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The Doctrine of the Last Things

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Once again, welcome to Substance Institute!

Under His Wing & In His Service,

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The Doctrine of the Last Things

Within this section or within the course we will be defining the Doctrine of the Last Things is about the second coming of Jesus, the resurrection, the Judgement, the fate of the wicked and the compensation of the righteous.

Introduction

The Doctrine of the Last things is known as systemic theology or eschatology. Eschatology is the study of the last things within the Bible. Within this section of the doctrines as the Second Coming of Christ, the Resurrection of both the righteous and wicked, the Judgments, Final Awards, and Eternal Destiny.

The Second Coming

Facts from the Bible¹

- 318 references to it are made in 216 chapters
- Whole Books (1 and 2 Thess., e.g.)
- Chapters (Matt. 24; Mark 13; Luke 31.)
- Old Testament prophet's theme
- Jesus Christ bore constant testimony to His coming again (John 14:3; Matt. 24 and 25; Mark 13; Luke 21; John 21:22).
- The church of Christ is bidden to look forward to Christ's second coming as its great hope. Titus 2:13
- "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. 3:12.
- The one great event, the Church is to look, and for is the second coming of Christ.

GREATEST Event ever to Experience²

- Matt. 24:44-46; Luke 21:34-36 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares...Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." 1 John 2:28; 3:3.

GREATEST Consolation to The Believer³

- 1 Thess. 4:14-18. After stating that our loved ones who had fallen asleep in Christ should again meet with us at the coming of our Lord, the apostle says, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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GREATEST Visible Coming⁴

- "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." 1 Thess. 4:16, 17
- "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven." Rev. 1:7.

The Mean

- John 21:21–23 "Peter seeing him (John) saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die; yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?"
- 1 Corinthians 15:50–57 declares that at the second coming of Christ we overcome, not succumb to, death.

Concerns the Church⁵

1 Thess. 4:13–17;	1 John 3:2.	Rev. 19:6–9;
1 Cor. 15:50–52;	Eph. 5:23, 32;	Matt. 25:1–10.
Phil. 3:20, 21,	2 Cor. 11:2;	

The Church, the Bride of Christ, will then be married to her Lord

Matt. 25:19;	1 Pet. 5:4;	2 Cor. 5:10.
2 Tim. 4:8;	1 Cor. 3:12–15;	

Concerns the Unconverted Nations and Individuals⁶

Matt. 24:30;	Matt. 25:31, 32;	Isa. 26:21;
Rev. 1:7;	Rev. 20:11, 12;	2 Thess. 1:7–9.

Concerns the Jews⁷

- The Jews will be restored to their own land (Isa. 11:11; 60) in an unconverted state;
- Will rebuild the temple, and restore worship (Ezek. 40–48);
- Will make a covenant with Antichrist for one week (seven years),
- In the midst of which they will break the covenant (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2);
- They will then pass through the great tribulation (Matt. 24:21, 22, 29; Rev. 3:10; 7:14);
- Are converted (as a nation) at the coming of Christ (Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7);
- Become great missionaries (Zech. 8:13–23);

Concerns the Antichrist and God's People's Enemies⁸ - 2 Thess. 1:7–9, Rev. 19:20; 20:10.

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Concerns the Millennial Reign⁹

- The Millennium Begins with The Coming of Christ With His Saints;
- With the Revelation of Christ After the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:29, 30);
- At the Close of The Seventieth Week of Daniel.
- Rev. 19:11–14;
- Rev. 20:1–4
- The Destruction of Antichrist,
- The Binding of Satan,
- The Destruction of The Enemies of God's People (Rev. 19:20; 20:1–3, 10).
- The Judgment of The Living Nations (Matt. 25).

Concerns the Purpose¹⁰

- Jesus Christ Himself is the King (Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:30–33).
- The Apostles will, doubtless, reign with Christ over the Jews (Isa. 66; Matt. 19:28);
- The Church, over the Gentile nations (Luke 19:11–19; Heb. 2:6, 7).
- The capitol city will be Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1–4).
- Pilgrimages will be made to the Holy City (Zech. 14:16).
- The reign of Christ will be one of righteousness and equity (Isa. 11:4; Psa. 98:9).
- A renovated earth (Rom. 8:19–31; Isa. 65:17; c. 35).
- The events closing the Millennium are apostasy and rebellion (Rev. 20:7–9);
- The destruction of Satan (Rev. 20:10);
- The Great White Throne judgment (Rev. 20:11–15);
- A new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21 and 22).

Concerns the Time¹¹

No one knows the day nor the hour

- Luke 21:29–33 "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (v. 36)
- 1 Thess. 5:1–8 "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (v. 4).
- Matt. 24:36–42 "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (v. 36)

We may know when it is near at hand.¹² (Matt. 24:36–42; 1 Thess. 5:1–5.)

- There are certain "signs" which indicate its nearness:
- General apostasy and departure from the faith (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1–5; Luke 18:8).
- A time of great heaping up of wealth (James 5:1–9).
- A time of great missionary activity (Matt. 24:14).
- Consider the missionary activity of the last century.

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It seems clear from the teaching of the scriptures that there is nothing to prevent the coming of Christ for his saints at any moment.¹³

The Saint's & The Wicked Resurrection

In the Scriptures - Old Testament.

1. **In Word:** Job 19:25-27 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."
2. **In Figure:** Gen. 22:5 with Heb. 11:19 "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure."
3. **In Prophecy:** Isa. 26:19 "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust." The words "men" and "together with" may be omitted "Thy dead (ones) shall live." These words are Jehovah's answer to Israel's wail as recorded in vv. 17, 18. Even if they refer to resurrection of Israel as a nation, they yet teach a bodily resurrection. See also Hosea 13:14.
4. **In Reality:** 1 Kings 17 (Elijah); 2 Kings 4:32-35 (Elisha and the Shunamite's son); 13:21 (Resurrection through contact with the dead bones of Elisha).

