

## Bible Study Notes

### Key Definitions:

- **Eschatology:** the study of end times from a religious perspective or point of view
- **Dispensations:** a division of biblical history; “the age of”
- **Millennial Kingdom:** 1000 year reign of Jesus; a time of universal peace on earth
- **Rapture:** catch up, suddenly take away; Jesus will come to earth and remove His people (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)
- **Great Tribulation:** a 7 year period of persecution (3 ½ years from Antichrist and 3 ½ years from God)

### Dispensations (the age of):

1. Innocence: from Gen 1:28 – Gen 2:15-17
2. Conscience: Gen 3:8 – 8:22 (approximately 1650 years from the Garden to the Flood)
3. Human Government: Gen 8 – call of Abraham
4. Promise: Abraham – Exodus from Egypt (430 years)
5. Law: Exodus – death of Jesus
6. Grace: Jesus’ resurrection – Now
7. Millennial Kingdom: Rev 20 – Final Judgment

### Main End Time Theologies or Viewpoints:

- Premillennial: end time events including the Tribulation and the Rapture come before the second coming of Christ and His 1000 year reign; Historic and Dispensational (most common view)
  - Pre-Tribulation (pre-trib): the rapture of Christians occurs before the Tribulation period and the rise of Antichrist
  - Mid-Tribulation (mid-trib): the rapture of Christians occurs halfway through the Tribulation period (3 ½ years)
  - Post-Tribulation (post-trib): the rapture of Christians occurs at the end of the Tribulation period (7 years)
- Postmillennial: a time when Christianity would spread and the church would rule the world, prior to Jesus’ second coming (no longer in favor)
- Amillennial: there is no actual 1000 year reign of Jesus; “the church” has replaced the Jews as God’s “chosen people”

### Books of the Bible dealing with end time events:

- Daniel
- Isaiah
- Ezekiel
- Revelation