

I Am Coming Soon

An Online Bible Study on Eschatology

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Slide 1: Introduction

- End Times topics are very popular today (current events, disasters, politics, etc).
 - It is important to have a Biblical Understanding of the End Times.
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Slide 2: Goals of Class

- To present a true Biblical view of the end times
 - To understand Hermeneutics (the “rules by which we interpret)
 - To understand that the historical/ancient Biblical view conflict with modern teachings.
 - To explore some of the modern historical views (Dispensational Premillennialism, Classic Millennialism, Post-Millennial, Amillennial/ Inaugurated Eschatology, and others.
 - To have a right understanding of Israel
 - To view Eschatological theology as a theology of hope.
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Slide 3: Classes and Topics

- Class I, Introduction
- Class II, Principles of Interpretation
- Class III, Prevalent theological views and errors.
- Class IV, The Israel of God
- Class V, The Rapture
- Class VI, The Tribulation
- Class VIII, The Millennium
- Class IX, Wrap up and a challenge.

Slide 4: Needed Material:

- Bible (no paraphrased editions. KJV, NKJV, RSV, ESV, NIV, NASB all fine. Please follow along as texts are read. Feel free to write in your Bible.
 - Notebook, pad, etc. to record notes and questions.
 - Prayerful, inquisitive mind
 - A desire to grow closer to Jesus.
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Slide 5: Dispensational View is most popular today

- Made popular in the 1970s by writers such as Hal Lindsay.
 - Date Setting is always wrong: See Matthew 24:36. Jesus, Himself does not know according to His human nature and State of Humiliation.
 - The Millennium is seen as a literal thousand year period in Dispensationalism when Jesus reigns on earth from the New Temple in Jerusalem. We reject this and believe that the Bible teaches that Jesus' reign on earth is NOW, in the forgiveness of sins given to the Church (John 20).
 - The Opposites (predator and prey) are not the Lion and the Lamb (both are images of Jesus, the Lamb of God and the Lion of Judah. The opposites in Scripture are from Isaiah 11 and are the "wolf and the Lamb."
 - Modern day continuation of this teaching can be found in Tim LaHey's "Left Behind Series."
 - In the 1970s Christian music promulgated dispensational theology, particularly Larry Norman's hit, "You've been Left Behind." Available on iTunes.
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Slide 6: Lots of Questions!

Slide 7: What we, as Lutheran Christians, believe:

- The Scriptures/ Bible – Inspired, Inerrant, Infallible Word of God.
- We believe in a literal heaven and hell
- We believe in a literal judgment Day that is concurrent with the rapture, resurrection, the Sheep-Goat judgment, and the end of the world.
- Jesus coming will be visible to all. We reject a “secret rapture.”
- The rapture and the last day occur on the same day at the same time.
- The Church is the target of the Tribulation so it cannot be raptured out of the world prior to the Tribulation.
- Scripture interprets Scripture.

Slide 8: Errors that we reject: A Secret rapture

- That history will continue after the rapture.
- That the church will be raptured prior to the Tribulation
- That there is a literal 1,000 year reign of Jesus in Jerusalem from the Temple at the end of time.
- That Israel will be saved by the Old Covenant
- Some meanings given to “666”
- That prophecy is interpreted by Headlines in the news
- A Non-Sacramental View of the End of time.
- That apocalyptic books (Daniel, Ezekiel, Revelation, some of the Prophets, etc.) are given more authority than what Jesus says.

NEXT CLASS: PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION: HERMENEUTICS