

# YOUR HOPE

Eschatology

64 Days of Truth  
Days 57-63  
Heritage Bible Church

*64 Days of Truth* is designed to help Christians understand the great doctrines of the Bible. As you spend the rest of your life feasting on the word of God (the Bible), you should forever expand and deepen your knowledge of these things.

During the 64 Days, listen to the weekly messages with an open heart and an open Bible . . . Spend a few minutes each day to study on your own, using the devotional guides in this booklet . . . Spend an hour or so each week with a discussion group, talking about the importance of what you learn.

Most of all, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Scripture quotations are from the New American Standard Bible.

## DAY 57: Wednesday Message, "Your Hope"

If you can, take notes, and pay special attention to these key points. (When you get to your discussion group, compare notes to help each other get it all.)

Definition of eschatology

Premillennialism

Amillennialism

Postmillennialism

Passage on the only two groups to be resurrected

Rapture. What is it? What passages describe it?

Second Coming

The tribulation

The Antichrist

Memorize 1 John 3:2-3: *Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

DAY 58: Thursday. The Next Event on God's Calendar

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and answer:

(13) Why did Paul write this section? What question does it appear he was answering?

(14) What is the promise in this verse?

(15) How do we know Paul believed this could happen at any time—even during his lifetime?<sup>1</sup>

(16-17) What things will happen, in order?

(18) What's the command? How does this relate to what you observed in verse 13?

Fill in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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<sup>1</sup>The concept of **imminence** means that this could happen at any time, without any other event needing to occur first.



DAY 60: Saturday. Pre-written History (Part 1)

Read Daniel 9:24-27, one of the most amazing and detailed prophecies in the Bible.<sup>3</sup> Observe what verse 24 says:

To what people and place does this prophecy apply?

List the six things promised. Three deal with sin (Jesus' first coming), and three deal with righteousness (His second coming).

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<sup>3</sup>These are "weeks" (literally "sevens") of *years*, so this prophecy covers 490 years. 7 weeks (49 years) leads to the end of Nehemiah's work; 62 more (434 more years) to Messiah's death. The final week (7 years) is yet future. This is part of how we know there is a future for Israel. God isn't finished with His promises to them.



DAY 61: Sunday. Pre-written History (Part 2)

Back to Daniel 9:24-27. The "prince who is to come" is the future Antichrist. What does verse 26 say "his people" will do to the city and the temple? (It happened in A.D. 70, at the hands of the Roman army.)

What does verse 27 say the Antichrist will do? (We know this is future, because it has never happened.)

9:27 assures us that a temple will some day be rebuilt in Jerusalem, because sacrifices can't be stopped unless they are happening. Jesus' words tell us He knew this event was future. Read them in Matthew 24:15.

How did the Apostle Paul describe this abomination? See 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. What will the Antichrist do in the temple?

Fill in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. *And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*



DAY 62: Monday. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

It wouldn't be right to leave out Jesus' second coming from our study of prophecy. Prepare yourself for goose bumps, then read Matthew 24:29-31 and Revelation 19:11-21. List all that will happen when Jesus returns. Look for:

When this happens (after what?)

Heavenly phenomena

What angels will do

What Jesus will look like

Who comes with Him

What happens to His enemies

If you belong to Christ by grace through faith, you will be there for this event! Read Revelation 22:20-21. Thanks for devoting these nine weeks to Bible doctrine!

Fill in the blanks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_, *just as He is pure.*

DAY 63: Tuesday. Review/Prepare

1. Write out the memory item for this week (as many times as you need to, until you know it by heart).
2. Tomorrow you will learn a new word: ***Doctrinology***. You can't find it in a dictionary, because it is just being invented. As you prepare for worship, write down at least one reason each of these is important.

Doctrine of the Bible

Doctrine of God

Doctrine of Christ

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

Doctrine of Man and Sin

Doctrine of Salvation

Doctrine of The Church

Doctrine of Angels and Demons

Doctrine of Last Things

DOCTRINE OF ESCHATOLOGY  
THINGS TO REMEMBER

Interpreting the Bible consistently leads to being *premillennial*, which means we believe Jesus Christ will return to earth bodily prior to reigning on earth for 1000 years.

Jesus' Second Coming is described in Matthew 24:29-31 and Revelation 19:11-21.

*Millennium* is Latin for "1000 years." The millennium and the Kingdom of Christ are the same thing. The period of 1000 years is mentioned six times in the beginning of Revelation 20.

The *Rapture* is the moment in the future when every living child of God will be taken instantaneously to be with the Lord forever, removed from earth "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Every person will be resurrected from the dead (except those taken in the rapture). Believers will be resurrected to eternal life; unbelievers will be resurrected to eternal judgment (John 5:24-29).

The Church and the nation of Israel are distinct. There is a specific future of Israel. There will come a time when all Israelites alive will be saved—just prior to Jesus' second coming (Romans 11:25-27).

