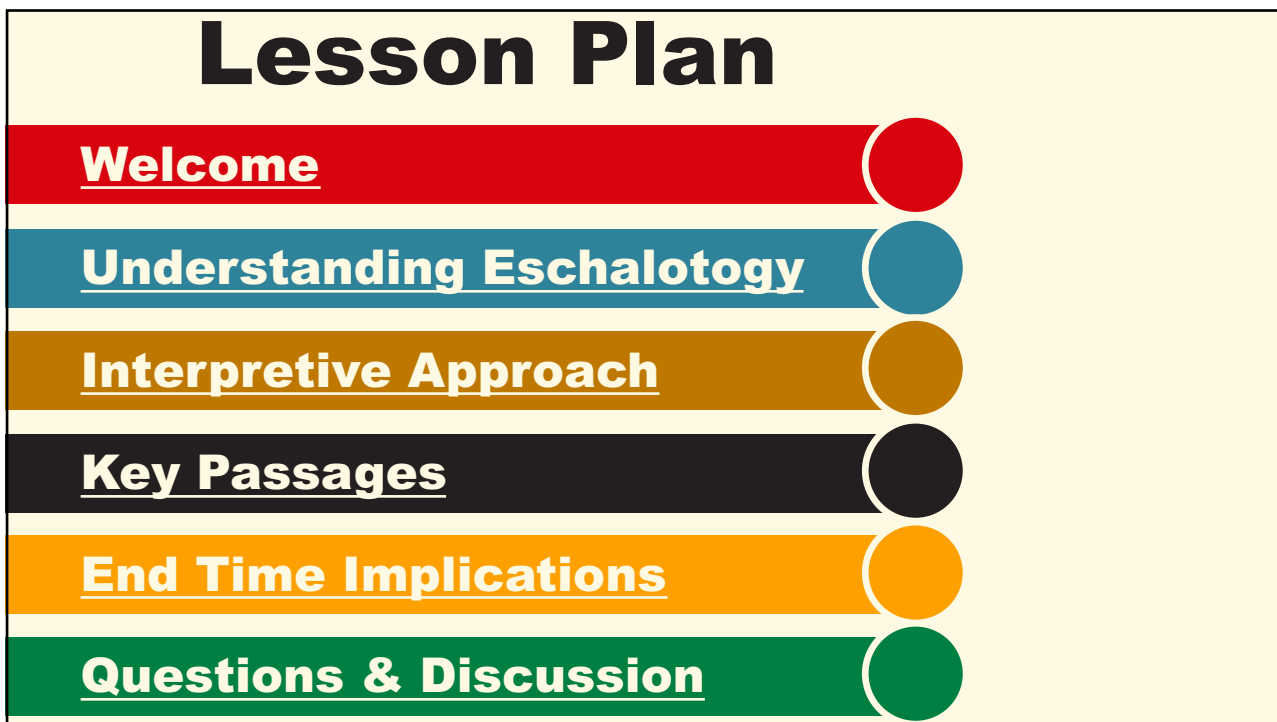




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# Why is there Conflict between Israel and Palestine?

PALESTINIAN LOSS OF LAND 1946-2010

1946 UN PLAN 1947 1967 2010

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# Is it the end of the world?

Judgment Day  
May 21, 2011  
THE BIBLE GUARANTEES IT  
2012  
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DAYS LEFT

1947 2023 2023  
90 seconds to midnight  
**'Doomsday' is closer than ever, scientists warn**  
Annual warning says humanity is 90 seconds to midnight.  
USA TODAY

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⬅ ● **Welcome**

- **WHY** are you here?
- **WHAT** is one question you have?

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⬅ ● **Understanding Eschatology**

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## Understanding Eschatology

### Definitions

- **Eschatology** – The study of future events is called “eschatology,” from the Greek word ἔσχατος which means “last.” The study of eschatology, then, is the study of “the last things.” It is the branch of Christian theology dealing with the biblical study of end times prophecies and the events of the last days.
- **Second Coming** - The Second Coming refers to the sudden, personal, visible, bodily return of Christ from heaven to earth. This is time when Jesus Christ returns.

