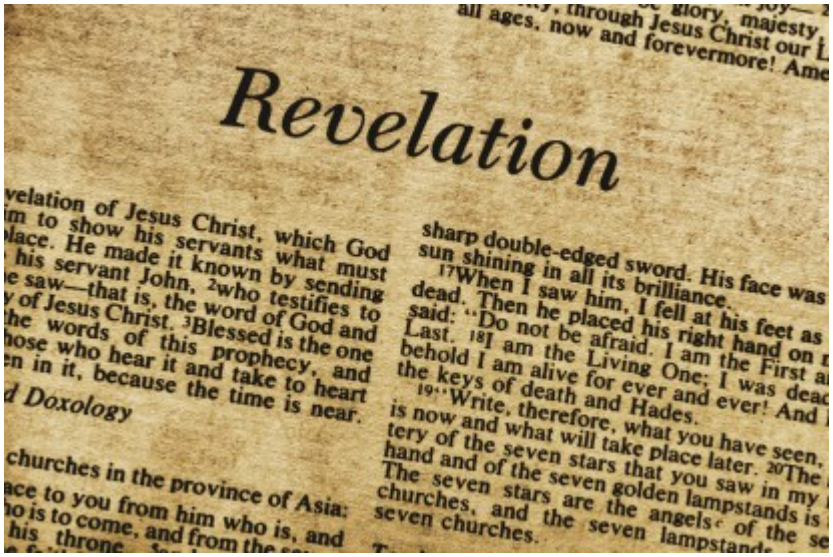
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The Eschatological Word of God Is the WORD OF GOD!!!



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Why should we want to know what God says about the last days, the end times, our future? Why study God's eschatological, prophetic word? Because it's the word of God – and it's true, supreme, powerful, personal, and relevant! Today, I am looking at these and other truths about God's word, and they give us good reasons, strong reasons to study eschatology and share it with others. *"I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable… I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God."* Acts 20:20, 27

*** God's eschatological word is *true*,** it's not error, falsehoods, or half-truths. *"Your law is truth"* (Ps. 119:143). God's prophetic word is true and fully trustworthy. There are many who doubt it, twist it,

allegorize it, or lie about it, saying this portion of Scripture means something other than what it says, or that it has already occurred. But it must be taken in its normal, natural sense, at face value. In Matt. 24, a key prophetic passage, Jesus warns us about false teachers and prophets, those who are not telling the truth (Matt. 24:4, 11, 24). In another end-times' passage, Paul firmly states, *"Let no one in any way deceive you."* 2 Th. 2:3

*** God's eschatological word is *altogether true***. *"The sum of Thy word is truth"* (Ps 119:160). The overall meaning of God's prophetic word is not contradictory, does not change, is consistent, remains the same, and is the truth. And similar to fitting together the pieces of a puzzle to give the whole picture, so too with prophecy. Verses about God's eschatological word need to be looked at in conjunction with other verses. They should not be examined apart from other verses, in isolation, but must be connected to get the entire eschatological truth, which enables us to know God's plans for His people. An example is Matt. 24, which can only be fully understood by also looking at passages like Dan. 9:27; Lk. 21; 2 Th. 2:1-8; Rev. 6, 12.

*** God's eschatological word is *supreme***. Like the rest of God's word, it too is supreme, it too is inerrant, powerful, and necessary, for it tells you the truth about God and the end-times, and how to live for Him during what will be one of the most difficult times in the history of our world. *"You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word"* (Ps 138:2). That God's prophetic word is supreme also means its authoritative, that it has authority, that God has the right and the power to bring it about. What God says He plans to do will happen, and no person or devil can thwart Him, can stop Him from carrying it out. *"I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.'"* Is. 46:9-11, Ps. 33:9-12

*** God's eschatological word is *powerful*.** *"Is not My word like fire and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"* (Jer. 23:29). Since God is powerful, His word is powerful, and thus He can do all that He says He will do, whether it's in a person's life, church, leader, country, or the world. In the future, when His prophetic word is being fulfilled, we will see an amazing and awesome display of His power. In Is. 55, a prophecy passage, God states, *"So will be my word which goes forth from My mouth, it will not return to Me empty without accomplishing what I desire"* (vs. 11).*"The voice of the Lord is powerful."* Ps. 29:4

*** God's eschatological word is *instructive*.** God gives many verses that explain how He wants us to live for Him in these last years leading up to the rapture of the church. We learn that we are to be evangelizing (Matt. 24:14), alert (Matt. 24:42), faithful (Matt. 24:45), discipling (Matt. 28:19-20), having faith (Lk. 18:8), holy (Rom. 13:11-14), standing firm (Eph. 6:13), serving (1 Th. 1:9), waiting for Jesus (1 Th. 1:10), sober (1 Th. 5:6), loving (1 Th. 5:6), having hope (1 Pet. 1:13), unafraid (Rev. 2:10), overcoming (Rev. 12:11), persevering (13:10), and wise (Rev. 13:18). Yes, these verses are always applicable in our lives, but especially so in the context of the end-times and Christ's return to rapture the church.

