

ESCHATOLOGY

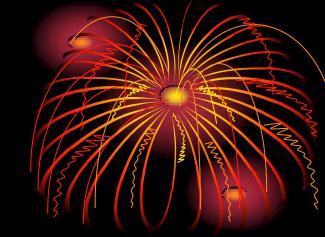
What is Eschatology

- A branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of human kind.
- A belief concerning death, the end of the world, the ultimate destiny of human kind; specifically Christian doctrines concerning the second coming, the resurrection of the dead, or the last judgment

Webster's dictionary

PURPOSE

- 2 PETER 3:11
- "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness"
- Many things are happening behind the scene. This world is getting ready for the Lord's return



World Religious leaders



Israel is getting ready

- Trump recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel
- All materials, priests, red-heifer, Arc of the covenant are ready to buil the 3rd temple.
- Land is the only thing holding now. Dome on the rock under Muslims now

A. Introduction

- Out of O.T. 23,210 verses, about 6641 has predictive material ... 29%
- •Out of N.T. 7,914 verses, about 1711 has predictive material ... 22%
- •Thus the entire bible's 31,124 verses, 8352 contain predictive material ... 27%
- Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, foretelling of the future (2 Peter 1:21;1 Peter 1:10-12)

Danger

- The increased interest in this subject resulted in the rise of date-setters who emotionally manipulated and led astray the church of God. Most of this took place in the western countries.
- Keep in mind what the Lord Jesus said in Matt. 24:36, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

B. Accuracy of prophecies

There are thirty eight prophesies fulfilled concerning Messiah.

- •1. He is the seed of the woman Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4
- •2. He would be the son of Abraham, Gen 12:3; Matt. 1:1
- •3. He would be descendent of Isaac, Gen. 17:19
- •4. He would be descendent of Jacob, Num. 24:117; Mt.1:2
- •5. He would be the heir to the throne of David, Isa. 9:7
- •6. He would be the anointed One. Ps. 45:6,7; 102:25-27
- •7. He would be born in Bethlehem, Mich. 5:2; Lk. 2:4,5,7
- •8. He would be the tribe of Judah, Gen. 49:10
- •9. He would be born of a virgin, Isa. 7:14, LK.1:26,27,30,31
- •10 The flight to Egypt, Hosea 11:1; Matt.2:14,15

B. Accuracy of prophecies ...

- •11. His way would be prepared Isa. 40:3-5; LK. 3:3-6
- •12. His forerunner, Mal. 3:1; LK. 7:24, 27
- •13. Declared the Son of God, Ps. 2:7; Matt. 3:17
- •14. His Galilean ministry, Isa. 9:1-2; Matt. 4:13-16
- •15. A prophet like Moses, Dt. 18:15; Acts. 3:20,22
- •16. He binds up the broken hearted, Isa.61:1-2; Lk.4:18, 19
- •17. Rejected by His own people, Isa. 53:3; Jn. 1:11
- •18. Priest after the order of Melchizadek Ps. 110:4; Heb.5:5,6
- •19. His triumphal entry to Jerusalem, Zech.9:9; Matt.11:7-11
- •20. Betrayed by a close friend, Ps.41:9; LK.22:47, 48
- •21. Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, Zech.11:12; Matt.26:14,15
- •22. False witnesses rise up, Ps.35:11, Mk.14:57,58
- •23. He was silent to accusations, Isa.53:7; Mk.15:4,5
- •24. He was spat upon and struck, Isa.50:6; Matt.26:67
- •25. He was hated without a cause, Ps.35:19; Jn.15:24,25

