



The New Testament on the Future

Not Really “New”



Presuppositions

- We believe in progressive revelation.
- We believe God communicates clearly.
- We believe God does not contradict himself.
- We believe the NT should not contradict or change, but complement the OT.

Review

- God makes very specific promises to Abraham and David which have yet to be fulfilled.
- Beginning with Moses, the prophets speak of a time of exile and judgment followed by a kingdom and prosperity for Israel (and the nations).



The Eschatology of Luke 1

- Gabriel visits Mary and announces the birth of the Messiah (cf. esp Luke 1:26-33).
- The OT continuity is very apparent.
- No reason to doubt what the Old Testament prophets said was misunderstood.
- See Zechariah's speech (Luke 1:68-79, esp 70).





The Eschatology of Jesus

- Jesus fully expected to rule over the tribes of Israel from a throne (Matt 19:28).
- Jesus puts the timing of that reign to when he returns (Matt 25:31).
- When will Jesus sit on the throne of David? When he returns!



The Eschatology of the Apostles

- Acts 1:6 is one of the most avoided discussions by non-premillennialists.
- Acts 3:19-21 is close behind it.
- Acts 26:6-7 is virtually unheard of.
- Romans 9-11 is crucial.

The Eschatology of Revelation

- Revelation 20 stands as the culmination of God's Word, not the initiation of it.
- Revelation adds little except chronology to an already full picture that spanned OT and NT.
- Revelation fills in the gaps.





Summary

The NT does not reinterpret or contradict the OT. Rather, it complements it in perfect harmony as we would expect since the author is perfect and incapable of contradiction.