*** God's eschatological word is *life-changing*.** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work"* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). All Scripture, including God's eschatological word is life-changing, is transforming. Not learning the truth about the end-times and Christ's coming will diminish your wisdom, holiness, hope, growth, and fruitfulness. It's imperative to know what God tells you about the future so you can live in just the way that He wants. *"... be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."* Rom. 12:1-2

*** God's eschatological word is *sanctifying.*** A foundational chapter in the book of Revelation, that last great prophetic book, is Rev. 4. *"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come"* (vs. 8). Knowing that Jesus Christ, the Holy One, is coming soon, and that one of His primary purposes is to bring justice to this world should truly motivate you to be holy, pure, and obedient. *"Everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."* 1 Jn. 3:3, Jn. 17:17, Rom. 13:11-14, 1 Pet. 1:13-16

*** God's eschatological word gives *joy, peace, and hope*.** *"Do not let your heart be troubled… I go to prepare a place for you… I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may also be"* (Jn. 14:1-3).*"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose… to be conformed to the image of His Son."* (Rom. 8:28-29). These eschatological passages are helpful now, but I believe even more so in the near future when times are extremely tough. Here are several more: Ps. 23:6; Rom. 8:18-25, 15:13; 1 Cor. 1:8-9; 1 Th. 4:13-18; Jude 24-25; Rev. 22:12

*** God's eschatological word is *personal*.** *"Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end"* (Ps. 119:33). God loves you more than you know and, as your Father, He wants to teach you, lead you, and comfort you. Through the Holy Spirit, you are to apply God's word to your life. "*He* (Spirit)*will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come"* (Jn. 16:13). As we see the day of Christ drawing near, when it's obvious that His coming is at hand, then you will be seeing or hearing of birth pains, false teachers, persecution, and martyrdom, and God's truths, commands, and promises, including His prophetic word, will have special meaning to you. *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says… To him who overcomes… I will give a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it."* Rev. 2:7

*** God's eschatological word is *sufficient*.** *"Behold, I have told you everything in advance"* (Mk. 13:23). God did not tell you everything He will do in the future, but everything He wants you to know – and therefore, you should want to know it. Without question, a good understanding of God's eschatological truth gives you the wisdom you need so you can be His faithful servant in the final years leading up to Christ's coming.*"The unfolding of Your words gives light, it gives understanding to the simple"* (Ps. 119:130). God told you about the future in advance because He wants you to know His plans, not at the last minute, and not before it's too late, but at this time, in the calm before the storm.

*** God's eschatological word is *His will*,** what He purposed and planned to happen in the end-times, at Christ's coming, and in the kingdom ages. Not all of God's prophetic will is in His Word, but what is revealed in His Word is what God wants you to know and understand. Here are several verses that speak forth His will: Matt. 24:3-51; Mk. 13:3-23; Lk. 21:3-36; Rom. 8:18-25; 1 Cor. 15:20-28, 35-57; Phil. 2:9-11, 3:21; 1 Th. 4:13-5:10; 2 Th. 1:5-10, 2:1-12; 1 Pet. 1:13-16; Rev. 4-22. *"He made know to us the mystery of His will according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth*" (Eph. 1:9-11). *"Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."* Eph. 5:17

