

## Last Things

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## Why Study?

- It's relevant! Knowing something about the end shapes how you live today.
  - Shapes what you do and don't do
  - Shapes what you value and what care about
- **Note:** Think of a trip
  - What to pack
  - How much to pack



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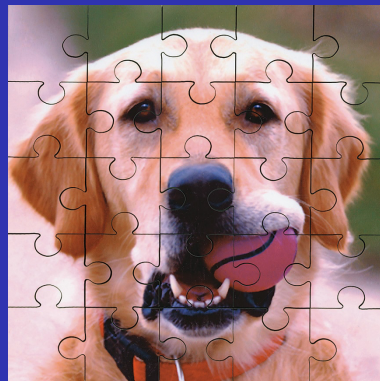
## Why Study?

- Jesus spoke the last things in three synoptic gospel, including the signs that precede the end and the need to watch (be prepared).
  - Matthew 24
  - Mark 13
  - Luke 21
- **Rev. 16:15**: Blessed is the one who watches.

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## Why Study?

- Many different opinions on the world will end. What is Catholic belief?
- **Puzzle**: We provide corners and edge pieces, but not all pieces (details) of how things will unfold.
- **Key**: May have more questions than answers!



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## Why Study?

- At times, we will provide articles of faith that are certain, while point out what is speculative.

Hell	
Certain	Speculative
Exists	Who is there and/or how many are there
We have freedom to <u>yes</u> and <u>no</u> to God	Why people say no to God

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## Overview

1.



**Garden of Eden**  
Foreshadows Temple

2.



**Temple**  
Microcosm of the World

3.



**Destruction of Temple**  
Tribulation in end time

4.



**New Creation**  
Christ, BVM, and Saints

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## Genesis 1 - Overview

Verses	Meaning
Gn. 1:1: <b>In the beginning</b>	The world had a beginning
Gn. 1:1: <b>God created the heavens and the earth</b>	Only one God and He created everything by His wisdom and love
Gn. 1:1: <b>And God said...(7x) Let there be...it was so.</b>	God creates everything freely and by His power (i.e., by His Word)
Gn. 1:5-31: <b>First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth day...</b>	God creates an ordered world (intelligible) that is good.
Gn. 1:12-27: <b>Plants, animals (water, air, land), human beings</b>	Hierarchy – creation presented as a liturgical procession (humans last)
Gn. 1:26: <b>Let us make man in our image, after our likeness</b>	Intellect (self-aware), free will, capacity for relationship (male & female)
Gn. 2:2-3: <b>Seventh day God rested; God blessed seventh day and made it holy</b>	Seven (Hb: <i>Sheba</i> ) means oath or covenant; creation is meant to participate in covenant, God's rest.

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## Genesis 1 – Creation as Temple

Creation	Tabernacle or Temple
Spirit of God orders the world (Gn. 1:2)	Spirit of God ordered the building of the tabernacle (31:3)
Seven commands "And God said..." Gn. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24	Seven times "The Lord said to Moses" Exod. 25:1, 30:11, 17, 22, 34, 31:1, 12
Seventh day of creation concerns the Sabbath (Gn. 2:1: "finished")	Seventh saying to Moses concerns the Sabbath (Ex. 39:43: "finished")
World is created in seven days	Temple is dedicated in seven days (1 Kgs. 8:65) after seven years of construction (1 Kgs. 6:38).
The whole earth is "full" of divine glory (Is. 6:3)	The Tabernacle is "filled" with the glory of the Lord (Ex. 40:34) and the Temple is "filled" with the glory of the Lord (1 Kgs. 8:11).

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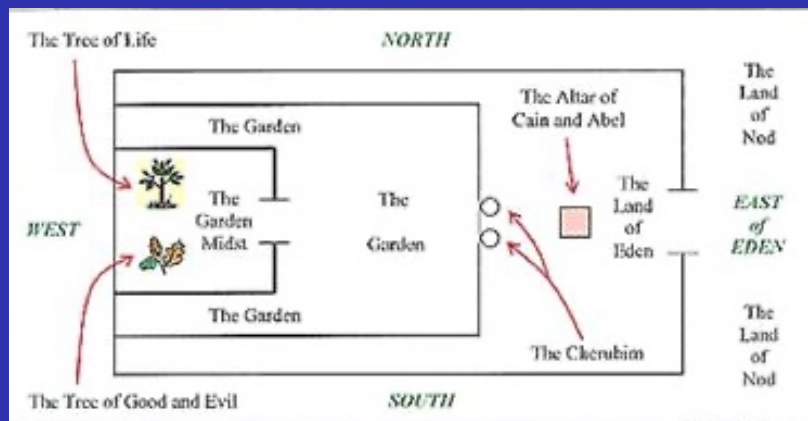
## Genesis 2 – Creation as Temple

