

BCC Course on Biblical Eschatology

Week 3 = Futurism and the Timing of Bible Prophecy Fulfillment

I.) When are the events of Matt. 24 Fulfilled?

- Wars
- False Messiahs
- Earthquakes
- Abomination of Desolation
- Worst period in human history
- Gospel preached to the whole world
- Cosmic Signs
- The Coming of Jesus

II.) When are the events of Revelation 6-22 Fulfilled?

- Arrival of the Anti-Christ (False peace)
- War
- Famine
- Death
- Martyrdom
- Earthquake & sky rolled like a scroll

III.) The 7 Trumpets:

- First Trumpet: 1/3 of the earth, trees & grass burned up (8:7)
- Second Trumpet: 1/3 of the sea creatures die and ships destroyed (8:9)
- Third Trumpet: 1/3 of the waters are polluted & many die (8:10-11)
- Fourth Trumpet: 1/3 of the sun, moon & stars are darkened (8:12)
- Fifth Trumpet: Locusts / Demons are released to torment people (9:1-11)
- Sixth Trumpet: 4 previously bound demons released to kill 1/3 of mankind (9:13-19)
- Seventh Trumpet: Proclamation of Christ's Kingdom Reign (11:15-18)

IV.) The 7 Bowls:

- 1st Bowl: Painful sores (16:2)
- 2nd Bowl: Sea becomes like blood & everything in sea dies (16:3)
- 3rd Bowl: Rivers & springs of water turn to blood (16:4-7)
- 4th Bowl: Sun scorches people with fire & heat (16:8-9)
- Fifth Bowl: Darkness & Intense Pain (16:10-11)
- Sixth Bowl: Euphrates River dried up, prepares way for Eastern kings (16:12-16)
- Seventh Bowl: Severe earthquakes that split the great city into 3 parts; cities of Nations fall; severe hail (16:17-21)

V.) The Return of Jesus Himself - Matt. 24:30-31 & Rev. 19, references of?

What is your answer to the above passages?

- Past fulfillment?
- Present fulfillment?
- Future Fulfillment?
- Timing is not in view.

VI.) Views:

- 1.) Preterism *Fulfillment is past from our standpoint; fulfilled all or mostly by AD 70*
- 2.) Historicism *Fulfillment continues between the two comings of Jesus*
- 3.) Futurism *Fulfillment of many prophecies is future from our standpoint*
- 4.) Idealism *Timing is not the issue; God gives principles that good triumphs over evil*

VII.) Future Events:

Seventieth Week of Daniel (Tribulation Period)
Day of the Lord
Rapture
Rise and career of the Antichrist
Return of Jesus to Earth
Messiah's Earthly Kingdom
Healing of nature / animals
Judgments
Resurrections

A.) Futurism and the Timing of Bible Prophecy Fulfillment Discussion Questions

- 1. What are your thoughts on the issue of the timing of Bible prophecy fulfillment?
- 2. Briefly summarize the following views concerning the timing of Bible prophecy fulfillment:
 - 1. Preterism 2. Historicism 3. Idealism 4. Futurism
- 3. How important is having the correct view of the timing of Bible prophecy fulfillment for grasping an accurate understanding of God's purposes?
- 4. If someone asked you why you hold the view you do concerning the timing of Bible prophecy fulfillment, what would you say?

B.) Futurism and the Timing of Bible Prophecy Scripture Preparation

Read: Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 24; Mark 13

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