–3)

“Hallelujah!

*For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.*

*⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb
has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe
herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—*

*for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the
saints.*

(Rev 19:6–8)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

(Rev 21:1–4)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

¹¹ ***"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹² As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.***

¹³ ***"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.***

¹⁴ ***And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.***
(Dan 7:11–14)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

⁶¹ *But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”* ⁶² *And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”* ⁶³ *And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need?”* ⁶⁴ *You have heard his blasphemy.*
(Mk 14:61–64)

⁵⁴ *Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.* ⁵⁵ *But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.* ⁵⁶ *And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*
(Acts 7:54–56)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

²⁸ *“And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.*

²⁹ *Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.*

³⁰ *“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.*

³ *“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.*

(Joel 2:28–3:2)

END TIMES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Behold, the days are coming,”
declares the Lord,
“when the plowman shall
overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him
who sows the seed;
 the mountains shall drip
sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.
 ¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes
of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined
cities and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards
and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and
eat their fruit.

¹⁵ I will plant them on their
land,
and they shall never again be
uprooted
out of the land that I have given
them,”

says the Lord your God.

(Amos 9:13–15)

“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

¹⁷ **“For behold, I create new
heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things
shall not be remembered
or come into mind.**

¹⁸ ***But be glad and rejoice
forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create
Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.***

¹⁹ ***I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it
the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.***

²⁰ **No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out
his days,
for the young man shall die a
hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old
shall be accursed.**

“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

²¹ *They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.*

²² *They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree
shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the
work of their hands.*

²³ *They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the
offspring of the blessed of the Lord,*

and their descendants with them.

²⁴ *Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.*

²⁵ *The wolf and the lamb shall
graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”*
says the Lord.

(Is 65:17–25)

“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

(Rev 21:1–5)

“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ And he said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹ And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.”
(Ezk 47:6–12)

“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

(Rev 22:1–5)

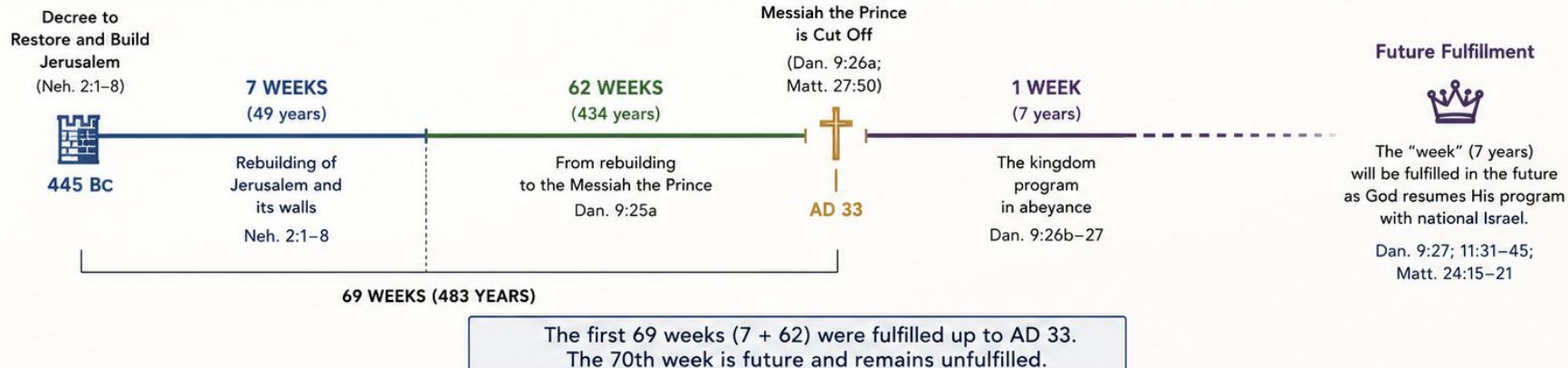
“BIG PASSAGES” ON ESCHATOLOGY IN OT

²⁴ “Seventy weeks [lit. “seven sevens”] are decreed **about your people and your holy city**, **1** to finish the transgression, **2** to put an end to sin, and **3** to atone for iniquity, **4** to bring in everlasting righteousness, **5** to seal both vision and prophet, and **6** to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand that **from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one**, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. And for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed one shall be cut off** and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall **destroy the city and the sanctuary**. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. **Desolations are decreed**. ²⁷ And he shall make **a strong covenant with many for one week**, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