B. Accuracy of prophecies ...

- 26. Substitutionary sacrifice, Isa.53:5; Rom.5:6,8
- 27. Crucified with malefactors, Isa.53:12; Mk.15:27,28
- 28. Hands and feet pierced, Zach.12:10; Jn.20:27
- 29. Mocked, Ps.22:7, 8; Lk.23:35
- 30. Reproached, Ps.69:9; Rom.15:3
- 31. He prayed for His enemies, Ps.109:4; Lk.23:34
- 32. Casting lots for His clothing, Ps.22:17,18; Matt.27:35,36
- 33. Forsaken by God, Ps.22:1; Matt.27:46
- 34. No bones broken, Ps.34:20; Jn.19:32,33,36
- 35. His side was pierced, Zech.12:10; Jn.19:34
- 36. He was buried with the rich, Isa.53:9; Matt.27:57-60
- 37. He will rise again, Ps.16:10; Mk.16:6,7
- 38. He will ascend to God's right hand, Ps.68:18; Mk.16:19

Predictions concerning Second Coming

- 1. His coming will be sudden and unexpected as in the days of Noah. He will come as a thief in the night an in such an hour as you think not. (Matt.24:39; 42-44,48,50; 25:13; Lk.12:37-40)
- 2. He will come after the Great Tribulation (Matt.24:29, 39)
- 3. There will be great disturbances in the sun, moon and stars (Matt.24:29; Mk.13:25,26; Lk.21:25-27)
- 4. He will come in the clouds of heaven and in great power and glory (Matt.24:20,21; 26:64; Mk.13:26)

Predictions concerning Second Coming

- Everyone will be rewarded at His coming, (Matt.16:27; I Cor.4:5)
- 6. All nations will be gathered together before Him for judgment (Matt.25:31,32)
- 7. He will come with ten thousands of his saints, Jude 14

All of the above predictions will be fulfilled.

C. Historical prophecy

The book of Revelation is the book of prophecy. But the book has been interpreted various ways.

Preterist Interpretation

This view holds that the book of Revelation is concerned only with the events of the first century.

b. Historicist Interpretation

According to this school of thought, the entire course of church history until its consummation is depicted in the book of Revelation.

c. Idealist Interpretation

This view assumes that the visions are not literal at all.

C. Historical prophecy

d. Futurist Interpretation This is the fourth view. Apostle John was given a vision in Rev 1:19 of:

"the things which thou has seen," Chapter1
"and the things which are," Chapters 2&3
"and the things which shall be hereafter" Chapters 4-22

Only this view incorporates both the Old and New Testament prophesies harmoniously. Therefore this is the only grammatical-historical-theological interpretation.

D. Israel in Prophecy....

- Who are the Israelites? Rom.9:4,5
 - a) "to whom pertains the adoption"

 They have the divine sonship
 - b) "and the glory"

 They had the divine presence
 - c) "the covenants"

 God made a covenant with them.
 - d) "the giving of the law"

 They had the divine instructions
 - e) "the service of God"

 The divine mystery was given to them

D. Israel in Prophecy....

- Who are the Israelites? Rom.9:4,5
 - f) "the promises"

Divine promises were given to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others.

- g) "the Fathers"
 - They have the genealogies.
- h) "Christ came from them"

The godly seed was preserved in these fathers. Legally Christ was the son of Abraham, the son of David.

In Romans 9-11 Paul explains God's dealings with the nation of Israel in the past, present and future.

D. Israel in Prophecy.

- Israel as a nation rejected their Messiah
- Jesus Christ will reign as a King for a thousand years. The promise of the land made to Abraham and the Kingdom promised to David will be realized.

E. Nations in prophesy

- These nations are Ammon, Assyria, Babylon, Edom, Egypt, Greece, Moab, Persia.
- A) Egypt, Isa. 20:2-4
- B) Assyria, Nahum 1:1, 2:1, 3:1
- C) Babylon, Isa.13:19-22
- D) Persia, Isa. 44:28
- E) Greece, Dan 2:32, 3
- F) Rome, Dan 11:10-20

F. The church in prophecy

- Distinction of the two entities, church and Israel
- There was no church in OT
- •It was a mystery hidden in God Eph 3:9-11
- Lord sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and the disciples were baptized into one body and the church was born. Acts 2
- •All the blessings that belong to the Church are spiritual.

