

Systematic Theology Study: Eschatology Review Lessons 21–25

Matthew 24:42-44 ESV “Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Lesson 21: “The Study of Eschatology: The Church and Israel”

I. God Commanded Israel to **Stay** and **Obey**

A. Israel Was to **Live** in One Land

B. Israel Was to **Obey** God’s Law

C. Israel Was to **Be** a Kingdom of Priests

Exodus 19:5-6 ESV “Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

D. Israel Was to Receive **Blessings** for Obedience

E. Israel Continually **Disobeyed**

F. Israel Will Ultimately **Fulfill** Its Purpose

II. God Commands the Church to **Go** and **Proclaim**

A. The Church Is to Be Christ’s **Witness**

Acts 1:6-8 ESV “So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

B. The Church Is One **Body**

Ephesians 3:6 ESV “This mystery is¹ that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Lesson 22: “The Study of Eschatology: God’s Promise to Israel”

I. God’s Promise to Abraham – The **Abrahamic** Covenant (Genesis 12:1–3)

II. God’s Promise to David – The **Davidic** Covenant (2 Samuel 7:9–16)

III. God’s Promise to Israel – The **New** Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31–34)

Lesson 23: “The Study of Eschatology: The Rapture”

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 ESV “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

I. The **Certainty** of the Rapture

II. The **Events** of the Rapture

A. The **Return** of Christ

B. The **Resurrection** of the Dead

C. The **Ascension** of Living Christians

III. The Timing of the Rapture

Lesson 24: “The Study of Eschatology: The Tribulation”

I. The **Time** of the Tribulation

II. The **Conditions** of the Tribulation

III. The **People** of the Tribulation

IV. The **Purpose** of the Tribulation

Lesson 25: “The Study of Eschatology: The Second Coming of Christ”

I. Christ Will Reveal His Power and Glory in **Salvation**

II. Christ Will Reveal His Power and Glory in **Judgment**

III. God’s Patience and Call to **Repentance**