

**New England Institute of Biblical Studies—Course Outline for Eschatology**  
**Spring 2006**

**Purpose:** To study those doctrines pertaining to last things as defined by classical theology: the kingdom of God, judgment, death, millennial perspectives, tribulation (should time permit), heaven and hell. A preference will be given to a premillennial view of end-time events that stresses the ethical demands of all end-times theology.

**Textbooks:** *Understanding End Times: A Comprehensive Approach* by Paul N. Benware; *Vital Prophetic Issues* edited by Roy B. Zuck. **Note:** The instructor may give further reading from the syllabus or materials given in class.

**Assignments:**

1. There may be weekly quizzes, taken directly from the reading. Should a student wish to appeal a given answer on a quiz, he/she will be invited to discuss the matter with the instructor after class, either personally or via email.
2. There will be a final exam. The final will be cumulative and will be based on assigned reading and on the course syllabus.
3. One (1) term paper will be due before the final class. The paper must be 2 to 3 pages, double-spaced, and based on material in the reading, syllabus, or discussed in class. Students **must** obtain approval from the instructor on their topic before beginning the paper.

**Grading:**

1. Anything not turned in on-time without prior approval of the instructor will be reduced one grade level—this includes reading.
2. Final Exam will count for 20% of the grade.
3. Reading will count for 20% of the grade.
4. The term paper will count for 40% of the grade.
5. Quiz scores will be averaged and will count for 20% of the grade.
6. Those missing any of the assignments will be presumed to be in “auditing” status unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor.

**Course Schedule:**

- March 23:
  - What is the Value of Studying Eschatology?
  - Hermeneutical Methodology in Eschatology.
  - **All Students:** Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 in Benware (pp. 17-73).
  - **Standard Students:** Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 (pp. 13-43) in *Vital Prophetic Issues*.
- March 30
  - Quiz on Reading
  - The Nature of Covenants
  - **All Students:** Read Chapters 4, 5 in Benware (pp. 77-101)

- **Standard Students:** Read Chapters 5 (pp. 61-67) in *Vital Prophetic Issues*.
- April 6
  - Quiz on Reading.
  - Premillennialism.
  - **All Students:** Read Chapter 6 in Benware (pp. 103-17) **AND** Appendix One (pp. 313-6).
  - **Standard Students:** Read Chapter 6 (pp. 68-82) in *Vital Prophetic Issues* and **\*\*obtain approval for term paper subject (May be done earlier. Failure to obtain approval may result in lowering of grade).\*\***
- April 13
  - Quiz on Reading.
  - Premillennialism, Amillennialism
  - **All Students:** Read Chapters 7, 8 in Benware (pp. 119-45).
  - **Standard Students:** Read Chapter 7 (pp. 83-95) in *Vital Prophetic Issues*.
- April 20
  - Quiz on Reading.
  - Amillennialism, Postmillennialism.
  - **All Students:** Read Chapter 9 in Benware (pp. 147-53)
  - **Standard Students:** Read Chapter 11 AND 17 (pp. 148-57; 223-31) in *Vital Prophetic Issues*.
- April 27
  - Quiz on Reading.
  - Postmillennialism, Historic Premillennialism, Ethical Eschatology.
  - **All Students:** Read Chapters 14, 15 in Benware (pp. 269-89)
  - **Standard Students:** Read Chapters 11, 12, 13 (pp. 148-84) in *Vital Prophetic Issues*.
- May 4
  - Final Exam (cumulative)
  - Final Paper Due.
  - How Shall We Now Live?

Week Due	Benware	Vital Proph. Issues	Other
2	1, 2, 3 (pp. 17-73).	1, 2, 3 (pp. 13-43)	
3	4, 5 (pp. 77-101)	5 (pp. 61-67)	
4	6 (pp. 103-17) <b>AND</b> App. 1 (pp. 313-6).	6 (pp. 68-82)	Obtain approval for term paper.
5	7, 8 (pp. 119-45)	7 (pp. 83-95)	
6	9 (pp. 147-53)	11 & 17 (pp. 148-57; 223-31)	
7	14, 15 (pp. 147-53; 269-89)	12, 13 (pp. 158-84)	Final; term paper due.