

The Doctrine of Eschatology

Eschatology is the study of the end of the times. God's plan for the future captivates us, enthralls our imagination, and can dominate our thinking and study of scripture and our view of God. That He gave us a peek into the future and preserved it for so many generations is an act of God's grace. He has a plan and has given us enough of a taste of that plan to build a solid foundation for our hope in Him. However, we also are grounded in the here-and-now with an important mission to be His church in the Purcellville/Northern Virginia area. At BRBC we want to create this careful balance: to be a church that understands and hopes in the future God plans, but one that does not allow over-emphasis on the details and the considerable arguments that arise from them. We want to operate in the revelation God has given us without being distracted from the mission God gave us for today.

BRBC Doctrinal Statement on the End Times and Second Coming of Jesus:

We believe in the literal return of Jesus Christ to the earth as He promised. We believe that this will occur prior to the millennium. We also believe that the church universal will be raptured, that is to be caught up together and meet the Lord in the air, and that this may happen at any moment. We believe in the bodily resurrection of believers who have died to join with those who are alive to meet Christ. We believe that subsequent to the rapture the earth will be gripped in seven years of intense tribulation after which Christ and his forces will return to earth, take dominion, and rule on earth for a thousand years. The Eternal Kingdom will be established in heaven subsequent to the Great White Throne judgment in which all unbelievers will be judged. Satan and all his forces will be defeated and cast into the Lake of Fire.

The Rapture:	1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18
The Judgment Seat of Christ:	2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 19:7-8
The Tribulation:	Rev. 6-19; Ez. 38-39; Dan.7;12; Matt 24
The Millennium:	Matt. 25:1-46; Rev. 20:1-6
The Great White Throne Judgment & Eternal State:	Revelation 20:7-22:21

What We Believe