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## **Your Hope**

*64 Days of Truth, Days 57-63: Eschatology*

### **Discussion Guide**

1. What is the definition of "eschatology?"
  
2. What key passage was used in the sermon as the starting point for understanding Bible prophecy? To whom is it addressed? Have all the things predicted happened? (If you haven't already, you will study this passage more thoroughly in your devotions this week.)
  
3. What two passages most clearly describe the rapture? According to them, what will happen?

4. Put these events in proper sequence on the time line below. Don't worry about it being to scale for the number of years between events; just put the events into the proper order by writing the numbers below the letters in the correct sequence.

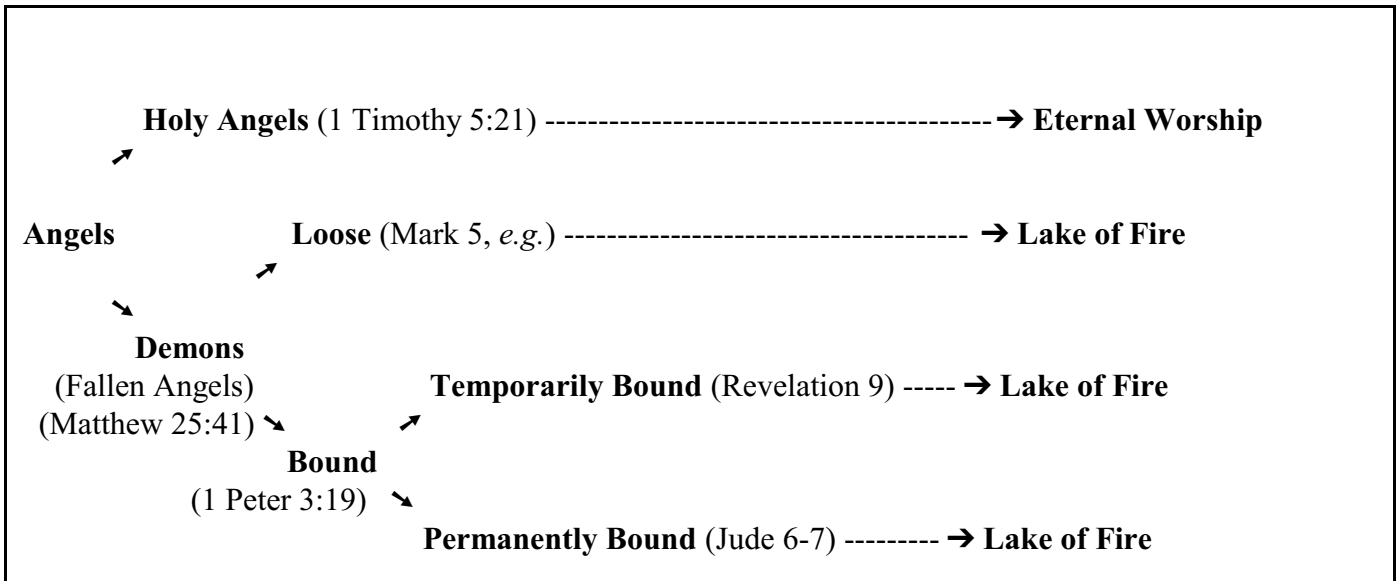
1 Christ Born	2 Exodus	3 Abraham	4 Flood	5 Rapture
6 Millennium	7 Adam's Fall	8 Heaven or Hell for All	9 Captives Return	10 Christ Ascends
11 Creation	12 Final Judgment	13 Captivity	14 Church Age	15 Second Coming
16 King David	17 Tribulation	18 Holy Spirit Comes	19 Tower of Babel	20 Law of Moses

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5. Review the memory verses from all nine weeks

**Ministering Spirits**  
*64 Days of Truth, Days 50-56: Angelology and Demonology*  
**Discussion Guide**

1. Review the summary of angels and demons by filling in the blanks in the chart:



God created a fixed number of angels before He created the heavens and earth. Approximately a third of them fell with Satan when he rebelled (Revelation 12:4). These are called **demons**. Some demons are **loose** (able to roam around). Some are **bound** (imprisoned). Some are bound **temporarily** and will be released during the Tribulation. Some are bound **permanently** and will be released only to be judged and sent to the **Lake of Fire**.

2. What verse most clearly states the purpose of angels? What is their purpose? Who do they serve, and why?

Hebrews 1:14. They serve God, and at least part of what they do is obey Him when He sends them out to "render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation."

3. Look up and discuss these other descriptions of angels and what they do:

**Psalm 103:20** They are mighty in strength; they bless God; they perform His word, doing only His will, and never acting contrary to His word.

**Psalm 91:11-13** When dispatched by God (Hebrews 1:14), they intervene to protect His people according to His will. If your group lacks enthusiasm, open the discussion of guardian angels—and don't be surprised how tenaciously some people believe in them.

4. **What is the primary work of demons? Give Scripture to support your answer.**  
Following their leader Satan, their primary work is deception. 1 Timothy 4:1, John 8:44, 1 John 4:1-6, Colossians 2:18, 23.

5. **Memory verse . . . See 1 Peter 1:13 for loving stimulation.**