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### Definitions

- **Rapture** - The rapture describes a future, end-times event when all true believers who are still alive before the end of the world will be taken from the earth by God into heaven. Not all branches and denominations of Christianity accept the rapture theory. Note, the term “rapture” is not found in the Bible.
- **Tribulation** - The Tribulation, encompasses a future seven-year period when God will complete his discipline of Israel and final judgment upon the unbelieving citizens of the world.
- **Millennium** - The word millennium is derived from the Latin words mille meaning “a thousand,” and annus meaning “year”; hence, a period of “one thousand years.” Revelation 20:4–6 specifically mentions that Christ will reign on earth for a thousand years following His return to earth.

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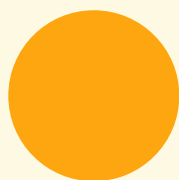


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### Definitions

- **Antichrist** - The name "antichrist" is only found four times in the Bible. A study of these verses shows that many antichrists (false teachers) will appear between the time of Christ's first and Second Coming, but there will be one great antichrist who will rise to power during the end times.
- **Armageddon** - This epic end times clash, predicted by the apostle John in the book of Revelation, will pit Jesus Christ against the forces of evil. The outcome is a victory for Jesus Christ and his followers.
- **Judgment Seat of Christ** - At the Judgment Seat of Christ, Christians will appear before Jesus, to be rewarded for their works that were done in his name while they were on earth. It is a serious time in each believer's eternal life but should not be an occasion for fear.

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## Interpretive Approach

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## Interpretive Approach

### Interpreting the Scriptures

- The Bible is our authority
- The Bible is both divine and human
  - The Bible is both God speaking and human beings writing
    - 2 Tim 3:16
    - 2 Peter 1:20-21
    - 2 Peter 3:15-16
    - Psalm 19:1-11
- The Bible is both trustworthy and authoritative
  - The Bible is completely trustworthy
  - The Bible is the authority by which Christians live by and rely upon

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### Interpreting the Scriptures

- The Bible is a uniquely spiritual book
  - The Bible is a unique book in its spiritual power that transcends all other books
    - Hebrews 4:12
    - Isaiah 55:11
    - Psalm 119:105
- It has a diverse unity
  - The Bible is a collection of 66 book
  - There is total coherence between the Old and New Testament
- It is accessible
  - The Bible is written in such a way that even ordinary people can read and understand it.

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### Interpreting the Scriptures






**Definition** – *Hermeneutics* is the science (principles) and art (task) by which the meaning of the biblical text is determined. It is also a spiritual task that depends upon the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Biblical hermeneutics encompasses  
the science of interpretation,  
the art of application of these laws to the text,  
and the spiritual communication of meaning**

(Osborne, Hermeneutical Spiral, 22)

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## BIBLE GENRES

 <p style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>NARRATIVE</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>Narrative gives factual retellings of real events</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 20px;">Genesis Joshua 1 &amp; 2 Samuel Ezra/ Nehemiah Gospels Acts</p>	 <p style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>LAW</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>Biblical law outlines God's commands to His covenant people</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 20px;">Exodus Leviticus Deuteronomy</p>	 <p style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>WISDOM</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>Wisdom literature reveals the collected wisdom of generations of godly people</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 20px;">Psalms Proverbs Job Ecclesiastes</p>	 <p style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>EPISTLE</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>Epistles are letter to show us how to live in light of who God is</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 20px;">Romans Ephesians Colossians 1, 2, 3 John</p>	 <p style="background-color: #00a0c0; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"><b>PROPHECY</b></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><b>Prophecy recounts visions or specific messages from God about the future</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 20px;">Isaiah Daniel Joel Revelation</p>
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Isaiah  
Daniel  
Joel  
Revelation



APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

**Apocalyptic literature is Scripture that describes what the end times will be like**

- Uses symbolic language, numbers, word pictures and images.
- Apocalyptic literature is sometimes mixed in with narrative.
- Old Testament apocalyptic literature can be found in:
  - Parts of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah and Daniel
- New Testament apocalyptic literature can be found in:
  - Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation

