

Foundations:  
*A Primer on the Fundamentals of  
Systematic Theology*

Week 10  
Eschatology  
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The Coming of the Son of Man

- Matthew 24:30-31  
"And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."

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Preterism

- The belief that most, if not all, end times prophecies were fulfilled in A.D. 70, and are thus in the past.
- There are Full and Partial Preterists

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## Futurism

- The belief that the primary end times prophecies are yet to be fulfilled, and are thus yet future.

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## The Millennium

- Revelation 20:4  
Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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## Amillennialism

- The belief that the millennium is a symbolic period signifying the age of the church.

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## Postmillennialism

- The belief that the millennium is a thousand year period of utopia ushered in by the church (through either world evangelism or reinstatement of biblical ceremonial and civil law) and concluded with the return of Christ.

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## Premillennialism

- The belief that the millennium is a 1,000 year period that follows the return of Christ and precedes the eternal order.

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## The Rapture

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18  
For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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## Rapture Positions

- Pre-tribulational
- Mid-tribulational
- Post-tribulational
- Pre-Wrath

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## What Sort of People Ought We Be?

- 2 Peter 3:10-11  
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

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## Resources

- **Cracking the "Code" of Preterism**  
<http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue100.htm>
- **"This Generation" and it's Preterist Exegetical Misuse**  
<http://cicministry.org/commentary/issue100b.htm>

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