

END TIMES

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Introduction:

The purpose of this class is to shed light on a complicated subject known as *Eschatology*. The word *Eschatology* means "the study of last things." It comes from the Greek word **eskaḥs (eskaḥs)** that means last or utmost in relation to time. We will briefly study other orthodox positions and study their history and development as well as looking at the positive and negative features of each position. The main focus of this class however, will be primarily on Dispensational Premillennialism and Historic Premillennialism. The first few weeks will be spent giving an overview of the different millennial and tribulation views. This class is an introduction which will lay the foundation for other End Time classes.

Objectives:

By the end of the quarter students should be able to:

1. Understand the major teachings on End Times and be able to formulate a conclusion as to what does the Bible has to say on on the subject.
2. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of various teachings on the subject.
3. Grow in a greater desire to serve the Lord knowing that He return is closer now than yesterday.

Text:

Things To Come, J. Dwight Pentecost ; *Rose Guide To End Time Prophecy*, Dr. Timothy Paul Jones; *Understanding End Time Prophecy*, Paul N. Benware

Homework:

We will have weekly quizzes as well as Bible verse memorization. Likewise each student will prepare an End Time timeline. There will be a Mid Term as well as a Final which will consist of fill in the blanks, true false and short answers.



Grading:

- A = 100 – 90
- B = 89 – 80
- C = 79 – 70
- D = 69 – 60

Schedule

Week One	I. Introduction / Foundations
Week Two	II. Millennial Views
Week Three	III. Millennial & Tribulation Views
Week Four	IV. The Covenants
Week Five	V. The Mystery Church VI. The Church & Israel VII. The Mystery of Rapture
Week Six	VIII. Daniel and Revelation Mid Term
Week Seven	IX. The Resurrections
Week Eight	X. Judgments
Week Nine	Review
Week Ten	Final



I. End Times Foundations

1. Defining Of Terms

A. Millennial Views

1. Postmillennialism _____
2. Amillennialism _____
3. Historic Premillennialism _____
4. Dispensational Premillennialism _____

B. Tribulational Views

1. Pretribulational View – _____
2. Posttribulational View – _____
3. Midtribulational View – The Church is raptured in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel.

2. Study of Eschatology

A. Reasons why the study of Eschatology is important:

1. _____

2. _____

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3. Told to understand these things by Christ (Mt. 24:15).
4. _____

5. _____



3. Agreement

A. Things we all can agree on:

1. The essentials:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

4. Orthodox Teachings Look To...

A. What do all positions look forward to?

1. _____

5. Differences Of Opinion the Result of.....

A. What is the main reason that we have these differences of opinion?

1. _____



II. Millennial Views

1. Amillennialism

A. Definition

The term _____ is a poor one because this word suggests that Amillennialists either do not believe in any millennium or that they simply ignore the first six verses of Revelation 20, which speak of a millennial reign. Neither of these two statements are true. However, it is true that Amillennialists do not believe in a literal thousand year earthly reign which will follow the return of Christ. _____ describes this view more accurately than the usual term, since "Amillennialists" believe that the millennium of Revelation 20 is not exclusively future but is now in process of realization.

1. The fulfillment of the Millennium

- a. The millennium is thought to be fulfilled in the _____ on the earth during the _____, or...
- a. By the departed saints presently reigning with Christ in heaven.

B. Chronology

1. The church age will end in a period of intense _____ that is ultimately concluded by _____.
2. Then after a _____ and _____ the eternal state will be ushered in.

C. Hermeneutics

1. Amillennialists tend to _____ prophecy.
 - a. This tendency leads to a _____ interpretation of the 1000 year reign of Christ upon the earth.
2. The Old Testament promises to Israel:
 - a. Are not _____ in an earthly _____
 - b. Are considered either to be _____ by Israel's disobedience based upon conditional promises _____ & fulfilled by church.



D. Overview of Amillennial Eschatology

1. Christ has won the decisive victory over sin, death and Satan at His first coming

a. Gen 3:15; Matt 12:28,29; Rev 20:4

2. The Kingdom came at Christ's first coming

a. Mt 4:17;10:77;21:31;Mk 1:14,15; Lk 9:2; Col 1:13; Rom 14:7

3. The kingdom was offered to Israel but rejected

a. Matt 23:37; Jn 1:11; Matt 21:42-47; Matt 23:38

4. The promises to Israel have been fulfilled in the Church

a. Gal 3:28,29;6:16; Eph 2:11-16; 1 Pt 2:9;; Hb 8:8-13

5. At the time of Christ's return, there is a general resurrection & judgement of believers and unbelievers

a. Dan 12:1,2; Jn 5:28,29; Rev 20:11-15; Acts 24:15

6. The final judgement is associated with the Second Coming

a. Matt 16:27; 25:31,32; Jude 14,15; 2 Thess 1:7-10; Rev 22:12

7. After the final judgement, the Eternal State is ushered in

a. Rev 21:2,3; 22:3; Is 65:17; 2 Pet 3:1

E. History Of Amillennial Teaching

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

F. Negative Aspects Of Amillennial Eschatology

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



2. Postmillennialism

A. Definition

_____ is the view which holds that the kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the _____ and saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individuals, and that the world eventually is to be _____ and that the return of Christ is to occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly known as the millennium. It should be added that Postmillennialism believes that at the second coming of Christ there will immediately follow a _____ resurrection and a general _____ with the introduction of heaven and hell in their fullness.

B. The Millennium is thought to be fulfilled

1. Through Christ _____ through the hearts of His people on earth. Psalm 2:6-9 & Acts 13:33; Ps 22:27,28; Ps 72: 8 - 11.
2. The millennium is not a literal 1000 year period, but a long period of time.

C. Chronology

1. Through evangelism, the world will be _____.
 - a. Gen. 12:1-3, Matt 28:19,20
2. The church will usher in this period known as the _____.
3. During this period, there will be great _____ and _____ prosperity followed by a brief period of evil and then the _____.
4. At Christ's second coming there will be a general _____ and judgement followed by the eternal state of heaven and hell.
 - a. 1 Cor 15:25,26; Ps 110:1

