

Eschatological Systems BIB592

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Course Purpose

This course is designed to give the student a working knowledge of the various views of the end times and the ability to defend Pretribulational Dispensationalism against other views by consistently applying a grammatical, historical hermeneutic when interpreting the Scriptures.

Course Components

Reading

<i>The Rapture Question</i> , John F. Walvoord.	10%
<i>Three Views of the Millennium and Beyond</i> , Darrell Bock, general editor.	10%
<i>Four Views of the End Times</i> , Timothy Paul Jones.	5%

Paper (18-24 pages). **75%**

The required paper for this course will consist of answering each of the following ten questions with a 1 - 3 page response for each question. This is primarily a research paper that requires the use of primary source material as much as possible. Much of your material will come from class notes, as well as the two primary required reading books. However, the books listed in the bibliography of the class notes will also provide invaluable information.

Note concerning sources: Primary source material is that which is first said, generally by a proponent of a position, while secondary sources are quotes of the primary source by other proponents, opponents or neutral reporters or commentators. Primary sources can include books, articles (print or internet), blogs and comments. When a secondary source refers to a primary source, good practice is to confirm the quote is accurate and cite the primary source. This is not always possible, so in this case, the format would be "...[primary source] as quoted by [secondary source] in ..."

General citations and endnotes (not footnotes): Because this is a research paper, except for those ideas, concepts, conclusions, etc., that are completely the student's, any statements, ideas, concepts based on the researched material that would probably not be common knowledge by the general public needs to be appropriately cited (with end notes). Due to the relative brevity of the paper, total quotations from any sources should not make up more than 10% of the paper.

Biblical citations: As a research paper, an accepted academically credible version of the Bible should be used consistently throughout. These versions would include the KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV. The NIV (original version) is acceptable, but not preferred. The paper should not contain long block quotations from Scripture as it is assumed the reader of the paper will have access to the text. The quotation of one or two verses in-line to make a particularly strong point is acceptable. Otherwise, summarize the main point of a longer passage and just refer to the passage.

Formatting guidelines are located after the questions.

QUESTIONS / TOPICS

1. Briefly summarize the major views concerning the nature and timing of the millennium relative to the rapture and second coming of Christ, as well as the major views concerning the rapture and the tribulation and the relative timing of the two.
2. Explain and present the biblical case for the pretribulational premillennial dispensational view.
3. Discuss and respond to the major criticisms of Dispensational Theology.
4. Explain and biblically critique Covenant Theology.
5. Explain and biblically critique the historical premillennial view.
6. Explain and biblically critique the post-millennial view.
7. Explain and biblically critique the amillennial view.
8. Explain and biblically critique the mid-trib rapture view.
9. Explain and biblically critique the pre-wrath rapture view.
10. Explain and biblically critique the post-trib rapture view.

Paper Guidelines

In general you should follow the *MLA Handbook* guidelines.

Paper size/type: 8 ½ x 11

Font: 12 point Times Roman or Arial (or the equivalent of these)

Margins: .75" for all margins

Spacing: Double-spacing

Length: At least 18 pages and no more than 24 full pages (papers outside these parameters will receive one full letter grade reduction for each page or portion of a page above or below these limits.)

Spelling and grammar: Correct spelling and grammar are important and mistakes could affect your grade on the paper. Use your spell-checker, and when in doubt, look up the word.

Citations - Use endnotes (not footnotes) and a bibliography: If you use sources for your material, they must be referenced. Endnotes should be used, rather than footnotes - and do not count toward the length of the paper. If you use word-for-word what someone else has written, it must be quoted. If it is longer than two sentences, it should be a block quote. The total of all quotes should not be more than 10% of the paper. You may use abbreviated endnotes for the first citation in the following format:

Abbreviated endnotes: Author's full name, *Title of the book*, pages.

Biblical references: 3-4 -letter book abbreviations - chapter:verse(s)

An abbreviated bibliography in alphabetical order should be included at the end in the following format:

Author's last name, first name. *Book title*. Most recent publish date.

NOTE: Endnotes and bibliography do not count toward the required pages.

A cover page should be used according to MLA guidelines with your name, date, and course title and number (does not count toward required pages).

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