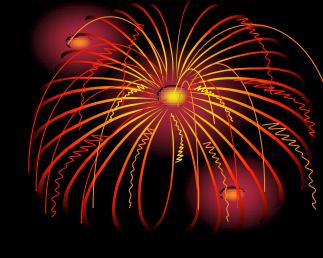
 Church is the heavenly people whereas Israel is the earthly people of God
- •The church is purchased by the blood of Christ. Acts 20:28; 1 Cor.6:20; 1 Pet.1:18-19

THE DISPENSATIONS

- God does not change
- God's revelation concerning Himself and His work has been progressive and the responsibility of man during each time periods are different.
- These time periods are called "dispensations"
- Throughout the scripture, we see the progressive revelation of God, through various dispensations. It means stewardship of His revelation.

Dispensations

- Bible unveils seven dispensations
- A) Innocence Creation to Sin of man
- B) Conscience Sin to Noah
- C) Human Government Noah to Abraham
- D) Promise Abraham to Moses
- E) Law Moses to Jesus Christ
- F) Grace Ascension to rapture
- G) Kingdom Rapture to New heaven/earth



• SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS

THE PRESENT AGE

- This is the age of grace Jn 1:17, Rom 5:20,21
- This is the day of salvation 2
 Cor. 6:2
- This is the age of the gospel Mark 16:15
- This is the church age Eph. 3:6

THE PRESENT AGE

- This is the age of the Holy Spirit
 Acts 2; Jn.14:16-17; 1Cor 6:19; 3:16
- This age was a mystery Eph 3:1-3
- This is a parenthetical age
 OT deals primarily with the Jews.
 God is going to deal with them again after the church age.

Pre-millennial Pre-tributrion rapture

- This view holds (which we also believe) that the Church, the believers who asleep in Christ will be resurrected and those who believe and remain will be transformed and be removed from the earth before the Great Tribulation takes place.
- Reasons: A dispensational interpretation of the scriptures is the only one, which takes all the aspects of the scriptures into consideration. Israel and the church are two different entities.

The Imminent return of Christ

- The disciples asked Him three questions in Matt. 24:2,3
 - A) When shall these things be?
 - B) What shall be the sign of Thy coming?
 - C) And the end of the world?
- The Lord gave them the signs of His Second coming for Israel and not for the church.
- The scripture is very clear that immediately after the rapture there will be a period of seven-year tribulation, at the end of which the Lord will come again.

The rapture

- There are four important passages in the NT concerning the rapture of the church.
 - 1) Jn 14:1-3 The promise of coming
 - 2) 1 Thes 4:13-18 The presence of Christ
 - 3) 1 Cor 15:50-58 The mystery explained
 - 4) Phil 3:20-21 The expectation realized

The resurrection body of Christ

- It has flesh and bones Lk.24:39
- It is glorified body Phil.3:21
- It is immortal body Rom.6:9
- It is a spiritual body 1 Cor 15:44

The judgment seat of Christ

- Four passages that deals with judgment seat of Christ
 - Rom.14:10-12; 1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:9-10
- 1) We were judged as sinners. (On the cross)
- 2) Today we are judged as sons. 1 Cor 11:31,32;
- 3) We will be judged as servants
- WHO WILL STAND FOR JUDGMENT
 - "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ 2 Cor.5:10

The judgment seat of Christ...

WHERE WILL WE STAND

- "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ 2 Cor.5:10
- WHEN WILL BE THE JUDGMENT
 - Before He comes with his saints (Jude 14)
- HOW WILL WE BE MANIFESTED
 - We shall be like Him 1 Jn 3:2
- WHAT IS THE NATURE OF JUDGMENT
 - Our work will be tested...by fire.

The judgment seat of Christ.

