**Eschatology Overview Part III**

**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** Literal vs Non-Literal Interpretation

1. **Literal Interpretation** – The method that gives to each word the exact same basic meaning it would have in normal, ordinary, customary usage, whether employed in writing, speaking, or thinking… the customary, socially acknowledged designation of a word is the literal meaning of that Word.   
    Things to Come, p.9, D. Pentecost
2. **Non-Literal Interpretation** – The method that gives special attention to genre, metaphors, and figures of speech. This method recognizes that literature and speech is the product of both literal *and* non-literal expression.
3. **The Issue Evidenced with Reference to:  
   1.** The Nature and works of God  
   John 4:24…God is a spirit... Luke 24:39…a spirit has not flesh and bones… Pr. 15:3…the eyes of the Lord… Is. 59:1…The Lord’s hand… Ps 17:6…God incline your ear…   
     
   **2.** **The Teachings of Christ**  
   Matt. 5:29-30…your eye…gouge it out… Matt. 16:6-7…beware of the leaven of the Pharisees… John 2:19…destroy this temple… John 3:3…unless one is born again… John 4:10…He would give you Living Water… John 4:14…will never thirst again… John 4:32…I have food to eat of which you do not know… John 6:52…how can this man give his flesh to eat… John 7:37-38…out of his heart will flow rivers of living waters… John 8:32…and the truth shall make you free…
4. **Uniquely Evidenced in Eschatological Texts**

Isaiah 65:18-66:24, Jeremiah 30:1-9, Ezekiel 40:1-48:35, Amos 9:11/Acts 15:15-16

Joel 2:28/Acts 2:16-20, Matthew 24/Luke 21, Revelation 1, Revelation 20