

Homework Review

Homework – Revelation 19

- **Revelation 19: 1** – *After this...*
 - *Revelation 18 – End of the Earthly economy & culture – Babylon*
- **Revelation 19:1-5** – *Heavenly celebration of the fall of Babylon*
- **Revelation 19:6-9** – *Marriage supper of the Lamb*
- **Revelation 19:10** – *Worship of angels forbidden*
- **Revelation 19:11-21** – *The final battle*
 - *Jesus and armies of Heaven on white horses*
 - *Beast (antichrist) and false prophet cast into lake of fire*
 - *Those who received the mark of the beast cast into lake of fire*

Homework – Revelation 20

- **Revelation 20: 1-6** – *The thousand year reign*
 - *Satan bound and imprisoned in “the bottomless pit” (ἄβυσσος abyssos)*
 - *1st resurrection – Christian martyrs*
- **Revelation 20:7-10** – *Release & final defeat of Satan → Lake of Fire*
- **Revelation 20:11-15** – *Great white throne judgement*
 - *Final resurrection*
 - *Names not in Book of Life → Lake of Fire*

Homework – Revelation 21

- ***Revelation 21: 1-8 – New Heaven and Earth***
 - *God's dwelling is with man*
 - *“Behold I make all things new”*
 - *“I am the Alpha and Omega”*
 - *No more death, tears, mourning, pain*
- ***Revelation 21:9-27 – New Jerusalem***
 - *8000 mile cubed*
 - *12 foundations with the names of Jesus apostles.*
 - *No sun or moon – The Lamb is the Light*
 - *No temple – God Himself is the temple*

Homework – Questions/Comments



Odd Brian's Take on Eschatology

Why Eschatology Is Important

- ***Draw Closer to God***

- *Psalm 119:11 - I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

- ***Trust God More***

- *Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

- ***Be a Better Gospel Witness***

- *1 Peter 3:14-16 - ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

Why Eschatology Is Unimportant

- ***Essentials of Christian Belief***

- *Virgin birth of Jesus – Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14)*
- *Deity of Jesus (Isaiah 9:6-7, John 1, John 10)*
- *Sinless Life of Jesus (Hebrews 4:15)*
- *Sinful mankind's need of a Savior (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)*
- *Jesus atoning sacrifice on the cross (John 10:14-18)*
- *Resurrection of Jesus*
- *Promise of eternal life in Christ (John 3:16-17, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9)*
- ~~*Our personal eschatological beliefs, positions, and conclusions*~~

- ***God's Will is Sovereign and Righteous***

- *He created all things (time included), and can end them when and as He wishes*
- *Our understanding and/or agreement won't alter His plan – nor SHOULD they*
- *He and His plan are perfectly good, righteous, and benevolent (Romans 8:28)*

Approach to Eschatology

- *Sola scriptura*
 - *No person's eschatological conclusions have inherent value*
 - *Only as valid as their scriptural basis*
 - *I will avoid sharing my personal eschatological positions*
 - *Be Berean*
 - *Draw your own conclusions (or none at all)*
 - *Recognize and shun your own prejudices (Christian indoctrination)*
 - *Keep an open mind*
 - *Be humble, teachable, companionable*
 - *We are all one in Christ*
 - *All the eschatological positions we will cover have a Biblical basis*
 - *Beware of those who associate eschatological/theological conformity with salvation*
 - *NEVER allow yourself to do that – even in your heart*

Approach to Eschatology (cont)

- ***The Bible contains a mixture of literal and symbolic/figurative language***
 - *John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*
 - *Song of Solomon 4:1b - ...Your hair is like a flock of goats leaping down the slopes of Gilead.*
- ***Literal interpretation insofar as possible***
 - *Avoiding over-spiritualization*
 - *Caution in interpretation of symbolism*

The Golden Rule of Hermeneutics

"When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise." - David L. Cooper (1942)

Eschatological Questions

- *Will Jesus return to Earth physically? When?*
 - *Must any further prophecies be fulfilled beforehand?*
- *When/how will believers be resurrected? (Physically? Spiritually?)*
- *When/how will non-believers be resurrected? (Physically? Spiritually?)*
- *What parts of Biblical prophecy have already been fulfilled?*
- *Which prophecies are yet to be fulfilled?*
- *Will all prophecies eventually be fulfilled or will the end negate any?*
- *What parts of Biblical prophecy are literal? Which are symbolic?*
- *Is (was) there a literal thousand year reign of Jesus on Earth?*
- *What is the role of Israel in Biblical prophecies not yet fulfilled?*
 - *What is the Church's role?*
- *Will there be a literal 7-year tribulation?*
 - *Will believers suffer in it, or only non-believers?*
- *Do non-believers get another chance after physical death?*

