

6 KEYS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Gospel Growth Study

ESCHATOLOGY is the doctrine of the end time or of “last things.” *Inaugurated eschatology* means that the end has already begun.

What is the *ESCHATON*? _____



GOD PROMISES A “RETURN” FROM THE EXILE OF SIN!

Jeremiah 23:3

Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold.

Isaiah 35:8-10

And a **highway shall be there, and it shall be called the **Way** of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it . . . The redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing.**

Isaiah 40:3

In the wilderness prepare the **way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

John 14:6

I am the **way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

Acts 19:23

About that time there arose no little disturbance concerning the **Way.**

**WHAT WERE
THE
CREDENTIALS OF
THE MESSIAH?**

Isaiah 35:5-6

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

Matthew 11:4-5

Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them.

WHAT ARE SOME RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE KING TO RETURN?

Mark 13:33

Mark 16:15

1 Thes. 5:16-18

2 Timothy 4:2

2 Timothy 4:5

1 Peter 5:10

ANTICIPATING THE “END OF THE END”

Romans 8:29-30 is called the _____ . *What is the final promise at the end of verse 30? What does it mean?*

We tend to think about dying and going to _____ , but the emphasis in the New Testament is on the _____ and the new _____ .

ALREADY BUT NOT YET

How This Tool Will Help You Read the New Testament

1. The already inaugurated but not yet consummated reign of Christ.
 - a. What promises about the Messiah do you see being fulfilled?
 - b. What promises about the Messiah are still waiting to be fulfilled?
2. How does it help you to know that the Kingdom of God is already here?
 - a. What attitude should you adopt?
 - b. What duties do you have?
 - c. What empowerment can you expect?
3. The believer's hope is with Christ in the new creation.
 - a. What important event are you going to experience?
 - b. What will it be like in the final Kingdom Age?