

Found Ahead - Session 1

Forecasts of the Future

Introduction

- A. The long history of the end of the world
 - 1. Remember the warning of Peter (II Peter 3:3-10)
 - 2. Remember the warning of Jesus (Matthew 24:24)
- B. Four major teachings on Christ's return
- C. The strategy of our study: Know the Scriptures Well!

Break

- A. Four Core Principles:
 - 1. Scripture interprets Scripture
 - 2. Old Testament is understood in light of the New Testament
 - 3. Holy Spirit used a variety of literary forms
 - 4. Scripture (and eschatology) communicates both Law and Gospel
- B. Seven Guidelines for Prophecy:
 - 1. Historical Context - ["Times Coloring" Nahum & Nineveh]
 - 2. Covenant Background - [Genesis 12:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31-34]
 - 3. Forward Look - [Imminent and remote: Isaiah 7:14]
 - 4. Shortened Perspective - [Definite goal in the indefinite future]
 - 5. Greater Fulfillment - [Husk/Kernel, Acorn/Oak]
 - 6. Unifying Focal Point - [Jesus Christ, Galatians 3:28-29]
 - 7. Double Emphasis - [God judges and God redeems]
- C. Improper and Proper Use of Prophecy
 - 1. Not for INFORMATION but for INSPIRATION
 - 2. Not for EMPOWERMENT but for ENCOURAGEMENT

Questions: What does our eschatology say about our theology?
How important are our interpretive presupposition?

Diagrams of Millennial Views