- **Creation:** Genesis presents creation as a "macro-Temple," a place of worship.
  - **Garden of Eden:** Described as a holy place (inner sanctuary), the place where God dwells with his people.
  - **Adam:** Presented as the "high priest" of the world. Genesis 1 presents a kind of liturgical procession (sun, moon, stars, fish, birds, animals) wherein he is pinnacle of creation.
  - **Tree of Life:** Symbol of wisdom foreshadows the Ark of the Covenant (wood) and cherubim (top of ark).

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## Genesis 2 – Creation as Temple

### Eden: Three Part Structure



Source: <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/asthedayapproaches/2011/11/18/israel-the-temple-in-the-garden-of-eden--genesis-to-rev>

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## Genesis 3 - Brokenness

- Genesis 3 presents the original break in relationship with God (brokenness).
  - **Between us and God:** Struggle to know God and experience His love (Spiritual)
  - **Between us and others:** Spouses, parents/children, siblings, ethnicities, ages, etc. (Societal / Relational)
  - **Between mind and heart:** Know the truth, but need experience it (Personal)

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## Genesis 3 - Brokenness

- Genesis 3 presents the original break in relationship with God (brokenness).
  - **Between body and soul:** Body and soul in conflict (Rom. 7:13-25) (Personal)
  - **Between us and nature:** Disregard for creation, including stewardship of earth (Ecological)

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## Genesis 4 - Brokenness

- Things quickly turn for the worse after original break with God.
  - Loss of vision – Not see God and others as gift
  - Fail to take responsibility - blame each other
  - Nature itself suffers (thorns and thistles)
  - Cain: Envy, anger, murder
  - Lamech: Takes two wives

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## Brokenness - Image

Created Good, but all tangled up



<https://icanhas.cheezburger.com/dogs/tag/grass/page/8>

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## Genesis 6 - Brokenness

- **Genesis 6:5:** When the Lord saw the wickedness of human beings was on earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was nothing but evil, the Lord regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.
- God commands Noah to build an ark to preserve a remnant of His creation.

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## Genesis 7-9 – New Creation

Creation	Re-Creation (Noah's Flood)
<b>Gen. 1:2:</b> Darkness over the abyss (i.e., deep)	<b>Gen. 7:11:</b> the great abyss (deep)
<b>Gen. 1:22:</b> be fertile and multiply	<b>Gen. 8:17:</b> be fertile and multiply
<b>Gen. 1:28:</b> subdue the earth	<b>Gen. 9:1-2, 7:</b> subdue the earth
<b>Gen. 1:29-30:</b> gives food	<b>Gen. 9:3:</b> gives food
<b>Gen. 2:15:</b> Adam works the ground	<b>Gen. 9:20:</b> Noah works the ground

**Key:** Noah's Ark is a floating Garden of Eden, a place of order, life, and sacrifice where God is rightly praised (Temple).

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## Israel as a Light

- God chooses Abraham and works through Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Joseph is sold into slavery and goes to Egypt.
- Four hundred thirty years into slavery, Moses leads them out of Egypt to establish a covenant (relationship) with them (know – *yada*).
- Joshua bring Israel into Promised Land so they can worship God. Worship expresses their covenant (relationship) with God and deepens it (or renews it).
- **Key:** Israel was to be a light to the nations through right worship (liturgy) and right living (moral life).