WHY ARE WE JUDGED

 To receive "the things done in our body" 2 Cor 5:10

WHO WILL BE THE JUDGE

• Father gave Him the authority to execute judgment Jn 5:27

WHAT ARE THE REWARDS

- Soul winner crown of rejoicing 1 Thes 2:19
- Shepherds crown of glory 1 Pet.5:4
- Faithful servants crown of righteousness 2 Tim.4:8
- Over-comer crown of life James 1:12
- These will be incorruptible crowns 1 Cor. 9:25

THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

- First stage
 - The betrothal is over
- Second stage
 - The marriage takes place between rapture and the second coming. Rev 19:7
- Third stage
 - The marriage supper. It takes place on earth Rev 19:9

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- The great tribulation is not the common tribulation or sufferings that believers will go through.
- For example, Paul said: "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" 2 Tim.3:12
- We will suffer such as "just for the unjust", "suffering for righteous sake".

THE GREAT TRIBULATION...

- God gave Daniel the vision of seventy weeks. Dan 9:24-27
- Each week represents a 7 year period
- Therefore, 70 weeks means 70x7=490 years
- The time clock of seventy weeks starts "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem" Neh. 2:1

THE GREAT TRIBULATION...

- According to Sir Anderson, between 14th
 March B.C.445 and 6th April A.D 32 (i.e. from the day of the decree to rebuild the temple to the exact day when the Messiah was cut off) was 173,880 days, which equals to 483 years.(173880/360=483)
- The prophetic clock for Israel has stopped ticking from that day.
- Today God is not dealing with the nation of Israel.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- Therefore a seven year period of prophecy still awaits fulfillment.
- This seven year period which follows the rapture is the Period of Great Tribulation which is unprecedented.

ANTICHRIST, A MAN WITH MANY NAMES

- Antichrist is not a Christian invention.
- Dan 9:27 supports a Gentile origin.
- His acceptance by Israel is thought to imply a Jewish connection (Jn.5:43)
- Whatever be his origin, he cannot appear unless the Church is raptured and the Spirit, the restrainer is removed.
 - 2 Thes.2:7,8
- The world is now looking for a superman and the devil will provide one, the "Seed of the serpent".

ANTICHRIST...

- Daniel spoke of him as one who spoke with great things and a "little horn"
- A time is going to come when "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast or the number of his name" Rev.13:17
- He will be an intellectual genius, majestic orator, prosperous commercial lord, successful politician, powerful military general, super power and now he wants to be a god? 2 Thes.2:4

ANTICHRIST ...

- When he appears he will pose as Christ of God in disguise.
- There are about 20 different comparison between him and Christ.
- Scripture reveals him with about ten different names.
 - 1) He is the seed of Satan, Gen.3:15
 - 2) The king of Babylon, Isa.14:4
 - 3) The prince of Tyre, Ezek.28:2
 - 4) The little horn, Dan.7:8
 - 5) The king of fierce countenance, Dan.8:23
 - 6) The prince that shall come, Dan.9:26
 - 7) The willful king, Dan.11:36
 - 8) The man of sin, 2 Thes.2:3
 - 9) The beast of the bottomless pit, Rev.11:7
 - 10)He comes in his own name, Jn.5:43

THE GREAT TRIBULATION...

- He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (7 years) at the beginning of the Great tribulation.
- During the first half of tribulation because of the covenant of peace signed with the Antichrist, Israel will have peace and will be able to build the temple.
- The last half of the tribulation is seen in Matt 24:15-28

THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF THE LORD - Rev 19:11-16

- The glorious coming of Christ to earth to establish His Kingdom
- This is NOT the rapture of the Church
- At the rapture, He comes to the air FOR His saints
- Here He comes to the earth WITH His saints
- He is sitting on a White horse to conquer the enemy

THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF THE LORD – Rev 19:11-16

- His eyes like a flame, the penetrating power of Judgment
- On His head are many diadem which ONLY He wears. Others may have a crown.
- He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood – not the blood he shed on Calvary, but the blood of His enemy
- He is accompanied by the armies of heaven made up of saints.

THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF THE LORD – Rev 19:11-16

- He has a name inscribed which no one knows except Himself
- He is called "The Word of God". In Christ God has fully expressed Himself to man
- His mouth issues a sharp sword
- He comes to rule with a rod of iron
- He tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God

ARMAGEDDON ...

