

# TOPIC NIGHT: 'IN DAYS TO COME'?

'Gather round so that I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come.' - Genesis 49:1

## ESCHATOLOGY IS...

The part of theology concerned with death, judgement, and destiny.

- The Oxford English Dictionary (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)

The study of future events is often called "eschatology," from the Greek word eschatos, which means "last." The study of eschatology, then, is the study of "the last things."

- Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

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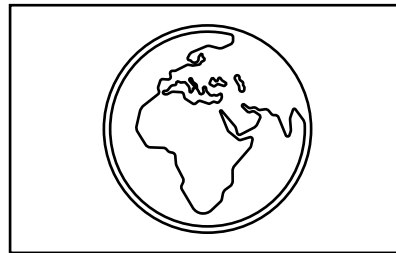
## ESCHATOLOGY BEGINS WITH AND ENDS WITH GOD

'I am who I am.' - Exodus 3:14

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. - Revelation 4:8



**CREATOR**



**JUDGE**

## ESCHATOLOGY IS GOING SOMEWHERE

The pattern

<b>Creation</b>	<b>Law</b>	<b>Judgement</b>
Genesis 1	Genesis 2	Genesis 3

- Exodus 15:16
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Deuteronomy 5:3
- Deuteronomy 28
- Deuteronomy 29
- Deuteronomy 31
- Deuteronomy 32

## 'In days to come...'

- Genesis 49:8-12
- Genesis 49:18
- Genesis 49:22-26
- Numbers 24:7-9
- Numbers 24:15-19
- Deuteronomy 32:39
- Deuteronomy 32:43
- Deuteronomy 33

*Plus more if you add in: Exodus 15:17, Numbers 14:21, Deuteronomy 18:15, Deuteronomy 30:6!*



## WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT SAY ABOUT THE 'DAYS TO COME'?

- Acts 2:15-21
- 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- Hebrews 1:1-4
- James 5:1-6
- 1 Peter 1:17-21
- 1 John 2:18-19

## **EVERYTHING IMPORTANT ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS ESCHATOLOGICAL!**

- The incarnation
- The Messiah
- The Prophet
- The Gospel
- The Spirit
- The Cross and resurrection
- Judgement on Israel
- Destruction of the temple
- The New Covenant
- Atonement
- Justification
- Heart circumcision
- True worship
- Inclusion of the nations
- World mission
- God's people as the temple
- Christian obedience

## RESOURCES I HAVE FOUND USEFUL...

- **God is one? (our previous Topic Night!)**  
<https://www.christchurchhemel.org.uk/cch/talk/god-is-one>
- **The Messiah and the Hebrew Bible (John H. Sailhamer)**  
*An essay on how the whole Hebrew Bible (aka the Old Testament) points forward to the coming Messiah.*