

Week 1 – Introduction & Overview

Put the following in chronological order:

- A. Second Coming of Jesus
- B. New Heaven / New Earth & Lake of Fire
- C. Rapture
- D. Millennial Kingdom
- E. Great White Throne Judgment
- F. Tribulation

Eschatology:

- *Eschaton*: 'last things'
- *Logia*: 'study'
- Literally: last things study

"The part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and humankind."

Eschatology is different amongst different denominations.

We must always remember: Eschatology is a non-essential!

Attitude regarding non-essentials

In the Essentials: Unity In the Non-Essentials: Liberty

In All Things: Grace!

Why study Eschatology?

Because God devotes so much of scripture to prophecy

- 27% of scripture is prophetic, and 14% is about End Times, equates to ~ 150 chapters
- There are 318 references to End Times in the 260 chapters of New Testament
- Virtually all of Revelation is End Times
- For every prophecy about Jesus' first coming, there are ~8 prophecies about His 2nd coming or End Times. 300 prophecies about 1st; 2,400 about 2nd / End Times

Rev 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

- Living a pure life -not being as tempted by the world, not clinging to the world
- Confidence in the plan of God's sovereignty
- A sense of urgent fervency for the mission
- A hope for an eternal rest that's worth working for
- Ability to endure suffering because you know the weight of glory to come
- Awe at the wondrous plan of God and Jesus' exaltation
- Stability and confidence that we need not fear nor be deceived
- Understanding of OT prophecy and wholeness of scripture

Roadmap to Eternity

