



# Eschatology

An Introduction

*Part 1 of Eschatology in a series on Systematic Theology*

# A Definition of Eschatology

A Simple Definition

Eschatology is the study of the end times.

A Theological Definition

Eschatology is the study of when and how God will make all things right.

# A Definition of Eschatology

## Personal Eschatology\*

- What is death?
- Where do I go when I die?
- Where does my soul go?
- What is the intermediate state?
- What is heaven like?
- What is hell like?
- When will I be judged by God?

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# A Definition of Eschatology

## Cosmic Eschatology\*

- Rapture/Resurrection
- Bema Seat Judgment
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- Day of the Lord
- Tribulation Period
- Future of Israel
- Antichrist
- Abomination of Desolation
- Battle of Armageddon
- Second Coming of Christ
- Sheep/Goat Judgment
- Millennial Kingdom
- Great White Throne Judgment
- Eternal State

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# A Definition of Eschatology

## Key Eschatology Passages\*

- Deuteronomy 30
- Isaiah 24-27
- Isaiah 60-66
- Ezekiel 36-48
- Jeremiah 30-33
- Amos 9:11-15
- Zechariah 12-14
- Matthew 24-25
- Mark 13 / Luke 21
- 1 Thessalonians 4-5
- 2 Thessalonians 1-2
- 2 Peter 3
- Revelation 6-22

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# Some Myths of Eschatology

- Eschatology is unimportant.
- Eschatology is not a clear doctrine.
- It makes no difference which eschatological view I take.



# The Importance of Eschatology



- Eschatology reminds us that God is sovereign.
- Eschatology reminds us that God is good.
- Eschatology motivates us to live holy.
- Eschatology gives us hope.
- Eschatology directs us to worship God.

# Studying Eschatology (Hermeneutics)

Our method of interpretation must be...

Literal – Grammatical – Historical

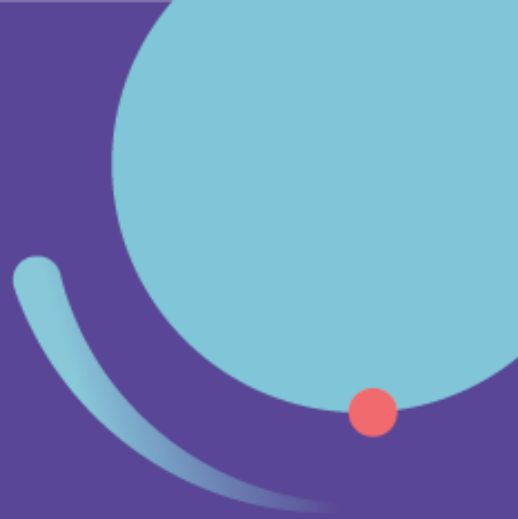




# Personal Eschatology

## Death

- Physical Death
- Spiritual Death
- Eternal Death



# Personal Eschatology

## Intermediate State

	Temporary	Permanent
Unbelievers	Hades	Lake of Fire (Hell/Gehenna)
Fallen Angels	Abyss	Tartarus
Believers	Paradise (Heaven)	New Earth

# Helpful Resources

- *Understanding End Times Prophecy*, Paul Benware
- *Biblical Doctrine*, John MacArthur & Richard Mayhue
- “The Grammatical-Historical Hermeneutic: Its Defense and the Demand for Premillennialism,” Abner Chou
- Michael J Vlach, YouTube Channel

