

## Summary

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### ESCHATOLOGY

#### *The Doctrine on the Last Things*

In this study the Author deals with eschatological themes in the cosmic and heavenly perspective, and not only as a treatise of the life beyond the grave, as was the case with old-fashioned scholastic hand-books.

The *Eshaton* begins on Earth and finds its goal and fulfilment in Heaven. The destiny of man and cosmos in eschatological perspective is rooted in this world.

The exposition is primarily presented in a missionary way: as an exhortation to already reach, in the flux of time, likeness to God, so that we may be deemed worthy of the supra-temporal Kingdom of God, which is to come. The aim of our life is to be fit for the resurrection from the dead and to be received into the new and eternal *Aion*.

The Author interprets the word of God concerning the *Eschaton* in accordance with Orthodox Church tradition, by respecting the apophatic way of thinking, namely, that these revealed things cannot be properly grasped by only human reasoning, neither could they be excited by literary fancy.

However, the eschatology as an interpretation of the Apocalypse cannot be written once for all time. Every and each historical situation needs a new commentary.

Here we have all aspects of the doctrine on Eschatology presented as follows:

- yearning for life eternal;
- eschatological situation of the world;
- the Church as the Beginning of the *Eschaton*;
- death and immortality;
- the Second Coming of Christ;
- the New World to come;
- Time as risk and chance.

This study tries to make a fresh approach to this matter, striving to give answers to our contemporary world and to present the Orthodox doctrine on the last things in a concise and readable way.