

Your Kingdom Come: The Doctrine of Eschatology

Essay Questions

LESSON
ONE

THE GOAL OF CREATION



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7. How did unmet expectations and prophetic mystery create complications for the New Testament church's belief that Jesus was the Messiah?
8. The apostles' adjusted expectations came with an understanding of "inaugurated eschatology"? What does this phrase mean? Explain how the kingdom of God has come, is coming, and will come in the three stages of inaugurated eschatology.

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TWO

THE LIVING AND THE
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1. Define “eschatology.” Broadly understood, what period of time is covered under the term eschatology?
2. What does the creation account of Genesis 1–2 tell us about our God-ordained roles and responsibilities? How is this related to the “cultural mandate”?

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1. Why is it necessary for Christ to return to earth?
2. What does the Bible teach us about the manner of Christ's return? What will it look like? How will we recognize him? Use specific Scripture references to support your answer.

5. Evangelicals interpret the precursors to Christ's return using a variety of strategies. List and explain the four main evangelical interpretive strategies associated with the signs of the times.
6. What are the predominate beliefs of those who hold to the millennial view of historic premillennialism?

7. What is the basic timeline assumed by those who hold to the view of dispensational premillennialism?

8. What is postmillennialism? How does it differ from premillennial views of the millennium?

9. What does the term “amillennialism” literally mean? What is the amillennial view of the millennium, and how is it different from postmillennialism?

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5. Who will be the judge at the final judgment? Who will assist him? Use specific Scripture references in your answer.

6. List and describe the three parties or groups that will face the final judgment.

7. What do we mean when we say that God will consider every piece of evidence in the final judgment in order to ensure that perfect justice is upheld? Will everyone be held to the same level of accountability, or will we be judged according to our own situations?

8. In the final judgment, Christ will render two types of decisions: curses for those that have done evil and blessings for those that have done good. What will be the final outcomes of both of these decisions?

9. How will the new heavens and new earth reach a state of purity? In what way does this compare to the flood in Noah's day? How is it different?

10. Will God create a completely new heavens and new earth, or will he renew the current heavens and earth? Give evidence from Scripture to support your answer.

11. Explain some of the geography of the new heavens and new earth. How will the natural and supernatural realms become a unified kingdom? What does Scripture tell us about the New Jerusalem?