

Eschatology

1. The last major doctrine in Systematic Theology – Eschatology
 - A. The study of last things
2. This study is developed and built on biblical prophecy.

Biblical prophecy is the foundation of eschatology.

2 Peter 1:12-21

What is the source of prophecy?

Originates from God through the Holy Spirit (vs.21).

1. Only one source.
 - A. God's Word
 - B. It is the O.T. & N.T. is the only source.
2. No book or person can tell the truth about the future.
 - A. It is only God who knows the future.

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

What is Prophecy?

1. *The word means foretelling or forth telling.*

Are there any new prophecies given today? No

1. All foretelling prophecies ended when the Book of Revelation was complete.
 - A. A.D. 96-100

Revelation 22:18–19

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Is it important to study prophecy? Yes. Why?

1. It makes up nearly half of the entire scripture.

Does God desire to reveal what the future hold? Yes

Daniel 2:28

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

Can we understand prophetic truth? Yes

1 Corinthians 2:9–10

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Biblical prophecy is the key to eternal hope!

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Biblical prophecy

- ***Shines a light when the days grow darker.***

Keeps us from being overwhelmed by fear.

- ***Provide a clear and truthful perspective.***

Romans 8:18

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

- ***Inspires us to obey Christ and His Word.***

Titus 2:12–14

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

- ***Understanding biblical prophecy assures us of God's blessings.***

Revelation 1:3

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.ⁱ

ⁱ Eschatology by Dr. Charlie Whipple