

22T12Z Eschatology PREVIEW

Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me @ the PUNLA coffee table for a PREVIEW. I just have to say it. I don't really like eschatology or end times theology. I always figured it was going to happen so why worry about it. I would say things like, it does not help me follow Jesus, it does not help me reach others for Jesus, then why. What's the point? And this is true.

And I still kind of feel this way but over recent years, this topic keeps coming up over and over and over again. I think Jesus is trying to tell me something. So, I'm trying to be obedient and study the word of God as Jesus wants me to, not as I would like to do it.

Anyway, here we are talking again, about eschatology and prophecies.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father. Thank you for your good news. Lord use me to share your message. If I say something in error, please let them remember what you wanted them to hear, not my errand words. Help us not to be confused by the many voices and opinions we hear. May we stay focused on your word Lord. Guide our discussion. We pay in your name Lord Jesus, Amen.

So, what is Eschatology anyway? It is a really big word for a very simple thing, study of end-times. It is defined in the Christian world as the study of what scripture teaches about end times.

Eschatology is from two Greek words Eschatos meaning "last" and ology meaning "the study of". So eschatology is the study of the last or last times. This words actual origin is argued about but sometime in the mid 1800's is a best guess of most historians. This term is now used by many cultures and religions. So it's not just a Christian thing. But we are going to focus on Christian Bible verses most often studied as part of eschatology.

I want to look at the many scriptures experts study as part of eschatology and ask a couple simple questions. First, why are these verses eschatology? What is the value of the verse in understanding eschatology? And last, does the verse have to be about eschatology or is there another non-endtimes interpretation to consider.

My reason for doing this is simple, can we reduce the confusion surrounding Eschatology. Frankly, this topics scares most people. And that's just wrong. I believe God has given us the Bible to help our understanding of who He is. The Bible should encourage us, not scare us. The Bible should open our eyes to the reality of God, not confuse us beyond reason and logic. I believe the Bible is meant to be easy to understand, so I study and research not to prove others wrong or right but to develop a better understanding of God's message in the Bible, so I can live a life the way Jesus wants me to live.

Spoiler alert. I'm not going to address any of the verses from Revelation in this series, however. I don't think any questions that the book of the Revelation of Christ has much about eschatology in it. That's not our purpose. I want to wade through the many scriptures to see if there are viable, plausible interpretations of these scriptures which are not eschatology at all. We can look at Revelation another time.

We are going to look at many scriptures in this Series. I used the Open Bible and BlueLetterBible resources to identify nearly 40 scriptures outside of Revelation which most referenced as Eschatology. I quickly noticed not all of these scriptures deal with the event pertaining to the 2nd coming of Christ. So, we need to define what we are wanting to talk about first. I want to group these scriptures into two groups, End-Times and what I'll call Post-End-Times. Eschatology or the study of End-Times is meant to be the study of things happening at the end of this age. Put simply, it's the study of events leading up to the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ. Some would include Millennium etc. but for our purposes in this series. We will call scriptures that deal with events after the 2nd coming of Christ as Post-End-Times, and all scriptures that deal with events leading up to and including the 2nd coming of Christ as "End-Times".

My main reason for this distinction is simple. After Jesus returns, for us, everything after that is eternity, there is no end. So, referring to these events as End-Times is kind of silly, since there is no end of time only an end of this age. The end of this age comes with the victorious return of Jesus. I'm not going to get into the Millennium either, since our outcomes as Christians are set once Jesus returns.

I grouped 7 scriptures into Post-End-Times group including,

- John 14:3 (Jesus says he is preparing a place)
- John 3 (discussion about the Judgement of Jesus at the end of the age)
- John 5:25-32 (Resurrections, those with good deeds to life, bad deeds to judgement)
- Romans 5:20 (Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord)
- 1 Peter 1:13 (prepare for the revelation of Christ)
- Psalm 6:5 (The Lord will rescue my soul)
- Isaiah 65:17-25 (new heavens and new earth)**

So we will not look any further at these scriptures in this series. The second group is what I'd like to look at in this series and that's the scriptures that are considered prophetic or show us something about the End-Times. Not simple life after death things but the end of this world as we know it scriptures. Or put simply, the 2nd coming of Christ. I want to focus on the scriptures about the 2nd coming or preludes to the 2nd coming. Then we will review the interpretation to see if the scriptures have to be End-Times or something else. Several of the remaining scriptures only reference the 2nd coming of Jesus or talk about the judgement, here is list of 20 scriptures and general topic discussed.

- Isaiah 8:9-18 (the Believing Remnant) **
- Isaiah 60:1-2 (Glory of the Lord has risen)**
- Isaiah 61: 1-11 (exalting the afflicted)**
- 1 John 2:18-28 (Promise of Eternal Life)
- 1 John 3:2-3 (When He Appears)
- 1 John 4:8 (God is Love)
- Jude 1:5-7 (Great Day of Judgement)
- 2 Peter 2:4 (Judgement of Fallen Angels)
- Titus 2:11-14 (Looking forward to the 2nd coming)
- Philippians 1:6 & 2:16 (at the day of Jesus Christ)
- 1 Corinthians 1:8 (blameless on the day of the Lord)
- 1 Corinthians 5:5 (might be saved in the day of the Lord)
- 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (resurrection of the dead)

- 2 Corinthian 1:14 (proud on the day of the Lord Jesus)
- 2 Corinthian 5:1-10 (Temporal and Eternal)
- Acts 1:11 (Ascension, Jesus will return in same manner)
- Acts 2:31 (Jesus' resurrection)
- Acts 24:1-15 (resurrection of righteous and wicked)
- Hebrews 9:28 (2nd coming of Jesus for our salvation)

So we won't review these in any more detail either. In this series, I want to look at the group of scriptures which most people believe give us details about End-Times or the 2nd Coming of Jesus. These include,

- 70 weeks prophecy of Daniel 9
- 1290 days prophecy of Daniel 11-12
- Ezekiel's Temple Vision in Ezekiel 40-48
- 2nd Coming of Jesus of Daniel 7
- Destruction of the Temple Prophecy in Matthew 24-25 / Luke 21:1-38 / Mark 13:1-37
- 1 Thessalonians, The Rapture in (4:13-18) & The Day of the Lord (5:1-11)
- Day of the Lord Prophecy of Zechariah 14
- Group of End-Times Scriptures
 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5(last days)
 - 2 Peter 3:4 (Mockers)
 - 2 Peter 10-12 (day of the Lord comes as a thief)

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Heavenly Father. Thank you for your good news. Thank you are every story, every message in the Bible. Help us understand your purpose for giving them. Help us to understand how you intend us to view them. Help us not to be confused by the many voices and opinions we hear. May we stay focused on your word Lord. Help me Lord to let your word lead the way so we can see your message. Thank you, Jesus, for what you did for me or all of us. We pray in your name Lord Jesus, Amen.

So I know that was a very long preview but I want to be thorough if possible. I'm excited to see what we will find. I'm hoping to reduce these many scriptures to the true essentials about End-Times. My hope is to lessen the confusion by offering some alternative views to those commonly taught and preached.

Thank you for joining me @ the PUNLA Coffee Table. I hope you will join me as we study and learn about different ways to view these end times scriptures.

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