

An Introduction to Eschatology:

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I. News of the Week:

- a. "Behold He Comes" West Coast Bible Prophecy Conference (Saturday, 9/11/21, 9:00-4:00)
 - i. https://calvarycch.org/behold-he-comes-conference/
 - ii. Calvary SJ will simulcast in the main Sanctuary
 - iii. \$5 if you want to individually stream; free if you want to join us for fellowship
 - iv. Working out lunch details now ... stay tuned for updates
- b. Covid Vaccine Religious Exemption Letter
 - i. Available from Calvary Chapel San Jose
 - ii. Email your request to: carson@calvarysj.org
- c. Understanding The Times: "Worshipping the Beast & It's Image"
 - i. https://youtu.be/sUV5nPA5 QY or https://bit.ly/3goQHHX
- d. SJ & SF No shoes, no shirt, no vaccine ... NO SERVICE!
 - i. https://bit.ly/3yi9dll
- e. Have We Just Armed Those Who Will Attack Israel?
 - i. https://reut.rs/3mohyYC

II. How to Verify Info we receive in email, text, Social Media (Acts 17:11, 1 John 4:1, Matt 10:16)

- a. Pray for discernment
- b. Does the message come <u>directly</u> from the person or organization, and not a second-hand source or forwarded source
 - i. ... "I heard from..." "I've been asked by..." "I'm forwarding a post from..." "I heard that [X] said ..."
- c. Reach out to the party or organization First Hand
- d. Does it fit with the individual's or organization's prior messages
- e. Facebook, Instagram & Twitter 'Blue Checkmark'
- f. Check with on-line sources ... getting harder to do

III. An Introduction to Eschatology

- a. Dr. Chuck Missler (Source: Hour 21 of "Learn the Bible in 24 Hours")
- b. https://youtu.be/xCsa6ylNSqY or https://bit.ly/3D9nlli
- c. With some additional commentary from Randy...
 - i. What is Eschatology?
 - **ii. Eschatology** is derived from the Greek word <u>eschatos</u>, which means "last in time or in place" (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*).
 - iii. How we view Eschatology has a direct impact on how we look at current world events, how we live our lives, & what we invest our time in (God's plan for us & mankind)
 - iv. Controversial: Some churches avoid Eschatology as an area of study
 - 1. (Calvary Chapel's position on eschatology: https://bit.ly/3mm4Edv)
 - v. Proper Hermeneutics (understanding/interpretation) is a must literal, historical, grammatical, & contextual
 - **1. Context, Context** ("Text without context is pretext")
 - vi. Why study eschatology if it's so controversial?
 - 1. We receive a blessing according to Rev 1:3
 - 2. The Bible is over 25% prophecy
 - a. 1,845 OT references to Christ's RETURN (17 OT Books)
 - b. 318 NT references to Christ's RETURN (216 chapters in 23 books)
 - 3. Prophecy is meant to <u>PREPARE</u> us, not <u>SCARE</u> us
 - ... the world isn't falling apart, the pieces are falling together

