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# WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE

*Training Laborers for His Harvest*

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## **BI 541 – Eschatology**

### ***Online Syllabus***

**Course Instructor: Mr. Richard Houk**

#### **I. Course Description:**

This course is a study of the doctrine of last things. The class will investigate some of the key issues and difficulties one is faced with when dealing with Eschatology. This is to encourage the student to search the Scriptures and find solutions to the issues related to this doctrine.

#### **II. Course Objectives:**

- A. To help the student understand the correlation between the hermeneutical approach and the correct interpretation to prophetic passages.
- B. To investigate the key Old Testament Covenants which are the basis of our pre-millennial position.
- C. To understand why the pre-millennial view of the Lord's return is the only one which fits with sound hermeneutical principles.
- D. To understand the position of the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.
- E. To understand the significance of Daniel's 70 weeks and its relation to the tribulation.
- F. To understand the resurrections and judgments related to the final days and eternal state.
- G. To help the student to understand the various views on last things and to increase the awareness of the student for the urgency of preaching the Gospel and getting the word out to the lost.

#### **III. Course Requirements:**

- A. Reading:
  - 1. **Required Reading:** Read *Things to Come*, by Dwight Pentecost and then give a type written summary of 250 words for each of the 7 sections of the book.



**SECONDLY** – In Pentecost’s book he gives several arguments for the pre-tribulation rapture. Find and list each of these arguments, giving the Scriptural support for each of them.

- 2. Outside Reading:** The student is to read a total of **1000 pages on Eschatology**. The student is to keep a record on the outside reading report form. This reading is to be strictly on eschatology.
- 3. Prophecy Articles:** As part of your outside reading you are to find news articles either in national news papers such as the *Los Angeles Times*, or weekly or monthly periodicals such as *U.S. New and World Report*, or on the internet such as Fox News, CNN, etc. You are to search for articles that would have some relationship to prophetic events given in the Bible. An example would be the recent Israeli withdraw from the Gaza Strip. Each article is to be retyped or photocopied with the correct bibliography information at the bottom of each article, and a brief paragraph explaining how this article is significant to future prophecy in the Scriptures. **You are to have 100 articles placed into a three ringed notebook or folder.** You may go back no earlier than the **year 2002**. The more recent the articles the better. You have to mail these in to the school.

#### **B. Doctrine papers**

The student will do three papers; 8 – 10 type written pages each. The student must have at least three sources with a bibliography, title page and footnotes that may be listed at the end of each paper.

- 1. Paper #1** – is to be on the “The Day of the Lord” and “The Day of Christ.” In this paper, discuss whether these are synonymous or separate events. Then determine when each of these “Days” will happen in the prophetic timetable of events.
- 2. Paper #2** – is to be a study of the rapture. The purpose of this paper is to discuss if immanency is supported in the Scriptures. Be sure you support your answer from the Scriptures.
- 3. Paper #3** – In 2 Thessalonians 2:7 it says, “...Only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.” According to those who hold to a pre-tribulation position say, the “he” is in reference to the Holy Spirit. Exegete this passage, and from your results show that the “he” here is or is not the Holy Spirit. Take one side or the other and then defend or support it from the text and other Scriptures.

#### **C. Tests and Final Exam:**

- 1. Tests** will be given after every two lectures and should be posted as to when you are to take it. Each test will only cover the material that was covered in the section between the last test and the current one. All tests are closed notes. You may review your notes before you take the test, but do not open your notes once you have started the test.
- 2. One final exam will be given at the end of your lectures.** This exam will cover all lectures and include all the previous tests. When you are ready to



take your final, contact the college and they will mail to your proctor your final exam. Once you have taken it, return it to your proctor to verify and mail in to the school for grading. **DO NOT TAKE YOUR FINAL IF ALL OF YOUR OTHER COURSE WORK IS NOT COMPLETED AND TURNED IN.**

**D Final Note**

When you have finished all your projects and taken all the online tests and final exam then you may e-mail any of the projects that can be emailed, or you may mail in everything with a self addressed envelope large enough for us to mail all materials back to you. Be sure to include postage on the return envelope.

**IV. Course Grading:**

A. Required Reading	25%
B. Outside Reading & Articles	25%
C. Doctrine Papers	25%
D. Quizzes & Final	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Final Word:** If you have any questions or you hit a difficult place, please feel free to contact us via e-mail and we will be glad to help you.