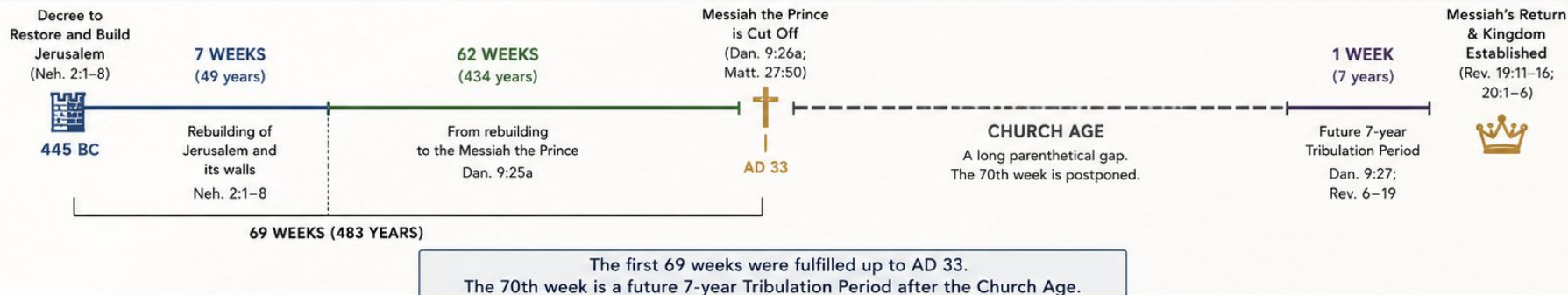
(Dan 9:24–27)

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS (DANIEL 9:24–27)

SAM STORMS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE 70 WEEKS



THE DISPENSATIONAL VIEW OF THE 70 WEEKS



DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS THEOLOGICALLY

- **“Seven” = Sabbath**
- **Seven Years = Sabbatical Year**
- **After 7 “Sevens” = Year of Jubilee**
- **10 x 7 “Sevens” (Ultimate Amplification) = Final Jubilee**
- **Hermeneutical Decision:**
 - **Should Daniel's 70 Weeks be interpreted through a primarily chronological lens, or...**
 - **Should Daniel's 70 Weeks be interpreted through a primarily theological lens?**

ANTICIPATED ESCHATOLOGY OF THE OT

- **God's Kingdom to be established forever**
 - **With a Davidic king on the throne**
 - **Reigning in Jerusalem**
 - **With complete victory over enemies**
- **God becomes the King of all the nations**
- **The Day of the Lord will bring wrath on God's foes, but feasting and celebration for God's people**
- **God will forgive the sins of His people**
- **God will restore *shalom* to His world**

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

What are the primary passages that depict elements of the end times events?

END TIMES MOTIFS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- **Kingdom of God**
- **Last Days / End of the Age**
- **Return of Christ**
- **Resurrection of the Dead**
- **Final Judgment**
- **Antichrist, Apostasy, Tribulation, Man of Lawlessness**
- **Millenium**
- **Renewal of Creation / Eternal State / New Heavens & New Earth**

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

¹⁵ “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Mt 24:15–31)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
(Mt 25:31–46)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Jn 14:1–6)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

²⁵ Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

***“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;***

***²⁷ “and this will be my covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”***

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

(Rom 11:25–36)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

(1 Cor 15:35–49)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Cor 15:50–57)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

(Php 3:20–21)



Glorification is a work of
transforming power
whereby God finally turns
us into sinless creatures in
deathless bodies.

J. I. PACKER

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

(1 Thess 4:13–5:11)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

(2 Thess 1:5–10)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thess 2:1–12)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

(Heb 9:23–28)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

3 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, ³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." ⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

(2 Pet 3:1–13)

END TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

(1 Jn 2:18–25)

ESSENTIAL DOCTRINES OF ESCHATOLOGY

What are the essential doctrines that the Church must hold fast to and affirm to remain within Christian orthodoxy?

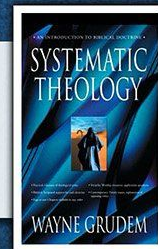
ESSENTIAL ESCHATOLOGICAL DOCTRINES

- God is sovereign over all that will occur.
- Jesus will return personally, visibly, bodily, and gloriously.
- All humanity will have a bodily resurrection.
- There will be a universal and final judgment, resulting in everlasting life and glory or everlasting punishment.
- All believers will reign eternally with Christ in a renewed creation, where there will be no effects of sin/evil.

Summary: Jesus returns, He wins, evil is forever abolished, His people are with Him forever and ever.

No matter what their differences on the details, all Christians who take the Bible as their final authority agree that the final and ultimate result of Christ's return will be the judgment of unbelievers and the final reward of believers, and that believers will live with Christ in a new heaven and a new earth for all eternity. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will reign and will be worshiped in a never-ending kingdom with no more sin or sorrow or suffering.

WAYNE GRUDEM
Systematic Theology



COMING NEXT WEEK:

**ESCHATOLOGY PT. 2- RAPTURE, TRIBULATION, AND
MILLENNIAL VIEWS**