In the Scriptures - New Testament.

- **In Word:** Note the teaching of Jesus in John 5:28, 29; c. 6 entire, note especially vv. 39, 40, 44, 54; Luke 14:13, 14; 20:35, 36. The teaching of the apostles: Paul, Acts, 24:15; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:14-16; Phil. 3:11; John, Rev. 20:4-6; 13.
- **In Reality:** The resurrection of saints (Matt. 27:52, 53); of Lazarus (John 11); of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28).

The Body of the Believer.¹⁴

- Phil. 3:21 "Who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself."
- It is incorruptible (v. 43) no decay, sickness, pain.
- It is glorious (v. 43),
- The Transfiguration (Matt. 17); Rev. 1:13-17.
- It is powerful (v. 43) not tired, or weak; no lassitude;
- It is a spiritual body (v. 44).
- It is heavenly (v. 47-49).

The Resurrection Body of the Unbeliever - The Scriptures are strangely silent on this subject.¹⁵

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The Resurrection of the Righteous.¹⁶

- John 6:39, 40, 44 "The last day." This does not mean a day of twenty-four hours, but a period of time. It will be safe, usually, to limit the word "day" to a period of twenty-four hours only where numeral, ordinal, or cardinal occurs in connection therewith, like "fourth day," etc. When the "day of grace," "day of judgment,"
- 1 Cor. 15:23 "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming."

The resurrection of the Wicked.¹⁷

- Phil. 3:11 "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of (lit. out of) the dead."
- Dan. 12:2 "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some (lit. those who awake at this time) to everlasting life, and some (lit. those who do not awake at this time) to shame and everlasting contempt."
- Revelation 20:4-6
- John 5:28, 29; Dan. 12:2; Rev. 20:12 all show that the resurrection of the wicked is always connected with the judgment,

The Judgment

The judge Christ - John 5:22, 23, 27; 2 Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 5:10; Acts 10:42; 17:31.

There is a judgment that is already past the judgment at the cross¹⁸

- The fact of the judgment - John 5:24; 12:31; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 3:24. At this judgment bar Satan was judged and his power over the believer broken.
- There is a present judgment which is taking place daily in the life of the believer - 1 Cor. 11:31, 32; 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:20;

There is a future judgment¹⁹

- Of the Saints 1 Cor. 3:8-16; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 4:5.
- Of the Living Nations - Matt. 25:31-46.
- Of the Great White Throne - Rev. 20:11-15.
- Of Israel Ezek. 20:33-44; Psa. 50:16-22.
- Of the Fallen Angels - Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4.

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The Saints and The Wicked Eternal Fate

The wicked are said to "die in their sins"²⁰

- John 8:21, 24 "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."
- Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death."
- Rev. 20:14-15
- Rev. 21:8.

There are important words in the scriptures which demand our attention which are as follows²¹:

1. "ETERNAL." - We read of "eternal" or "everlasting" punishment, "everlasting" fire. It is objected that the word "eternal" or "everlasting" does not mean "forever." "for ever and ever," or "unto the ages of the ages" (Rev. 19:3; 20:10; 14:11)
2. "PUNISHMENT." - The meaning of this word will be found under the previous division (III) dealing with the subject of Annihilation²².
3. "FIRE." - Fire is a symbol of the divine judgment of wrath (Matt. 5:22)
4. "DARKNESS." - Cast into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Seven times these terms are found together: Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28.

The Righteous' Compensation

The Christian Never Dies - the body of the believer is raised from the dead²³

- 1 John 8:51 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death."
- 1 John 11:25-26 "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

The believer goes to be with Christ²⁴

- 2 Cor. 5:6, "Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord."

The believer shall receive his final reward in the future²⁵

- Matt. 25:20-23
- Luke 19:12-19.

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The nature of the believer's reward²⁶

He shall receive a crown²⁷

1. The Crown of Life (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10, compare context which speaks of death);
2. Of Glory (1 Pet. 5:4; cf. John 17:22; Heb. 2:9);
3. Of Righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8),
4. Of Rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19),
5. Of Gold (Rev. 4:4); Incorruptible (1 Cor. 9:25)
6. Thy crown (Rev. 3:11),

The seven "overcomes" in Revelation (Rev. 2, 3)

1. Rev. 2:7 "Eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the Midst of the Paradise of God."
2. Rev. 2:11 "Shall Not be Hurt of the Second Death."
3. Rev. 2:17 He shall Receive a "Stone with a New Name Written" Thereon; To the Believer also will be Given to Eat of the "Hidden Manna."
4. Rev. 2:26, 27 Authority Over the Nations.
5. Rev. 3:4, 5 He Shall Be "Arrayed in White Garments," and His Name Shall in No Wise be Blotted Out of the Book of Life. "White garments" undoubtedly refers to the righteousness of the saints.
6. Rev. 3:12 The Believer Will Be a Pillar in the Temple of God; He Shall Go Out No More; God Will Write Upon Him His Own New Name.
7. 3 Rev.:21, "I Will Give to Him to Sit Down with Me in My Throne."

New conditions of life for the redeemed - God's home is there (Rev. 21:3); thus, the believer has uninterrupted communion with God. Some things that used to be have all passed away: death, mourning, curse, tears, sorrow, night all have gone. New created things appear: the river of life, the tree of life, new service, new relationships, new light (Rev. 22:4).

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