

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 31
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Eschatology, Part 6

General Eschatology

- **We must answer two questions:**
 - Which timeline?
 - What are the _____ on that timeline?

Which Timeline?

- **We hold to a pretribulational, premillennial timeline of end-time events:**
 - Pretribulational = the first phase of Christ's return, the _____, will take place prior to the Tribulation.
 - Premillennial = the second phase of Christ's return, His coming in power and glory, will take place _____ to a literal, one-thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth.
 - This timeline is based on a literal, plain-sense interpretation of Revelation and other prophetic Scripture.
- **Three competing timelines:**
 - Premillennialism
 - Christ returns _____ the Millennium.
 - Derived from a literal interpretation of Scripture.
 - The _____ timeline.
 - Postmillennialism
 - Christ returns _____ the Millennium.
 - The Church will triumph over the forces of Antichrist in this age and usher in the _____.
 - Amillennialism or Nonmillennialism
 - There will be _____ literal Millennium, or
 - We are already _____ in the Millennium.
 - It refers to the Church Age on the Earth, or
 - It refers to the intermediate state in _____.
- **Why not post-tribulational premillennialism?**
 - It fails to properly account for the many _____ between the coming of Christ at the Rapture and His glorious return to the earth.
 - Matt. 24:37-39: _____
 - It requires _____ believers to turn around and come right back down to earth.

- Revelation 19:14: *“And the armies which were _____ heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”*
- It would lead us to be looking not for the _____ return of Christ but for the advent of the Day of the Lord on the earth.
 - Mark 13:35-36: *“Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming _____ he find you sleeping.”*
 - See also Luke 12:35-40: _____

- **What Events Are on the Timeline?**

- The timeline has eight big events:
 - The _____ of the Church
 - The Tribulation
 - The Second Coming of Christ
 - The _____ of the Sheep and Goats
 - The Millennial Kingdom
 - The Final _____
 - The Great White Throne Judgment
 - The Creation of the New Heaven and Earth

The Tribulation

- **The Tribulation will encompass two periods:**

- The _____ phase (undetermined length)
 - The _____ revealed (by fulfillment of prophetic events)
 - Perhaps some of the _____ judgments will take place here.
- The 70th week of _____, lasting 7 years
 - Key verse = Daniel 9:27: _____

 - The first half of Daniel’s 70th week will last 3.5 years
 - Defined by the ministry of the two _____.
 - Rev. 11:3: *“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall _____ a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.”*
 - The second half of Daniel’s 70th week will last 3.5 years
 - Defined by the length of the Beast’s second _____.
 - Rev. 13:5: *“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to*

continue _____ and two months.”

- **The first half of Daniel's 70th week:**

- The activities of the _____:
 - He will have come to power through a series of _____.
 - Matthew 24:7-8: “For nation shall rise against _____, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”
 - He will uphold the _____ with the many.
 - He will be _____.
- The ministry of God's two witnesses:
 - Their identity = _____ and either Moses or Enoch
 - Their power = to call down _____ on the earth
 - Their message = to call the world and Israel to _____ and revival
 - Malachi 4:5-6: _____
 - Rev. 11:4-6: _____
- The evangelistic ministry of the _____
- The judgments of God on the inhabitants of the earth:
 - _____ 1-7
 - Trumpets 1-6

- **The _____ of Daniel's 70th week:**

- The _____ of the Beast and his return to power (Rev. 13:3, 17:8-11).
- The _____ and resurrection of the witnesses (Rev. 11:7-13)
- The abomination of desolation in the _____ (Matt. 24:15-18, Dan. 12:11)
- The flight of godly Jews to safety in the wilderness (Rev. 12:6, Matt. 24:20-22)
- The sounding of the _____ trumpet in heaven (Rev. 11:15)
- The casting of Satan out of heaven to the earth (Rev. 12:7-9)

- **The second half of Daniel's 70th week (Rev. 13):**

- The return and worldwide domination of the Beast
- The advent of the false _____ and his miracles
- The worldwide _____ of the Beast
- The _____ of the Beast
- The persecution of saints by the Beast
- The hiding of godly Israel in the _____ (Rev. 12:6)
- The outpouring of the 7 _____ of God's wrath (Rev. 15-16)

- **The end of Daniel's 70th week (Rev. 19:11-21):**

- The Battle of _____
- The Second Coming of Christ to the earth
- The _____ of the Beast, false prophet, and their armies by Christ