

The Shape of Time: Old Testament Eschatology (1)**Eschatology #3**

1. THE SOURCE OF TIME: Eschatology isn't just about the future but the nature of _____ and history more generally.
 - a. God is the _____ of time.
 | In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)
 - b. God is the sovereign _____ of time.
 | "...remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'" (Isaiah 46:9-10)

2. THE MEANING OF TIME: One of the great messages of the Old Testament is that time and history are full of meaning and _____.
 - a. Time is _____: Genesis 12:1-3, Isaiah 25.
 | It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:9)
 - b. Time is _____: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 3:1-8, Psalm 19:1-6.
 - c. All of time – with its linear and cyclical qualities – is upheld by the _____ Creator.
 | He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. (Psalm 104:19-20)

 | He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

3. THE SHAPE OF TIME: Time is given its shape by the eternal Son of God: the Logos (John 1:1), the Word by whom _____ were made.
 - a. The marriage supper of the Lamb is the _____ of history (Rev. 19:6-9), and this is rooted deeply in the Old Testament: Song of Solomon, Psalm 45, Proverbs 31, Isaiah 25, Genesis 1-2.
 - b. The _____ of time is the shape of the Son, both in its linearity (moving toward Christ) and in its circularity ("in him all things hold together", Colossians 1:17).
 | On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. (Isaiah 25:6)
 - c. Time is not an _____; it is a good gift of God by which he is ordering all things toward the union of Christ and the church.

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