God's eschatological word is a *blessing.* *"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near"* (Rev. 1:1-3). These verses, in the introduction to the book of Revelation, should motivate you to study God's prophetic word and apply it to your life. God wants to bless you, to do you good, to grant you favor, to give you grace, to encourage you, to make you spiritually happy. And one way this happens is by reading, learning, and heeding God's prophetic word.*"Behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is he who heeds the word of the prophecy of this*

book." Rev. 22:7, Lk. 11:28

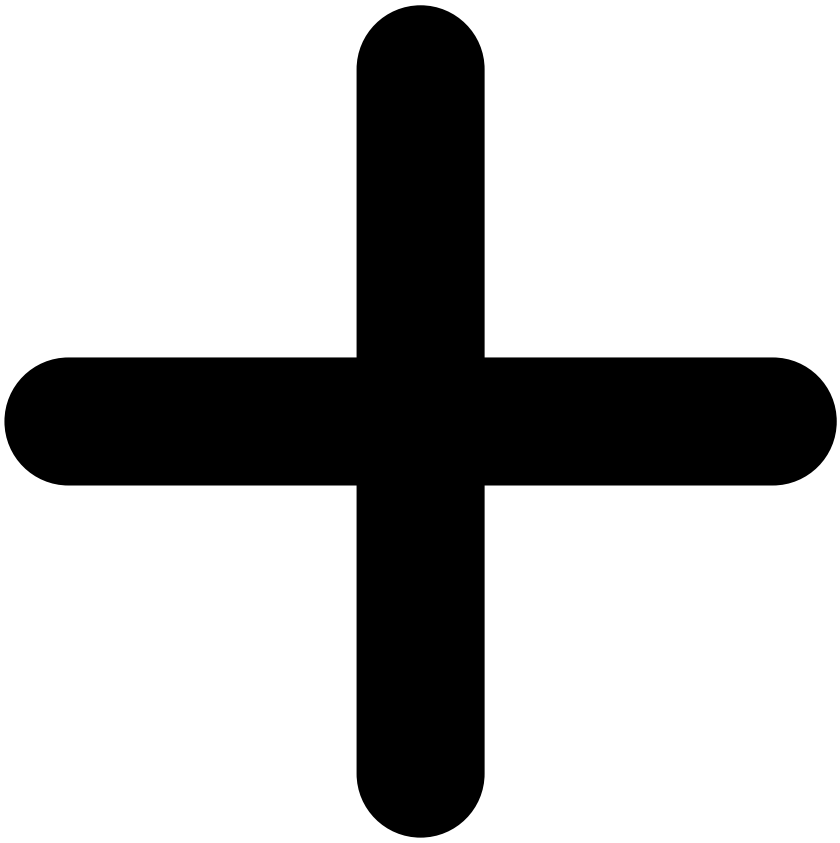
*** God's word, including His eschatological word, is relevant.** *"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). God's word is vital for your life, is what you need today and all the days leading up to when you go to be with Jesus. His word helps you spiritually, mentally, relationally, and emotionally. It gives meaning to what's going on in your life, your family, the church, and in the world around you. Without it, there's confusion, fears, worries, worldliness, and questions with no answers. Without it, you will fall into error, be affected by lies, and be led astray. More than that, when the times are really troubling, know that God's word is the truth and a means to the power you need to live for Him. In the middle of Matt. 24, what I believe is the most important prophecy passage, Jesus states, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away"* (Matt. 24:35). God wants you to be convinced that His word, including His eschatological word, is relevant, is necessary, must be read, learned, and followed in these end-times, in the last years of this age.

*** God's eschatological word is eternal.** *"The word of the Lord endures forever"* (1 Pet. 1:25). Since God is eternal, since He has always existed, then His word is eternal, is everlasting, and His truth, His will, and His purpose endure, continue through all generations, through all the ages – and this includes the truths describing Christ's coming, the day of the Lord, the Jewish people, and the kingdom ages. When we say eternal, it means God's eternal work with regards to the eternally lost, those who spend eternity in hell, and to the eternally saved, those who receive eternal life, who at the end of this age will be fully saved, will receive immortal bodies and be eternally worshiping and serving God. And here we are, at the very end of this church age and, more than ever before, we should be looking forward to being with Jesus, our eternal Savior, Lord, and King, and learn all we can from God's eternal word about the eternal future He has planned out for each

one of us. *“Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever.”* Ps. 145:2, Jude 24-25

God’s eschatological, prophetic word is essential for your growth, security, hope, fruitfulness, and for God’s glory in the end-times. Now that we are in the final years of this age, it’s all the more imperative that we study it and teach it to others. *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth* (2 Tim. 2:15). *“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction”* (2 Tim. 4:1-2). “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.”* 2 Tim. 4:7

P.S. I couldn’t write this blog site if I didn’t believe it was founded, if it was based on the truth of God’s eschatological word. I am so thankful that we have God’s word, that in a sinfully crazy world, we know what is true and false, what is right and wrong. Here is an important example of God’s eschatological truth –*“Over 100 New Testament Verses on Christ’s Second Coming.”*



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