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## Approaches to Revelation

Four Main Interpretive Approaches to the Book of Revelation

PRETERIST	IDEALIST
FUTURIST	HISTORICIST



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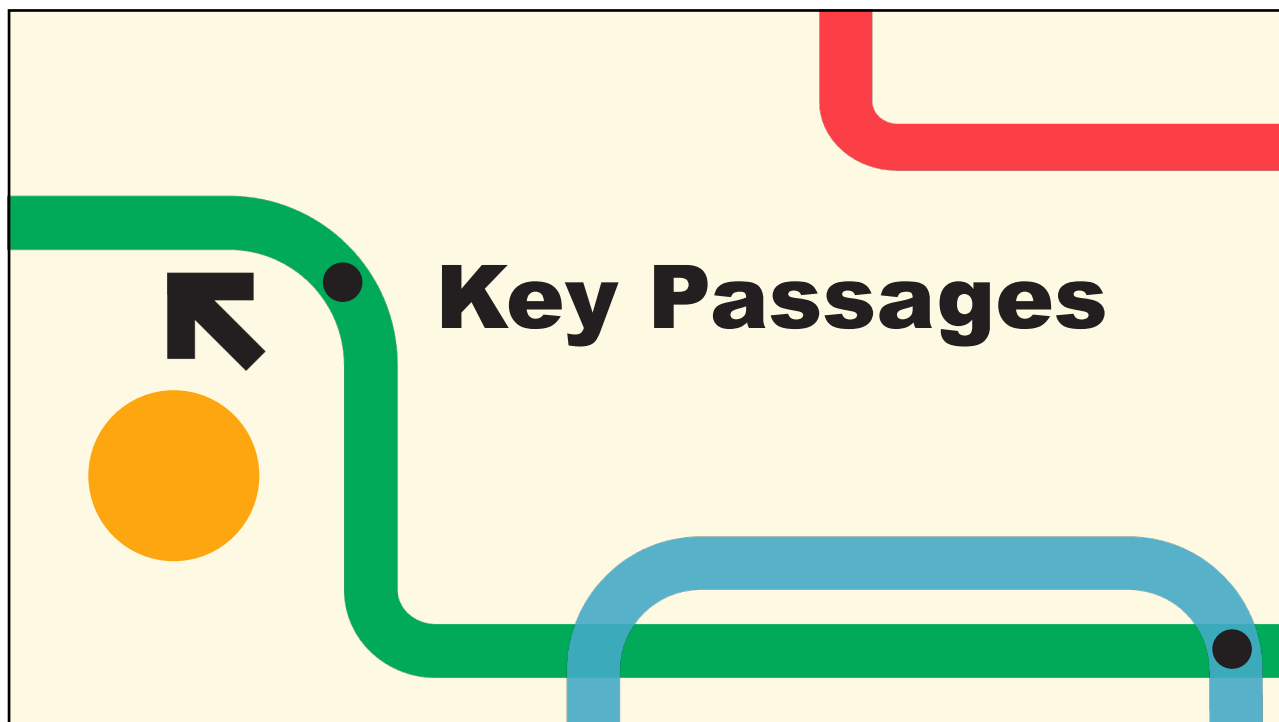


<p><b>PRETERIST</b></p>	<p>Revelation is about Events in the Past All the events of Revelation were fulfilled during the period of the Roman Empire</p>
<p>Revelation is about All of History Revelation is a panorama of church history from the apostolic era until the consummation</p>	<p><b>HISTORICIST</b></p>



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<p>Revelation is about Timeless Principles Revelation is not about actual events but is rather a symbolic depiction of the spiritual warfare between good and evil.</p>	<p><b>IDEALIST</b></p>
<p><b>FUTURIST</b></p>	<p>Revelation is about Events in the Future Revelation 4-22 describes the prophetic account of future events accompanying the end of the age.</p>

