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**BS 6010 Eschatology**

WITH DISSERTATION THEORY OPTION

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  - b. Student's name, degree working toward, and the date completed
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2. Separate page & heading for each new section, capitalized at top center of that page SUMMARY, PRECIS, PAPER
3. All papers are to be typed with .5" margins using font & size: Calibri 11 pt. Summaries and book reports are to be double-spaced
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# COURSE ASSIGNMENT: BS 6010 Eschatology

## Textbook

*Last Days Madness: The Obsession of the Modern Church* (Gary DeMar)

ISBN: 978-0915815357

## Summary:

Gary DeMar sheds light on the most difficult and studied prophetic passages, including Daniel 7:13-14; 9:24-27; Matt. 16:27-28; 24-25; Thess. 2; 2 Peter 3:3-13, and many more. DeMar identifies the Beast, the Antichrist, and the Man of Lawlessness and clears the haze regarding Armageddon, the abomination of desolation, the rebuilding of the temple, and the meaning of 666. This is the most thoroughly documented and comprehensive study of Bible prophecy ever written! Last Days Madness will be your survival guide and spiritual compass to insure you escape the paralysis of last days madness.

## 1. WATCH

- Intro: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPhIBCW7Pcg>
- Class/Series Overview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPmzeqcvDxI>
- Apocalyptic language: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZLSY3HWf\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZLSY3HWf_Q)
- Covenants: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhFR9zRfn\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhFR9zRfn_s)
- Anti-Christ/ Man of Lawlessness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXmIynCa90Q>
- Sacred Space/ Abomination of Desolation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STW5GzMkGT4>
- The Beast/ Mark of the Beast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoOnsNsYJXk>
- 490 Years Daniel Prophecy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slrdreu2bdM>
- Great Tribulation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4NAhrKmjM0>
- Gog and Magog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjrQBikDPi0>
- Conclusion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DzDPOFZIQA>
- Apostacy: <https://youtu.be/c8dEw89-hl8>

## 2. PRECIS

- Write a 1-page interaction for each lecture with a summary and your response. Submit as one document.
- Write a book report for the textbooks (1 of the textbooks for dissertation students). Pages according to degree work per degree for book report requirement:
  - Master: 5
  - Doctorate: 8

## 3. PAPER

- Write a paper on one of the topics in the lecture videos above.
- Minimum pages and citations according to degree work per degree:
  - Master: 5
  - Doctorate: 8

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDENTS DISSERTATION THEORY ASSIGNMENT:

- [Doctor of Theology](#)—ThD (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Education](#)—DCE (*Requires a Dissertation*)
- [Doctor of Christian Counseling](#)—DCC (*Requires a Dissertation*)

### READ ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOK:

*Three Views on the Millennium and Beyond* (Darrell Bock and Others)

ISBN: 978-0310201434

### Summary:

Is there biblical evidence for a thousand-year earthly kingdom (the Millennium) ruled by Christ before the fulfillment of the new heaven and new earth? Revelation chapter 20 seems to suggest so, but few books of the Bible are so difficult to interpret. And a discussion of the Millennium branches out into many other theological questions about the end times (eschatology): Are these the last days? What must happen before Jesus returns? What part does the church play?

This Counterpoints volume compares three views of the Millennium:

- Premillennial: Christ will come again before this kingdom is established.
- Postmillennial: our present age represents that kingdom and that the church is and must move toward the fulfillment of this kingdom.
- Amillennial: a future Millennium is not a literal kingdom, and when Christ returns, he will usher in an immediate new heaven and new earth.

Robert B. Strimple, Kenneth L. Gentry Jr., and Craig A. Blaising offer their perspectives, giving their exegetical reasoning. Each of them then responds to the views held by their peers in a respectful and informative setting, making it easy for you to compare their beliefs and gain a better understanding of how this aspect of Christianity's great hope--the return of Jesus--is understood by the church.

### ASSIGNMENT DISSERTATION THEORY:

1. **Choose your view of the Millennium/ Christ's return and defend it in 6-8 pages citing at least 5 sources and proposing at least one idea or argument as original as possible. The first page should separately represent your objectives and abstract for the following project.**
2. **Notice Dr. Ryan presents two opposing position/sides in the Anti-Christ video and Apostacy video. Compare the two positions.** Is Apostacy defined as a rebellion against normal civil order or a religious rebellion more specifically against God and God's truth. What ramifications does this play on the rest of your eschatological views? **Defend your position in 6-8 pages citing at least 5 sources.**

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## Course Summary

Eschatology (The study of the last things) is an important topic for the church. Your theology on this issue will relate to your worldview. It has the possibility to instill you with fear or with hope. There is also much debate in the modern church around issue such as the rapture, the millennium, the return of Christ, Tribulation, and much more. Are these theological issues informed historically and biblically or based on modern fads and cultural Christianity? This course will explore multiple ways to look at the last things and give you the tools to formulate an eschatological worldview based on scripture.

When it comes to issue of the End, interpretation and hermeneutics are essential. It might surprise many that the modern schools of eschatology's foundations are rarely found in the early church and seldom found in the pages of the Bible. We need to get back to the basics and look at the words on the page, unclouded by modern notions and sensational understandings of the Bible. What did Jesus have to say about his return? What did John's visions communicate to the original audience (not an audience 2000 years removed)? These are questions that we need to consider when approaching the text.

Most important of all, how do these conclusions translate into our daily and communal life in the church and the world? A faulty view of the text will discredit our witness and hurt the message of the gospel, which is good news of the coming King. Our prayer is that this course will engage your mind and spirit to think afresh of God's ideals for His people and His creation and give hope to the church.