Selected Scriptures

- **Promise of Jesus' return**
 - John 14:1-4
 - Acts 1:6-11
 - Hebrews 9:27-28
 - Zechariah 14:1-9
 - Matthew 24:27
- **Olivet discourse (signs of His coming and the end of time)**
 - Matthew 24
 - Mark 13
 - Luke 21
- **Millennial reign of Jesus**
 - Revelation 20:1-6
- **Final Battle**
 - Revelation 20:7-10
 - Ezekiel 38-39
 - Revelation 16:12-16
- **Restoration of Israel**
 - Ezekiel 36-37
 - Isaiah 11
 - Jeremiah 30-31
- **"The tribulation"**
 - Daniel 7-12
 - Revelation 7-18
- **"The antichrist" (beast)**
 - Daniel 7
 - Revelation 11-20
 - 1 John 4:1-3 (spirit of antichrist)
- **Mark of the beast**
 - Revelation 13-14, 19-20

Selected Scriptures (cont)

- ***“The rapture” (resurrection)***

- *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:9-11*
- *Revelation 3:7-12*
- *1 Corinthians 15*
- *Matthew 24:29-31*
- *Luke 17:34-36 (*36 removed from ESV)*
- *Daniel 12:1-4*

- ***The Day of the LORD***

- *Joel*
- *2 Peter 3:1-13*
- *Malachi 4*
- *Isaiah 13*
- *Zechariah 14*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:1-4*

Eschatological Traditions

- ***Futurism***
 - *Premillennialism*
 - *Traditional*
 - *Dispensational*
 - *Pre-tribulation Rapture*
 - *Mid-tribulation Rapture*
 - *Post-tribulation Rapture*
 - *Postmillennialism*
 - *Amillennialism*
- ***Preterism***
 - *Partial*
 - *Full*

Traditional Premillennialism (review)

- ***Futurist***
 - *Many/most Biblical prophecies yet to be (completely) fulfilled*
- ***Literal millennial reign following Jesus' return***
 - *Christ and Church will reign on Earth*
 - *Satan bound for literally 1000 years*
 - *Church (evangelical) age began with Jesus' ascension*
 - *Will continue until Jesus' return*
- ***Eternal re-creation after millennium***
 - *Satan released and finally defeated*
 - *Great White Throne judgement*
 - *New and eternal Heaven, Earth, and Jerusalem established*
 - *“Behold, I am making all things new.” [Revelation 21:5]*

Dispensational Premillennialism (review)

- ***Futurist***
 - *Many/most Biblical prophecies yet to be (completely) fulfilled*
- ***Seven-year tribulation prior to millennium***
 - *Rapture of Church before, during, or immediately after*
- ***Literal millennial reign following Jesus' return***
 - *Christ and Church will reign on Earth*
 - *Satan bound for literally 1000 years*
 - *Church (evangelical) age began with Jesus' ascension*
 - *Will continue until Jesus' return*
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Postmillennialism (review)

- ***Futurist***
 - *Many/most Biblical prophecies yet to be (completely) fulfilled*
- ***Church establishes rule of peace and righteousness on Earth during millennium***
 - *Ascended Jesus rules from Heaven during millennium*
 - *Jesus' second coming to Earth AFTER the millennium*
- ***Eternal re-creation after millennium***
 - *Satan released and finally defeated*
 - *Great White Throne judgement*
 - *New and eternal Heaven, Earth, and Jerusalem established*
 - *“Behold, I am making all things new.” [Revelation 21:5]*

Amillennialism

- *So-called from Latin prefix “a” – not or without*
- *Partially Futurist*
 - *Some Biblical prophecies yet to be (completely) fulfilled*
 - *But millennium is NOT a literal future event*
- *The millennium is the current church age*
 - *Satan spiritually bound by Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection*
 - *The “1000 years” of Revelation 20 is symbolic not literal*
 - *Jesus currently reigns from Heaven*
 - *The Church reigns on Earth through evangelism and good works*
- *Eternal re-creation after Church age*
 - *Jesus returns for final battle against Satan*
 - *Great White Throne judgement*
 - *New and eternal Heaven, Earth, and Jerusalem established*
 - *“Behold, I am making all things new.” [Revelation 21:5]*

Preterism

- *So called from Latin “praeter” – past or beyond*
- *Most/all Biblical prophecies already fulfilled*
 - *Olivet discourse fulfilled at destruction of temple (70 AD)*
- *Church replaces Israel in God’s plan of redemption since 70 AD*
- *1000 years of Revelation 20 entirely symbolic*
- *Resurrection of Jesus and people entirely spiritual - not bodily*
- *Full preterism – “Consistent Preterism”*
 - *ALL Biblical prophecy has been fulfilled*
 - *Some claim all so-called Biblical prophecy is actually historical writing*
- *Partial preterism – “Orthodox/Traditional Preterism”*
 - *Most Biblical prophecy already fulfilled*
 - *Some Biblical prophecy has not and will not be fulfilled*
 - *Some Biblical prophecy yet to be fulfilled*
 - *e.g. Second coming, resurrection of the dead, final judgement*