

EPÍSTOLAS GENERALES



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ESCHATOLOGY

1. I believe that the next event on God's prophetic calendar is the imminent return of Christ to rapture His saints from the church age. This is both a pretribulational and premillennial return in which all believers will be taken to heaven with Him. The dead in Christ will be resurrected, and the living believers will be translated and glorified (given their new bodies) to meet the risen Lord Jesus Christ in the air (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Titus 2:13).
2. I believe that following the rapture, believers will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Bema Seat, to give account for their works and ministries while on this earth. This will not be a judgment of sin but a judgment of rewards. At this time believers will be rewarded or lose rewards based on their faithful fulfilment of the commands and responsibilities given to them after salvation (1 Corinthians 3:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
3. I believe that following the Bema Seat the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place in heaven (Revelation 19:6-9).
4. I believe that following the rapture of the saints, a literal seven-year Tribulation period will begin. This will signify the rebirth of God's dealings with Israel, the commencing of Daniel's 70th week (Daniel 9:26-27). During this time the Antichrist will establish himself as the undisputed leader of all the world powers. God will judge the whole earth for its unbelief. Many millions will die in these judgments, but God will preserve a remnant of Jewish and Gentile believers who believe that He truly is the God of heaven and earth (Daniel 7:25-27; 9:24-27; Matthew 24:15-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; Revelation 7-9).
5. I believe that at the end of the seven-year Tribulation, Christ will return to the earth (the Second Advent) to defeat the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon. Following this battle, the Tribulation martyrs and Old Testament saints will be resurrected. Then Christ will establish His Millennial kingdom on this earth. During this literal one-thousand-year reign Satan will be bound, Christ will reign in righteousness and peace, Israel will be given the Promised Land, and worship of God will be the norm. The Millennium will be the re-establishment of the Kingdom of God on the Earth (Isaiah 2:4; 11:5; Daniel 7:13-14; 12:2; Zechariah 14:9-11; Matthew 24:29-30; Revelation 19:11; 20:1-7).
6. I believe that at the end of the Millennium, Satan will be loosed for a short time. During this time, he will lead one final revolt against Christ. God will defeat this army and cast Satan into the Lake of Fire where he will remain for all eternity with his fallen angels (Jude 6; Revelation 20:7-10).
7. I believe that following this final battle; the unsaved dead of all the ages will be bodily resurrected to stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgment. Each of them will be judged according to their works and will be cast into the

Lake of Fire to suffer for all of eternity as the punishment for their rejection of Jesus Christ as Savior (Revelation 20:11-15).

8. I believe that the final state of the unsaved will be eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, or what is commonly referred to as hell. The nature of this place is one of utter bleakness. Hell is described as outer darkness (Matthew 25:30; 2 Peter 2:17), the home of an undying worm (Mark 9:47-48), and an unquenchable fire (Mark 9:47-48). There will be different degrees of punishment (Romans 2:5-6) based on the amount of light that a person had (Luke 12:47-48; Acts 17:30-31) and the number of sins that were committed (Revelation 20:12-13).
9. I believe that after the Great White Throne Judgment, God will destroy the present heavens and earth and will create a new heaven and earth, Free from sin and impurity (2 Peter 3:10).
10. I believe that the eternal state of the saved will be an existence in heaven (Revelation 21:1-22:5). Heaven will come down to the New Heaven and the New Earth (Revelation 21:1) and will be centered on the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:1-27). It will be both an eternal (Revelation 22:1-5) and a perfect kingdom (Revelation 21:12, 14, 24). The saved will have a perfect, glorified body (1 Corinthians 15:34-54); live in a state of complete gladness in God (Revelation 21:1-4); experience a time of unending and uninterrupted love with God (1 Corinthians 13:13); and enjoy a time of unending worship of, learning about, and service to the True God (Ezekiel 48:35; Revelation 22:3-4).