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THE312 - 3 Credits

# Developing a Victorious Eschatology

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## **Description:**

Are you longing to know what's next on God's calendar? Is the rapture really coming any minute? Will the antichrist destroy me and my family? How can Christians be of the same faith, and believe so differently when it comes to Eschatology? If these are questions which you find yourself asking, this course will guide you through developing a victory mindset of what is to come, leading you to fix your eyes on Jesus and keep hope!

With so many divisions among Christians already existing, this course is designed to help you close the gap of division and embrace those who may view the coming days through a different lens. Let us be beacons of hope in this world, rather than beacons of doom and gloom. To God be The Glory!

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## **Course Objectives**

### **Academic:**

- You will quote the following verses:
  - ✓ Psalm 32:8 NASB
  - ✓ Matthew 16:18
  - ✓ 1 Corinthians 13:12
  - ✓ Hebrews 13:8
  - ✓ John 14:1-3
  - ✓ Hebrews 9:28

- ✓ Daniel 9:27
- ✓ Matthew 24:29
- ✓ John 5:28-29
- ✓ Psalm 105:8
- ✓ 2 Peter 3:8
- ✓ Revelation 1:17-18
- ✓ John 8:58
- ✓ Romans 8:38-39

- Define the following terms:

- ✓ Eschatology
- ✓ Church Age
- ✓ Rapture
- ✓ Tribulation
- ✓ Second Coming
- ✓ Millennium
- ✓ Reformation
- ✓ Olivet Discourse

- State the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- List at least three of five fulfilled Hebrew feasts
- Discuss the significance of Christ and the Feasts fulfilled
- List the three feasts which are yet to be fulfilled
- Discuss the significance of Christ and the Feasts to come
- Discuss the four views of the rapture

- Discuss the three views of the millennium
- Discuss the three views of hell
- Define Sheol, hades and hell
- Scripturally discuss satan's past, present and future
- Define and discuss the first and second death.
- Define and discuss the first and second resurrection.
- Personally discuss who Jesus is to you, and how this impacts your view of the antichrist using scripture for support.
- Personally discuss your position of Victory in Christ, using scripture for support.
- Discuss the place of grace and humility in the viewpoints of Eschatology

**Attitudinal:**

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, adjusting them to the following:

- You will recognize any tendencies toward “one correct viewpoint” will likely fade.
- You will have confidence in God's perfect plan, and trust that He Alone will determine what comes next
- You will have no fear of the antichrist, recognizing that Christ remains in authority over your life.
- You will have a better understanding of the interpretations of scripture and how others come to conclusions that differ from your own.
- You will have an increased awareness of the victory in your life, revitalizing your hope for a bright eternity.

**Behavioral:**

If you apply the teaching of this course to your life, you will be changed. Some of these changes will be as follows:

- You will have a regular time of communing with the Lord with the use of journaling at least twice a week.
- You will show grace freely to those who have arrived at a differing conclusion of eschatology than you.
- You will carry on conversations relating to eschatology without dogma or single-mindedness.
- You will develop your own conclusions of eschatology through the convictions of the Holy Spirit, and readily (while graciously) explain your viewpoint scripturally.

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## Course Requirements

1. Note your starting point; write a 1-to-3-page paper about your current views of eschatology before beginning the coursework. Discuss what you already know, and how you arrived at your current conclusions.
2. Read the complete text *An Exposure of Eschatological Viewpoints* thoroughly and completely, answering all related questions found here in your Student Notebook, and receiving at least a “B” on your work.
3. Completely read assigned portions of *Rose Guide to End Times Prophecy*, answering all related questions found here in your Student Notebook, and receiving at least a “B” on your work.
4. You will be asked to affirm that you have journaled at least twice a week throughout the course.
5. You are required to earn at least 85% on Test One (due week 7) and the Final Test (due week 12). The Course Objectives are the key to success on the tests.
6. Submit a paper (due week 12) discussing how your life has been affected as a result of your encounter with God through this course. What changes has He brought in your understanding, attitudes, and behavior? If and how your views of Eschatology have changed. Who are the people He has placed as counselors in your life concerning Eschatology? Most importantly, how has your relationship to the Lord been affected as a result of this study? This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written pages, double-spaced at no greater than 12-point font and is due at the end of the course. You must receive at least a “B” on this paper.
7. Submit a personal conclusion (due week 12) which reflects where you started (refer back to your initial paper), includes bits of your journaling and indicates the journey The Lord led you on. This is a reflection; there is no page requirement. Twelve-point font, double spaced writing is acceptable.

8. Foundational to lamad learning is the meditation upon and memorization of Scripture. You will be required to memorize Bible verses and passages in every one of your lamad courses. This is not just busy work! Each verse has been carefully chosen to support and complement the principles of the course and the lesson it is a part of. Memorizing Scripture builds a foundation of truth in your heart that the Spirit will be able to draw from to speak to you and lead you and comfort you and correct you throughout the rest of your life.

**Therefore, the following is the expected procedure for your Scripture memory work for this and all lamad courses:**

- 1) Write out the Scripture verse at least once. You are required to write out the assigned verse and include it with your answers to exercises for each lesson. It is also recommended that you write the verse with your own hand (rather than typing it on your computer) on a 3x5 card to carry with you during the week to help you with your memorization.
- 2) Meditate on the verse(s). Think about what it means and why it was chosen for this course. Discuss (in your answers that you will be submitting to your instructor) how the verse applies to the principles of the lesson and/or the course.
- 3) Ask the Spirit to show you what He wants to say to you through it. Using two-way journaling, journal about the verse. Write down what the Lord says to you. Include your journaling in your course work that will be submitted to your instructor.

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## **Course Texts:**

*An Exposure of Eschatological Viewpoints* by Dr. Eric McCracken

*Rose Guide to End Times Prophecy* by Timothy Paul Jones, PhD.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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# Lesson One

## **Assignment to be completed:**

**NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document** to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

Before beginning, write a 1-to-3-page paper describing your current Eschatology. See course requirement #1.

Read the Foreword, Dedication, Acknowledgements and Intro of An Exposure of Eschatological Viewpoints

Read the Introduction (pg. 2-6) of Rose Guide to End Times Prophecy

Complete the exercises for Lesson 1 found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Psalm 32:8 NASB.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

## **Subjects to be explored:**

Own current views: identifying your starting point.

## **Related objectives:**

- You will quote Psalm 32:8 NASB. (I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.)
- You will acknowledge and identify what you know of Eschatology
- You will state the definition of Eschatology as “The study of End-Times”



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# Exercises

1. State the meaning of “In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity” as it pertains to studying Eschatology.
2. Have you personally read through the book of Revelation? If so, how do you view it?
3. On whom shall our eyes be fixed when studying Eschatology?
4. a) Write out Psalm 32:8  
b) Discuss why this verse was chosen for you to memorize in this lesson.
5. Journaling: Do some two-way journaling using the four keys, and share what The Lord is speaking to you as you begin this course. You can journal the memory verse if you wish, or the overall content of the course.





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# Answers to Self-Test

1. Fill in the statement: In essentials unity in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity.
2. Two errors to avoid when studying eschatology are speculation and cynicism.
3. Write out the definition of eschatology:  
**The study of end times**
4. Quote Psalm 32:8  
[Psa 32:8 NASB95] **8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**
5. How many occurrences of the word antichrist are present in scripture? Of those, how many are in Revelation?  
**none in Revelation**
6. Name the first and second most discusses doctrines of scripture respectively.  
**Salvation, Second Coming**