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## Creation as Temple



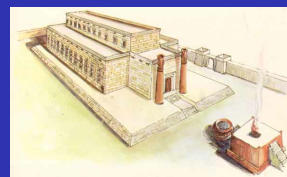
Creation: Macro-Temple



Tabernacle in Wilderness



Ark: Garden of Eden

Temple: Microcosm  
New Garden of Eden

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## Solomon's Temple

Creation (Macro-Temple)	Temple (Microcosm)
God created the stars, sun, moon, land, sea, plants, etc. (Gn 1)	Temple had vines gilded in gold; inner veil had constellations of stars reminiscent of cosmos, outer court had bronze laver of water symbolizes the sea
Gold and onyx decorated Garden of Eden (Gn. 2:11-12)	Gold and onyx decorated sanctuary and priestly garments (Ex. 25: 7, 11, 17, 31)
Adam called to work and keep (guard) the garden	Priests called to work and keep the Temple (Num. 3:7-8; 8:25-26)
Culmination of creation is rest or worship (Gn. 2:1-3)	Construction of Temple is worship (1 Kings 8:10-11)

- **Key:** Temple was reminiscent of Garden of Eden, place of order, beauty, life, and right praise. It was where God “walked” with mankind. It was a microcosm of creation.

Source: <https://reformedforum.org/summarizing-biblical-theological-case-eden-temple-garden/>

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## Jesus and the Temple

### Signs Prior to Destruction

Religious Deception	Violence and Unrest	Natural Disasters	Cosmic Signs
False prophets, False Messiahs “I am he”	Wars, nations, kingdoms, persecutions	Earthquakes, famines, plagues	Sun darkened, moon not give light, stars fall
<b>False prophet</b> Josephus speaks of many imposters prior to the Temple’s destruction.	<b>Jewish revolt</b> in 66 AD signaled the beginning of the end of Jerusalem.	<b>Famine</b> in Syria in 46-48 AD <b>Earthquake:</b> Destroyed Laodicea in 60 AD	<b>Sun:</b> Time of day <b>Moon:</b> Time of week, month <b>Stars:</b> Time of season <b>Key:</b> Time is up

- **Matthew 24:8:** Refers to this beginning of labor pains; increase of evil (labor pains) before birth of new creation

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## Temple as Microcosm



Temple  
Microcosm of the World



Creation  
Macro Temple

**Key:** The events that preceded the Temple's destruction (old covenant to the new covenant) foreshadow the destruction of world (old creation to the new).

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## Calamities of Jerusalem

- Calamities of Jerusalem and Temple (70 AD) prefigure calamities destruction of world (macro temple)
- Religious deception (lead many away), violence and unrest, and natural disasters
- "Birth pangs" from old creation to the new



Destruction of Jerusalem (70 AD)

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## Western Wall



Western Wall or Wailing Wall (Dome of the Rock in background)

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## Jesus as Temple

Temple	Jesus (New Temple)
Let us go up to the house of the God of Jacob (Is. 2:2-3)	Word became flesh and "tabernacled among us" (Jn 1:14)
House of prayer for all peoples (Is. 56:7)	Jesus prays to His father to forgive on the Cross (Lk 23:34)
Temple as a place of sacrifice (Deut. 16:6)	Jesus was crucified about noon (Jn 19:14), the time priests began to slaughter Passover lambs
Ezekiel 47:1-12 has a vision of restored temple with water flowing south and giving life	Soldier thrusts lance into Jesus' side, wherein blood and water flowed out (Jn 19:34)
John 2:19-21: Destroy this temple and three days raised; but he was speaking about the temple of body.	Christ is the true Temple, the place of sacrifice and right praise. In Him we "walk with God" (cf. Gn. 3:8).

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## Church as New Temple

- The Church is presence of Christ in every time and place. At its best, the Church is called to be:
  - **New Garden of Eden:** Order, beauty, life; where God walks with us and He is praised;
  - **New Temple:** Christ is offered in the Mass and not only Him, but our lives as well (head and body)!
  - **Bride of Christ:** Faithful to Christ - know and love Christ, and make Him sacramentally present.

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## Church as New Temple



**Mark 14-15:** Jesus (New Temple) betrayed, humiliated, suffered, crucified, and died.

**Help:** Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, women, Joseph of Arimathea



**CCC 677:** The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover.

**Mt. 28:20:** And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.

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## Ultimate Trial

- **CCC 675:** Before Christ's second coming, the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.
  - During this time, there will be a "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth (**Lk 21:8**: "I am he").
  - Supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh.

