

What Is Eschatology?

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Interpretive Approaches

- **Preterism** - Interprets most of the Bible's end-time prophecies as referring to events that have already taken place, primarily in the first century
- **Historicism** - Believes that Biblical prophecy unfolds progressively throughout the entire course of Church history, from the time of the apostles to the return of Christ
- **Futurism** - Interprets most of the book of Revelation and many other prophetic passages as describing events that will take place in the future just before Christ's return
- **Idealism** - Views the book of Revelation and other apocalyptic writings as portraying timeless spiritual truths rather than specific historical or future events