- The kings of the east
 - "...the way of the_kings of the east might be prepared" Rev.16:12
- The king of the south
 - This is already identified as Antichrist. He will ally with the kings of the north.
- The purpose of the Battle of Armageddon
 - It is to judge and purify the Nation of Israel and also to judge the gentile nations.
- The Defeat of the Antichrist and his armies
 - "the sign of the Son of Man" (matt.24:30) appears in heaven.
 - The armies of the Kings of the East and the armies of Antichrist will join together to make war against him that sat on the horse. Rev.19:19
- The Lord, at the end of the Tribulation will destroy every force that is hostile to him. There will be no one to challenge His rule as Messiah.

Differences between Rapture and the Second Advent

Rapture

- 1) Comes for His own
- 2) Comes in the air
- 3) His own will see Him
- 4) Great tribulation follows
- 5) Believers saved from wrath of God
- 6) No signs that precede Signs precede the second
- focus

Second Advent

Comes with His own

Comes to the earth

Every eye shall see Him

Millennium follows

Unbelievers experience the wrath of God

Advent

7) Lord and His church in Lord and Israel in focus

THE MILLENNIUM

Why Millennium Kingdom?

- God created man in His own image to live in fellowship with him. He sinned, the fellowship with God was broken.
- God's kingdom will come and not only in the hearts of some believers but in all the world.
- The millennium kingdom of Christ is the fulfillment of the promises made by him and the answer to all the aspirations of man.
- The characteristics of the Kingdom
 - Man's rule on the earth has been characterized by unrighteousness, rebellion, hatred, war and bloodshed.
 - Now in the millennium the Prince of Peace will establish perfect peace on earth.
- The King will be righteous
- Righteousness will govern the kingdom

THE MILLENNIUM

- Satan will be bound for a thousand years at the beginning of Millennium. Rev.20:1-2
- Tribulation saints are resurrected and enters the Millennium Rev.20:4
- Holiness, truth, obedience, peace, joy, glory, comfort, justice, freedom, protection, complete knowledge, no curse or sickness, economic prosperity, fullness of the Spirit and proper worship will exist.

THE FINAL REVOLU

- At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be loosed out of his prison. Rev.20:7
- The unregenerate will rise up in rebellion under the leadership of Satan.
- Fire from God out of heaven comes and devours them. Rev.20:8-9
- Satan is cast into the lake of fire for ever. Rev.20:10

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

- Rev.20:11-15
- It was an emblem of glory
- It was white
- Earth and heaven fled away from his face
- Dead small and great stand before God.
- Books were opened
- Judgment was according to works

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

- Rev. 21 & 22
- Seven new things.
 - 1) The New Heaven, 21:1-2
 - 2) The New Earth, 21:1-2
 - 3) The New peoples, 21:3-8
 - 4) The New Jerusalem, 21:9-21
 - 5) The New Temple, 21:22
 - 6) The New Light, 21:23
 - 7) The New Paradise, 22:1-7

THE NEW JERUSALEM

- Rev. 21:2-4, 10-27
- This is the New Heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the Living God, Heb.12:22
- This is the Jerusalem from above, Gal.4:26
- The place of our real citizenship, Phil.3:20
- This is the holy city, Rev.21:2
- It is the city of my God, Rev.3:12
- This is the city, which has foundation whose builder and maker is our God, Heb.11:10

THE NEW JERUSALEM ...

- What it does not have: 21:4
- No tears
- No more sin, pain or death
- No temple in the new city
- No sun, moon or darkness in the city
- No more curse

THE NEW JERUSALEM ...

- What it has:
- The glory of God, vs.11
- It has walls, v12
- It has 12 gates, vv12-13
- It has12 foundations, v14
- The shape is square, vv15-17
 - 2,250,000 sq.miles or 3, 375,000,000 cubic miles
- Wall thickness is 216 feet
- Architect and maker is God, Heb.11:10
- If 20% of 100 billion of human race is saved, each person will have 75 acres