

# **“The Doctrine of Future Things”**

## **Titus 2:13-15**

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### **I. Introduction**

- A. Who doesn't like a thrilling conclusion to a great story?!
  - 1. The Bible contains the greatest story ever told
    - a) Creation
    - b) The Fall
    - c) Redemption
  - 2. The Bible also contains the greatest conclusion to this great story
  - 3. What is this thrilling conclusion?
    - a) “The blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13)
- B. As Christians, we have a glorious future and hope
  - 1. It is based on the promises of God found in the Bible, the Word of God
  - 2. The Second Coming of Christ is a major doctrine of both the Old and New Testaments
    - a) History is moving to a grand climax
  - 3. How will it unfold?
    - a) The answer is found in the Bible
  - 4. Why study the doctrine of End Time events?
    - a) Some Christians are divided over doctrine
    - b) We are not divided over the fact that Christ is coming back
  - 5. Why study Bible prophecy?
    - a) All Scripture is profitable
      - 1) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
    - b) It encourages holy living
      - 1) (1 John 3:3)
    - c) It encourages us to be steadfast in serving the Lord
      - 1) (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  - 6. As we study this doctrine, we must use the plain or literal method of interpretation
    - a) What does the future hold?
      - 1) I want to give you six future events in their chronological order

### **II. The Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

- A. What it is
  - 1. It is not the Second Coming
    - a) (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)
  - 2. It is a New Testament mystery
    - a) (John 14:1-3)
  - 3. It involves only the church “in Christ”
    - a) Not in Old Testament or Matthew 24
  - 4. It is the church's imminent hope
  - 5. The Church Age

- B. Will the church go through the Tribulation? No! Reasons for a pre-tribulation Rapture:
1. Daniel's 70 weeks is for Israel, not the church
  2. Paul's words for the problem
    - a) (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
  3. The doctrine of imminency
  4. Christians are not appointed to wrath
    - a) (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)
  5. The promise to the church in Philadelphia
    - a) (Revelation 3:10)
  6. The church is not seen on Earth
    - a) (Revelation 6-18)
  7. The restrainer removed
    - a) (2 Thessalonians 2:1-10)

### III. The Emergence of the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:1-10)

- A. After the church is removed, Satan will reveal the "Man of Sin" or the "Son of Perdition" (vv. 1-3)
1. We know him as the "Antichrist"
    - a) Found in both the Old Testament and New Testament
      - 1) (Daniel 9:27)
      - 2) (Matthew 24:15)
      - 3) (2 Thessalonians 2:1-10)
      - 4) (Revelation 13)
- B. A survey of the Antichrist
1. He comes into power through a revived Roman empire (Daniel 7:3-8)
  2. He makes a covenant with Israel for seven years (Daniel 9:27)
  3. He breaks the covenant after 3.5 years (vv. 4-5)
    - a) It is the Abomination of Desolation
      - 1) (Daniel 9:27)
      - 2) (Matthew 24:15)
  4. He has a great satanic power (v. 9)
  5. He deceives many (v. 10)
    - a) (Revelation 13)
  6. He comes to his end at the Second Coming (v. 8)
- C. The Tribulation (Matthew 24:21)
1. Found in both the Old Testament and New Testament
  2. It is called "The Day of the Lord"
    - a) (Isaiah 13:6-9)
    - b) (Joel 1:15)
    - c) (Matthew 24:21)
  3. It is the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy
  4. Its purpose?
    - a) To punish the sinful, Christ-rejecting world
    - b) To prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah
      - 1) (Jeremiah 30:7)
  5. Its source?
    - a) From God

- 1) (Isaiah 24:1)
- 2) It comes from the almighty (Joel 1:15)
- 3) "...the hour of His judgment" (Revelation 14:7)
- 4) "The wine of the wrath of God" (Revelation 14:10)
- b) It's not for the church
  - 1) (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
  - 2) It is found in Revelation chapters 6-19
6. Its end?
  - a) At the Battle of Armageddon
    - 1) (Revelation 19:17-21)
    - 2) It is the darkest before the dawn

#### **IV. The Second Coming of Christ** (Revelation 19:11-16)

- A. It is a major theme of the Old Testament and New Testament
  1. Even though the exact expression "The Second Coming" is not found in the Bible
  2. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28)
    - a) (Matthew 24:29-30)
  3. Christ's second coming will be
    - a) Visible
      - 1) "They saw Him taken up"
    - b) Glorious
      - 1) "A cloud received Him out of their sight"
    - c) Personal
      - 1) "This same Jesus"
    - d) Literal
      - 1) "In like manner"

#### **V. The Millennium** (Revelation 20:1-3)

- A. Christ's coming is pre-millennial
  1. What happens when Jesus comes back?
    - a) He destroys the Antichrist and false prophet and puts an end to war
      - 1) (Revelation 19:17-21)
    - b) He binds Satan for 1000 years
      - 1) (Revelation 20:2)
    - c) Jesus the King will sit on the throne of David
    - d) He will reverse the curse
      - 1) (Isaiah 11:6-7)
    - e) He will judge all the unsaved dead from His great white throne
      - 1) Satan cast into Hell
      - 2) Great White Throne
      - 3) It is the answers to our prayers "thy kingdom come"

#### **VI. The New Heaven and Earth** (Revelation 21:1-8)

- A. Are you looking for the blessed hope?

1. Jesus promised to come again
    - a) (John 14:1-6)
  2. Have you trusted Him?
  3. Where will you spend eternity?
- B. If you are a Christian
1. You are not your own
    - a) (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
  2. This world is not your home
    - a) (Philippians 3:20)
  3. Don't love the world
    - a) (1 John 2:15)
  4. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast..." (1 Corinthians 15:58)