

## **ESCHATOLOGY**

### **THE DOCTRINE OF LAST THINGS Eternal Judgment/Eternal State**

- 1. THE CARDINAL DOCTRINES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LIST TWO FINAL EVENTS: THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND ETERNAL JUDGEMENT.  
HEB 6:1-2**
- 2. JESUS – MUCH OF JESUS’ TEACHINGS WERE ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH AND THE HAPPENINGS OF THE LAST DAYS.  
JOHN 14:1-3**
- 3. PAUL – THE APOSTLE PAUL’S WRITINGS WERE FILLED WITH INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE LAST DAYS AND LIFE AFTER DEATH.  
1 COR 15:51-52**
- 4. JOHN – THE APOSTLE JOHN WARNS US OF DANGERS OF THE LAST DAYS IN HIS WRITINGS TO THE CHURCH.  
1 JOHN 2:18**
- 5. JUDE – THOUGH JUDE’S WRITING TO THE CHURCH WAS SHORT, IT WAS FILLED WITH WARNINGS AND EXHORTATION OF LAST-DAY’S EVENTS.  
JUDE**
- 6. JAMES – JAMES WRITES THE NEW TESTAMENT “BOOK OF WISDOM” AND CAN’T HELP BUT FEEL INSPIRED TO COUNSEL US OF THE END TIMES.  
JAMES 5:8**
- 7. PETER – THE GREAT APOSTLE PETER INTENSELY LOOKS FORWARD TO HEAVEN AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY PERSUADES US TO JOIN HIM.  
2 PETER 3:13**

### **EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS**

- The Triumphant Church
- The Apostasy
- The Rapture of the Church
- Judgment of Christ
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- The Tribulation Period (7 years)
- The Second Coming of Christ
- The Millennial Reign

- Resurrection of the Dead
- Great White Throne Judgment Seat
- Eternal State/Final State

## 1. THE TRIUMPHANT CHURCH

- A. A glorious Church (**EPH 5:27**)
- B. Brighter and brighter (**MATT 13:43**)
- C. More church attendance (**HEB 10:25, LUKE 14:16-24**)

## 2. THE APOSTASY

The falling away of believers; the waning of the fervency of Christianity; people serving themselves rather than God (humanism).

**2 THESS 2:3, MATT 25:1-13, JOHN 6:66, 2 TIM 4:3-4, 1 TIM 4:1**

## 3. THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

The catching away of the active, faith-filled, and fervent believers who will meet the Lord in the air and be with Him forever (the first phase of the resurrection of those who live in Heaven).

**1 THESS 4:16-17**

## 4. JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Jesus Himself sits on this throne, and all Christians will have their works and stewardship tried by fire. Many will suffer loss. Some will have their very soul tried by fire to test their salvation. (No sinner goes to this judgment).

**2 COR 5:9-10**

Works	<b>1 COR 3:11-15</b>
Talents	<b>MATT 25:14-30</b>
Pounds and minas	<b>LUKE 19:11-27</b>
Opportunities	<b>MATT 20:1-16</b>
Every word	<b>MATT 12:36-37</b>

## 5. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

The Lamb, His bride, and the friends of the bridegroom celebrate the rapture and their new reunion.

**REV 19:6-9**

## 6. THE TRIBULATION PERIOD (7 YEARS)

**DAN 9:24-27, JER 30:7-9, MARK 13:19-20**

- A. First have (3 ½ years)

- (1) Restrained (Church removed).  
**2 THESS 2:7-8**
- (2) The temple is rebuilt; sacrifices resume daily; the antichrist comes on the scene.  
**DAN 9:25-27**
- (3) Opening of the first six seals (antichrist revealed, World War III, famine, death, and tribulation saints martyred).  
**REV 6**
- (4) 144,000 Jews preaching the gospel.  
**REV 7:1-8, 14:1-5**

B. Second half (3 ½ years)

- (1) Tribulation converts are taken to Heaven.  
**REV 7:9-17**
- (2) Seventh seal opened and judgment poured out in seven trumpets.  
**REV 8:1-9:21, 11:15-19**
- (3) The beast and the false prophet take total control (mark of the beast).  
**REV 13**
- (4) Judgment poured out through the seven bowls of wrath.  
**REV 15, 16**
- (5) The celebration of the marriage supper of the Lamb.  
**REV 19:5-9**
- (6) Christ returns with His saints.  
**REV 17:14**
- (7) Battle of Armageddon takes place.  
**REV 19:11-21**
- (8) Antichrist and the false prophet are cast into lake of fire.  
**REV 19:20**
- (9) Satan is bound for 1000 years.  
**REV 20:1-3**
- (10) The millennial reign begins.

## **7. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

This is the final appearance of Christ.  
**ZECH 14:4, REV 19:14-21, 2 THESS 2:8**

## **8. THE MILLENNIAL REIGN**

The raptured Church comes to the earth to rule for 1000 years with Christ. Satan is bound in the bottomless pit during this period.  
**REV 2:26-27, 3:21, 5:9-10, 20:6**

## **9. RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

Even the dead will be raised to face their Maker and be judged to eternal damnation.  
**JOHN 5:28, ACTS 24:15, DAN 12:2, REV 20:12**

## **10. GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT SEAT**

Lake of fire for satan, fallen angels, and sinners.  
**REV 20:11-15**

## **11. ETERNAL STATE/FINAL STATE**

### **A. A new Heaven and a new earth**

Not annihilation but revamping, rejuvenation, and renovation  
**REV 21:1, 2 PET 3:13**

### **B. Satan and his fallen angels**

Lake of fire  
**REV 20:11-14**

### **C. Believers**

With the Lord  
**1 THESS 4:17, 1 COR 15:51-54, JOHN 14:2-3**

### **D. Sinners**

To the lake of fire  
**REV 20:11-14, MATT 25:31-46, 22:13, JUDE 6, 13**

## **FALLACIES AND FALSE DOCTRINES RELATING TO ESCHATOLOGY**

### **1. ONCE SAVED ALWAYS SAVED**

The belief that all you must do is pray the “sinner’s prayer” to be saved and then live any way you want to, say what you want to, and run around with whomever you want to with no consequence or accountability at all.

This is wrong.

**HEB 2:3, 3:14, 6:4-6**

### **2. PURGATORY**

The belief that there is a place after death where unclean spirits go to be cleansed and purged so they can qualify for Heaven.

This is wrong. There is no Bible proof whatsoever for this doctrine.

### **3. SOUL SLEEP**

The belief that when people die they simply go into a deep, everlasting unconsciousness.

This is wrong. The Bible clearly teaches that one is conscious forever (either in the presence of the Lord or eternal punishment).

### **4. ANNIHILATIONISM**

The belief that when a sinner dies he or she is annihilated and does not exist anymore.

This is wrong.

**ECC 12:7, MATT 25:46**

### **5. EXREME GRACE – NO JUDGMENT**

This doctrine teaches Christians that they do not face any judgment whatsoever and simply go to Heaven because they ONCE prayed the sinner’s prayer.

This is wrong.

**ROM 14:10, HEB 13:17, 1 COR 3:13-17**

## **PERILS OF LAST – DAYS’ LIVING**

- People misbehaving **2 TIM 3:1-2**
- Seduction and deception **1 TIM 4:1**

- Philosophies and traditions **COL 2:8**
- Stuff (treasures) **LUKE 17:31-32**
- Complacencies **MATT 25:1-13**
- False christs **MATT 24:24**
- False prophets **MATT 24:11**
- Riotous, fleshly living **MATT 24:38-39**
- Wrong friends **1 COR 15:33**