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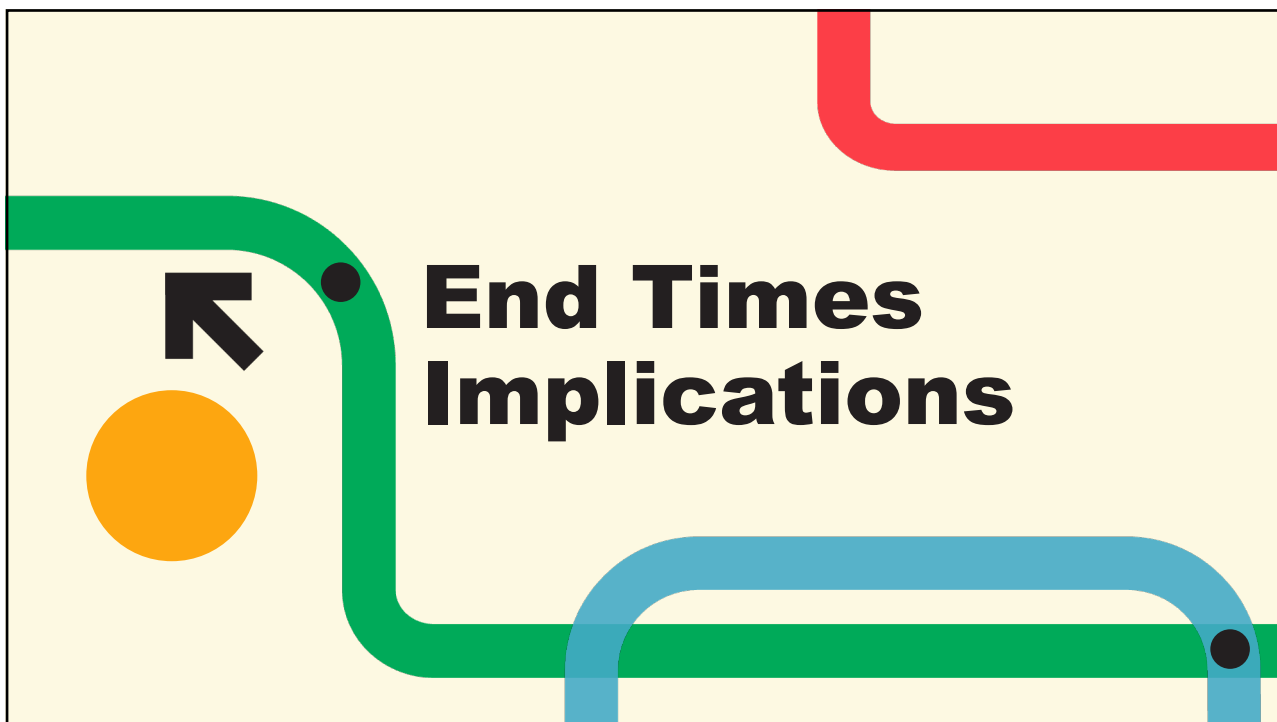
		<b>Key Passages</b>
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- **Daniel 9:1-27**
- **Matthew 24:1-51**
- **Luke 21:1-38**
- **Revelation 20:1-15**

**Questions to Consider**

- When was this written?
- Who was the original audience?
- How did the readers understand this?
- What is the relevance to us today?

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		<b>End Time Implications</b>
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- Live Purposefully
  - 1 Peter 1:14-21 - As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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## End Time Implications

- Live Expectantly
  - Titus 2:11-14 - "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
  - 2 Peter 3:10-12: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

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## End Time Implications

- Live Hopefully
  - 1 Peter 1:3-5 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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## End Time Implications

### ▪ Live As Witnesses

- Matthew 28:19-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- John 13:33-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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## Summary

Heavenly Father,  
 Let me live eschatologically.  
 Let me be your servant, under your command.  
 I will no longer be my own.  
 I will give up myself to your will in all things.  
 Lord, make me what you will.  
 I put myself fully into your hands:  
 put me to doing, put me to suffering,  
 let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
 let me be full, let me be empty,  
 let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
 I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal.

Adapted from John Wesley's Annual Covenant Renewal Service

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