**Eschatology Overview Part II**

**I. Indisputable Propositions**
Acts 1:1-11

1. v. 11 … **This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go** **into heaven**.
2. v. 8 **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**
3. v. 7 ..**It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**…

**II. Debated Particulars**

“The Kingdom”

1. In the Old Testament “The Kingdom” is promised/prophesied
II Sam. 7:12-13, Ps. 72, Is. 9:6-7, Dan. 2:44, Dan. 7:14, Etc.

B. In the New Testament The Kingdom is: Inaugurated? Established? Postponed?

The New Testament speaks of the promised/prophesied Kingdom in excess of 100 times. The New Testament references to the Kingdom have led theologians and laymen alike to conclude that the Kingdom:

* Is a physical Kingdom or is a spiritual Kingdom.
* Will appear at the end of the Church age or is here now.
* Will appear abruptly or will appear gradually over time.
* Will be led by Christ and ethnic Jews or Christ and all believers.
* Will be ruled by Christ from Jerusalem or will be ruled by Christ from Heaven.
* Will be victorious or will not be victorious.

Positions regarding the kingdom can be delineated as follows:

A. Dispensational Premillennialism- The prophesied Kingdom was offered at Christ’s 1st coming. It was postponed due to the Jews’ obstinacy. The Kingdom will be established after the Rapture of the Church and the Seven-Year Tribulation. It will be a physical, political Kingdom ruled by Christ from Jerusalem.

B. Historic Premillennialism- The prophesied Kingdom was inaugurated at Christ’s 1st Coming. It will be established after the Great Tribulation at the end of the Church age. It will be a physical, political Kingdom ruled by Christ from Jerusalem.

C. Amillennialism- The prophesied Kingdom was established at Christ’s 1st Coming. The Kingdom is present now and Christ, its King, rules from Heaven. The promises of the Old Testament are all being fulfilled in the Church (“Militant” or “Victorious”). The Kingdom/Church will be a suffering people until Christ’s 2nd Coming.

D. Postmillennialism- The promised Kingdom was established at Christ’s 1st Coming. The Kingdom will grow throughout the Church age by means of the Spirit working in/through the Church. The Kingdom will grow and fill the whole earth. When Christ returns, the knowledge of the Lord will be covering the earth as the waters cover the sea.