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## Ultimate Trial

### Antichrist in Sacred Scripture

Verses	Passage	Meaning
<b>1 John 2:18-19</b>	Antichrist is coming, so many antichrists have come; They went out from us, but there were not of us.	Major and minor antichrists
<b>1 John 2:22-23</b>	Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, who who denies the Father and the Son.	Deny that Jesus is the Christ
<b>1 John 4:1-6</b>	Every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of Antichrist, of which you heard is coming, and now it is in the world today.	Antichrist movement; deny Jesus
<b>2 John 7</b>	For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh; such is the deceitful one and the antichrist.	Jesus is a mere man, illusion, or not Messiah

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## Ultimate Trial

- **CCC 676:** The Antichrist's deception already begins to take shape in the world every time the claim is made to realize within history that messianic hope which can only be realized beyond history through the eschatological judgment.
  - The Antichrist could be an individual person or may be symbolic of any external political, religious, or social pressures to give absolute allegiance to anyone other than Jesus (Jones, End-Times Prophecy, 251).
  - **Key:** While we can cooperate with God in building His kingdom here on earth, God's kingdom will only be fully realized in the life to come. Only Christ can bring about the new creation.

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## Ultimate Trial

- **CCC 677:** The Church will enter the glory of the kingdom only through this final Passover, when she will follow her Lord in his death and Resurrection.
- The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven. God's triumph over the revolt of evil will take the form of the Last Judgment after the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world.
- **Key:** The Church will experience an ultimate trial (labor pangs) before the birth of the new creation.

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## Ultimate Trial

- During the eschaton, we're told that the Church, the Body of Christ, will undergo great trials, trials analogous in many ways to the trials that Jesus' physical body underwent two thousand years ago.
- The Church will be beaten, bloodied, and mocked. Her members will suffer rejection, persecution, and martyrdom. Her priests will be imprisoned, tortured, and executed. Then, finally, Jesus will come again. *~Hahn, Hope to Die, 84.*

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## Ultimate Trial

- **Revelation: Seven Visions (19:11 – 22:5)**
  - **Great Battle I:** Jesus appears riding a white horse, covered with blood, and weapon is sword of his mouth. He holds accountable those who refuse to repent and participated in ruining in God's good world.
  - **Millennium:** Satan is bound; martyrs are vindicated, come back to life and reign with Christ 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-7).
  - **Great Battle II:** Satan is released and battles the holy ones. He is thrown into the pool of fire (Rev. 20:8-15).

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## Views of the End

### Amillennialism

**Amillennialism**

The diagram shows a horizontal timeline starting with a cross labeled 'Satan's power is restrained'. The timeline is divided into three segments: 'The Church Age' (green), 'Tribulation' (blue), and 'Millennium' (green). A red arrow labeled 'Second Coming of Christ & Final Judgment' points to the end of the Millennium, which then leads to 'Eternity' (blue arrow). A small red cross is also present at the start of the Church Age.

**A-Millennial:** “No millennial” – The thousand years is not a future, earthly reign. Instead, it symbolizes the present ongoing reign of Jesus with his people.

It is a spiritual reign that extends from the ascension of Jesus to his glorious return  
 ~Jones, End Times Prophecy, 68.

Source: <https://slideplayer.com/slide/3482860/>

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## Views of the End

### Post-Millennialism

**Postmillennialism**

The diagram shows a horizontal timeline starting with a cross. The timeline is divided into three segments: 'The Church Age' (orange), 'Tribulation' (blue), and 'Millennium' (green). A red arrow labeled 'Second Coming of Christ & Final Judgment' points to the end of the Millennium, which then leads to 'Eternity' (blue arrow). Below the timeline, the text 'Society gradually improves' is followed by a right-pointing arrow. A 'Menu' button is located in the bottom right corner.

**Post-millennialism:** “After the millennium” – Jesus will return after a millennium (1,000 years or “era of gospel peace”) when the overwhelming majority or persons throughout the world embrace the gospel.

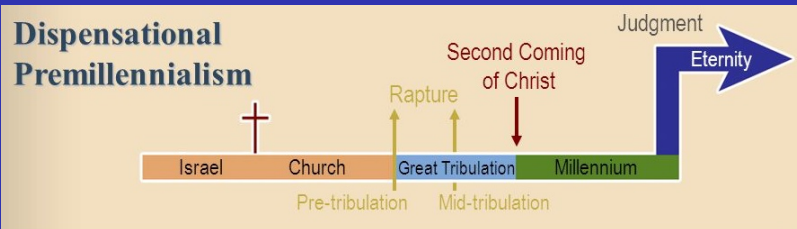
Christ will reign spiritually through the spread of his gospel around the globe.  
 ~Jones, End Times Prophecy, 68.

