



Module Description

Eschatology (ST80406)

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DESCRIPTION: Martin Luther said: "*There are only 2 days in my diary - today, and THAT day*" (i.e. the day of Jesus' return). There is no shortage of teaching, viewpoints and theories about the return-of-Christ and the end-of-the-world. This course will major on the biblical certainties, while acknowledging the different views held by genuine believers.

OBJECTIVES: As a result of the student's successful completion of this module, s/he will:

Head: Know and understand the biblical teaching on the doctrine of the last things and be able to explain and identify the various schools of interpretation

Heart: Have a greater appreciation of the impact of the subject on day to day Christian living and on the work of evangelism

Hand: Be able to correctly teach and explain the biblical teaching on the subject

READING:

Required:

Hoekema, A The Bible and the Future Eerdmans

Recommended:

Grudem, W	Systematic Theology	IVP
Berkhof, L	Systematic Theology	Banner of Truth
Jackman, D	Teaching the Christian Hope	Christian Focus
Sproul, RC	The Last Days Acc. to Jesus	Baker

ASSESSMENTS:

The student's final grade will be determined by the following assessment:

Students are required to write a short essay of no more than **1500 words (+/- 10%)** on **ONE** of the following subjects

1. Of the three main interpretations of biblical teaching on the millennium, which is, in your view, the most faithful to Scripture and why? Defend your view from some criticism of it.
2. Eternal conscious torment or annihilation – which is the more biblical description of the nature of hell?
3. Give a biblical definition of death and explain why Christians need "not grieve as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13) at the death of a believer?

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- 1. Introduction to eschatology**
- 2. Death, immortality and the intermediate state**
- 3. The Return of Christ**
- 4. The Millennium**
- 5. The resurrection of the dead**
- 6. The final judgment**
- 7. Heaven**
- 8. Hell**
- 9. Eschatology and the Christian life**