

TH300 Doctrine of the Second Coming

Course Description

Many of us were taught that Christians will be “raptured out of here before bad things happen.” However, the biblical evidence shows that the Church will encounter the Antichrist’s Great Tribulation, but those who remain through it will be raptured just before the Day of the Lord’s wrath. This course will be taught from the Prewrath perspective, but believers holding other viewpoints are welcome, since the course will interact at certain points with Pretribulationism, Posttribulationism, and Preterism.

An emphasis will be on the Day of the Lord, which is one of the most important but often neglected topics to Christ’s Return. Pertinent Old Testament passages, for example Isaiah and Daniel, will be examined. And New Testament teachings will cover Jesus’ Olivet Discourse, Paul’s Thessalonian Epistles, and the book of Revelation.

The aim of the course will be to teach a coherent, consistent endtime’s picture—concluding that the prewrath interpretation is the most plausible position. In short, a competent study of end-times should begin here: the Day of the Lord. The millennial issue will not be covered in this course; instead the focus will be on the immediate events surrounding the Lord’s return.

Course Objectives

When the student has completed this course he/she will have learned about:

1. Theophanies
2. The Day of the Lord that Jesus Knew
3. The *Parousia* Question
4. The Great Tribulation Against the Godly
5. The Day of the Lord Against the Ungodly
6. Paul’s classic “Rapture” Passage
7. Paul’ teaching on the Day of the Lord and the *Apokalypsis*
8. Paul’s teaching on Antichrist
9. Peter’s deluge of fire
10. Approaching the book of Revelation
11. First Four Seals—Antichrist’s Horsemen
12. Fifth and Sixth Seals—Impending Wrath
13. Seventh Seal—Day of the Lord pronounced
14. Scroll’s Finale—Bowls and Armageddon

15. Michael, the Restrainer
16. Parable of the Wheat and Weeds
17. Five Reasons the Rapture is Found in Matthew 24:31
18. The *Dida*-What? The Early Church Teaching

Required Textbooks

The course material will be provided by the instructor on the first day of class, and the cost of the material is included in the cost of the course.

