

2025 New Testament programme for Tyndale Fellowship Conference

Study Group theme and/or introduction

Eschatology—the question of the ‘last days’ or ‘last things’—is a central theological theme in the New Testament. It frames Jesus’ proclamation of the kingdom of God in the gospels, and in the epistles provides the grounding of our understanding of both discipleship in the present and hope for the future. In previous generations, its importance has often been marginalised, and in contemporary scholarship and popular reading, many aspects of eschatology are highly contested.

Tyndale Fellowship Lecture: Monday 30 June, 20:00-21:30

First name and surname	Institution/location e.g. St Andrew’s, UK or VU Amsterdam, Netherlands	Title	Abstract Maximum 160 words
Revd Prof Steve Walton	Trinity College Bristol, UK	Acts and the Eye-witnesses	

Monday 30 June 2025

Timings 16.00-18.30	First name and surname	Institution/location e.g. St Andrew’s, UK or VU Amsterdam, Netherlands	Confirmed paper title
16:00 – 16:15	Welcome and Introduction		
16:15 – 16:45	Dr Murray Smith	Christ College, Sydney, Australia	Jesus’s Parousia in Mark 8:38: The “Coming” of “the Son of Man” as the Final Coming of God
16:45 – 17:15	Dr Benjamin E. Castaneda	Edinburgh Theological Seminary, UK	My Brother’s Keeper: The Eschatological Ethics of 1 John’s Jubilee
17:15-17:30	Break		
17:30 – 18:00	Elkanah K. Cheboi	Kabarak University, Kenya	The Church from Every Tribe and Tongue: Theological and Missiological Implications of the Eschatological Hope in Revelation 7:9
18:00 – 18:30	Aminta Arrington	John Brown University, USA	The Last Shall Be First: Overturning Banquet Etiquette and Enacting Eschatological Reversal in Luke 14

Tuesday 1 July 2025

Timings 10.00-12.30	First name and surname	Institution/location e.g. St Andrew's, UK or VU Amsterdam, Netherlands	Confirmed paper title
10:00 – 10:45	Dr Bruce Longenecker	Baylor University, USA	In this session we welcome Bruce Longenecker and Sydney Tooth to share their ongoing research in this area following their 2024 publications. Sydney's monograph addresses the compatibility of the eschatology of 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Suddenness and Signs: The Eschatologies of 1 and 2 Thessalonians – Mohr Siebeck 2024) and Bruce's articles reimagine the socio-historical context of the founding of the Thessalonian church ("The Rupture of an Association: Social Conflict and Its Management in the Thessalonian Christ Assembly." Journal of Biblical Literature 2024; "The Wrath of the Deities and The Privileged Deceased: Narrating Death in the Associational Rupture at Thessalonica." NTS 2024). We will have a chance to unpack, discuss and debate their work with them as part of our time together.
10:45 – 10:55	Response: Dr Tim Murray		
10:55 – 11:05	Break		
11:05 – 11:40	Dr Sydney Tooth	Oak Hill College, UK	
11:40 – 12:00	Response: Dr Jamie Davies, Dr Armin D. Baum		
12:00 – 12:30	Open Discussion and Questions		
17.00-18.30			
17:00 – 17:30	Dr Jamie Davies	Trinity College Bristol, UK	"Whether We Are Awake or Asleep" (1 Thess 5.10): Eschatological Alertness and the Logic of Grace
17:30 – 18:00	Dr Armin D. Baum	Freie Theologische Hochschule Gießen, Germany	Where Do the Persistent Disagreements between German-speaking and English-speaking Biblical Scholarship Come from? A Sociological Answer Based on the History of Research on 2 Thessalonians
18:00 – 18:30	Dr Danillo Santos	Centro Presbiteriano de Pós-graduação Andrew Jumper, Brasil	Apostolic Eschatology in Two Acts: Spiritual Restoration and Kingdom Come

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Timings 10.00-12.30	First name and surname	Institution/location e.g. St Andrew's, UK or VU Amsterdam, Netherlands	Confirmed paper title
10:00 - 10:30	Bex White	King's College London, UK	'The Last Days' in Acts 2:17, the Hebrew Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls: End Times, Ordinary Time, or Awaited Time?

10:30 – 11:00	Dr Tyler Hoagland	St Andrews University, UK	Apostolic Eschatology in Two Acts: Spiritual Restoration and Kingdom Come
11:00 – 11:10	Break		
11:10 – 11:40	Suzanne Smith	Charles Sturt University / Bible College of South Australia, Australia	Christ's "sending" is his "coming": Luke 21:25–27 and Acts 3:19–21.
11:40 – 12:30	New Testament Study Group, Feedback, Announcements, & Future Planning		