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## Views of the End

### Dispensational Premillennialism



**Dispensational Premillennialism:** "Before the Millennium" – Jesus will return before the millennium. He returns to establish his millennial kingdom, seven years of "tribulation" will affect the earth.

Most premillennialists believe that the Christians will be "raptured" either before the tribulation. Some believe this will happen partway through the tribulation.

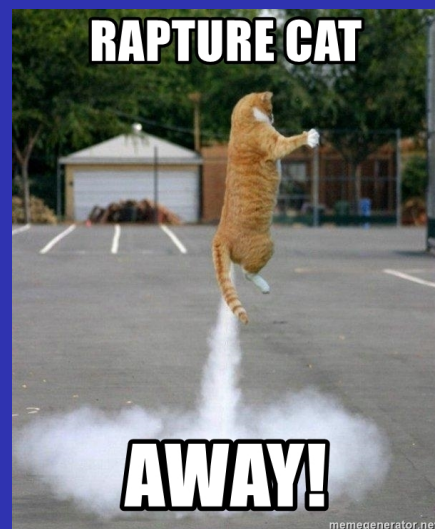
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## Views of the End

- Scripture is unclear whether cats will participate in the rapture.
- It's more likely they will have to endure the tribulation with the rest of us (or cause it).

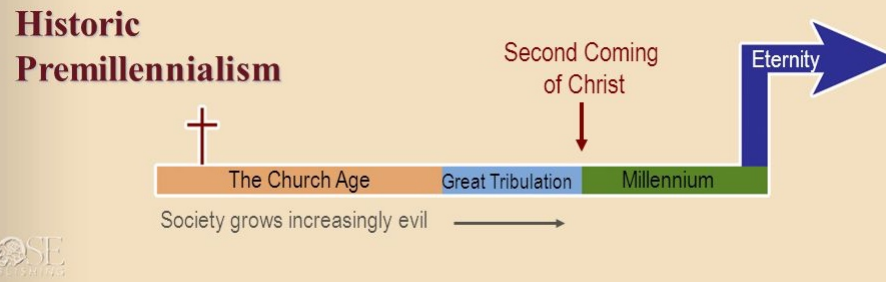


<https://memegenerator.net/instance/60221837/farting-cat-rapture-cat-away>

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## Views of the End

### Historic Premillennialism



**Historic Premillennialism:** Jesus will return to earth before the millennium described in Revelation 20, after a time of tribulation. Christians endure the time of tribulation. ~Jones, End Times Prophecy, 68

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## New Creation

- After time of tribulation, Revelation 21-22 presents new creation (New Jerusalem) as:
  - **New Garden of Eden:** Tree of life, river of life-giving water, foundation of city wall has precious stones
  - **New Temple:** City is a square (holy of holies), pure gold (purified) and clear as glass (radiates God's glory)
  - **Heavenly Marriage:** Bride adorned for her husband (eternal communion); bride is purified and beautiful

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## Summary

Certain	Uncertain
World was created as a temple, a place of covenant (God is praised)	All the ways God is present in creation, worked in history and in the Church
The original break in Gn. 3 has lead to much brokenness	How God is present in brokenness and provides healing/wholeness?
God choose Israel to be a light to the nations. Temple is His dwelling place.	What led to so much corruption that the temple was destroyed?
Destruction of temple and corresponding calamities foreshadow tribulations in every age and the end.	What will the ultimate trial look like (religious deception, violence, unrest, persecutions, natural disasters)?
Christ is the true Temple and His Church is His presence/witness	How can the Church witness to the beauty, love, and truth of Christ?
Church will experience a final trial before Christ comes again	Antichrist: Individual person and/or symbol of political/religious pressure?
Christ will usher in new creation, new Temple, new Jerusalem, new marriage	What will new creation look like? How will we participate in it?

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## Fr. Luke Marquard

- Fr. Luke's Part
  - Death
  - Particular Judgment
  - Interim Period (between P.J. and L.J.)
  - Final Judgment

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