### Revision of Study 1 and Study 2

What is death? | Why do we die? | Why do Christians die? | What happens when believers die? | What happens when unbelievers die? | Is there a second chance after death?

### Today’s Study --- The Second Coming

#### New Term for today: Eschatology

The word ‘*eschatos’* in Greek means ‘*last’* and ‘*logy’* means *study of*.

Applying this new term, our two studies concerning death and the state of the soul after death can be called as *“individual or personal eschatology”* while what we are going to study from today can be called as *“general eschatology”*

#### The Center Piece of Biblical Expectation

Described in the scriptures as:

* Revelation
* Appearance
* Coming
* In addition to this these terms it is also called the end, the end of the ages, the day, that day, the day of the Lord, the day of God and so on.

#### Scriptures about Second Coming

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| The second coming & exhortation to faithfulness and righteous living | Tit 2: 11-13 1 Peter 5:1-4 |
| The second coming & bodily resurrection | 1 Thess 4:16-17 1 Cor 15:21-24 |
| The second coming & the warning of judgment | 2 Tim 4:1 2 Thess 1:6-8 |
| The second coming & the end of this age | 2 Pet 3:10-12 |
| The second coming & the signs of the age | 2 Thess 2:1-8 |

#### Four Main Eschatological Systems

* dispensational premillennialism
* historic premillennialism
* postmillennialism
* amillennialism also known as realized millennialism

These four different systems differ on their interpretation of **Revelation 20:1-8**. (The word *millennial* which is common in all these four systems means ‘*one thousand years’)*

#### What is the Rapture?

The word *rapture* is derived from the Latin word *rapio* which means to *seize*, *snatch*, *carry away* 1 Thess 4:16-18 1 Cor 15:51-52

* pre-tribulation rapture
* mid-tribulation rapture
* post-tribulation rapture
* Amillennial understanding

What about scriptures like*two men in the field and one is taken while the other is left*  (Matthew 24 and Luke 17)

#### What is the Tribulation?

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| **The Questions-****Rev 20:1-8 & other passages** | **Amillennialism** | **Post Millennialism** | **Historic Premillennialism** | **Dispensational Premillennialism** |
| 1When is the 1000 years–– past, present or future? | The 1000 years is now–– the entire period of time from the Jesus’ first coming to His second coming. | The 1000 years is future–– a period of worldwide Christian triumph when the Kingdom of God is dramatically unveiled in earthly history. | The 1000 years is future. | The 1000 years is future.After this Satan is released and the battle of Armageddon results.  |
| 2When will Jesus return–– before or after the 1000 years? | Jesus will return after the 1000 years. | Jesus will return after the 1000 years. | Jesus will return before the 1000 years.During the 1000 years, He will reign over nations from His earthly seat in Jerusalem | Jesus will return once at the rapture (secretly) and again before the 1000 years (publically).During the 1000 years, He will reign over nations from His earthly seat in Jerusalem |
| 3What does the binding of Satan refer to (v. 2)? | The binding of Satan refers to the gospel’s worldwide advance. | The binding of Satan refers both to the gospel’s worldwide advance as well as a severe limiting of his power–– both spiritually and physically. | The binding of Satan refers to his power and presence being completely removed from the earth. | The binding of Satan refers to his power and presence being completely removed from the earth. |
| 4Is the 1000 years a literal period of time (v. 2)? | The 1000 years is a figurative number indicating a long period of time. | The 1000 years is a figurative number indicating a long period of time. | The 1000 years may be literal or it may be figurative. | The 1000 years is a literal period of time. |
| 5Is the rapture secret? | No, it is a public event | No, it is a public event | No, it is a public event | Yes, it is a secret and private event |
| 6Will the rapture and second coming of Jesus happen at the same time? | YesAfter 1000-year reign | YesAfter 1000-year reign | YesBefore 1000-year reign | NoJesus’ secret coming is first (Rapture)Jesus will come again publically to establish the 1000-year reign |
| 7Will God literally fulfill His Old Testament prophecies about the Jewish state of Israel during the 1000 years? | No | No | No  | Yes |
| 8What will the world be like until Christ returns? Will it be | Both evil and good will increase side-by-side until Christ returns. | Good will triumph over evil as the millennium approaches and the good continues during the 1000 years. | Evil will increase until Christ returns. | Evil will increase until the great tribulation begins–– a seven year period of satanic dominance. |