

SummerSalon14 - Eschatology

Many Bible conferences are convened simply to discuss *unfulfilled* prophecy — with nary a thought given to 100% *fulfilled* prophecy in the first coming 2,000 years ago of Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus the Messiah. This unbalanced approach to study of prophecy attracts crowds, increases book sales, and generates lots of controversy. It is disheartening to observe leaders with mega followings —who prey on the ill-informed and biblically illiterate with their sensational prognostications —based either on unwarranted *fear*, “The Antichrist is coming” and “America needs to be rescued” or else unwarranted *exuberance* —causing 2 Pet 3 scoffers to mock warranted confidence in the sequential unfolding of Christ’s *Parousia*.

The next event on the prophetic calendar is the translation of Christ’s Bride; followed by the rise of antichrist; followed by Jacob’s Trouble (Jer 30:7); followed by Christ’s return with His Bride; followed by the completion of the events of the Book of Revelation; followed by the end of the age in a renovated heaven and earth —all in advance of eternal reward or eternal anguish for each created soul.

Instead of sensational, it is measured, deeply studied, grounded teaching of God’s Word that produces the gold mine of prophetic truth of *things to come* — eschatology. ***Things to Come*** is also the title of Dwight Pentecost’s 1958 compendium work that outlined nearly fifty years —what is now coming to pass. Pentecost’s book, along with many written in the last two hundred years are solid meat that those with itching ears should study rather than the pulp fiction that passes for true eschatological research. Two of the more recent works that only confuse the teaching of God’s Word are ***The Harbinger*** and ***Four Blood Moons***.

Incorrect teaching about *things to come* is, in nearly all cases, sourced to an unscriptural embrace of the *millennium*. The Bible declares the literal, thousand year reign of Christ on the earth is yet *future*. Postmillennial and Amillennial teachings declared by some Covenant, Reform, Calvinist, Dominionist, Preterist, Progressive Dispensational, and Theonomist theologies do not hold the truth of the *premillennial* scheme of *things to come*.

Read the succinct summary from Alva McClain's ***The Greatness of the Kingdom***. Study a prophecy chart indicating the late hour in which we live, along with David James' book refuting the errors of ***The Harbinger***. Read a correction of a CNN article on HBO's mocking series, "The Leftovers". Most encouraging is Ron Bigalke's corrective teaching on 2 Thess 2:3 —that verse popularly translated "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." "The falling away" is mistranslated as apostasy from the faith. The correct translation of *apostasia* references the departure of the saints, the pre-tribulational gathering Home of Christ's bride.

Not much more needs to be said about *things to come*, except Maranatha!