



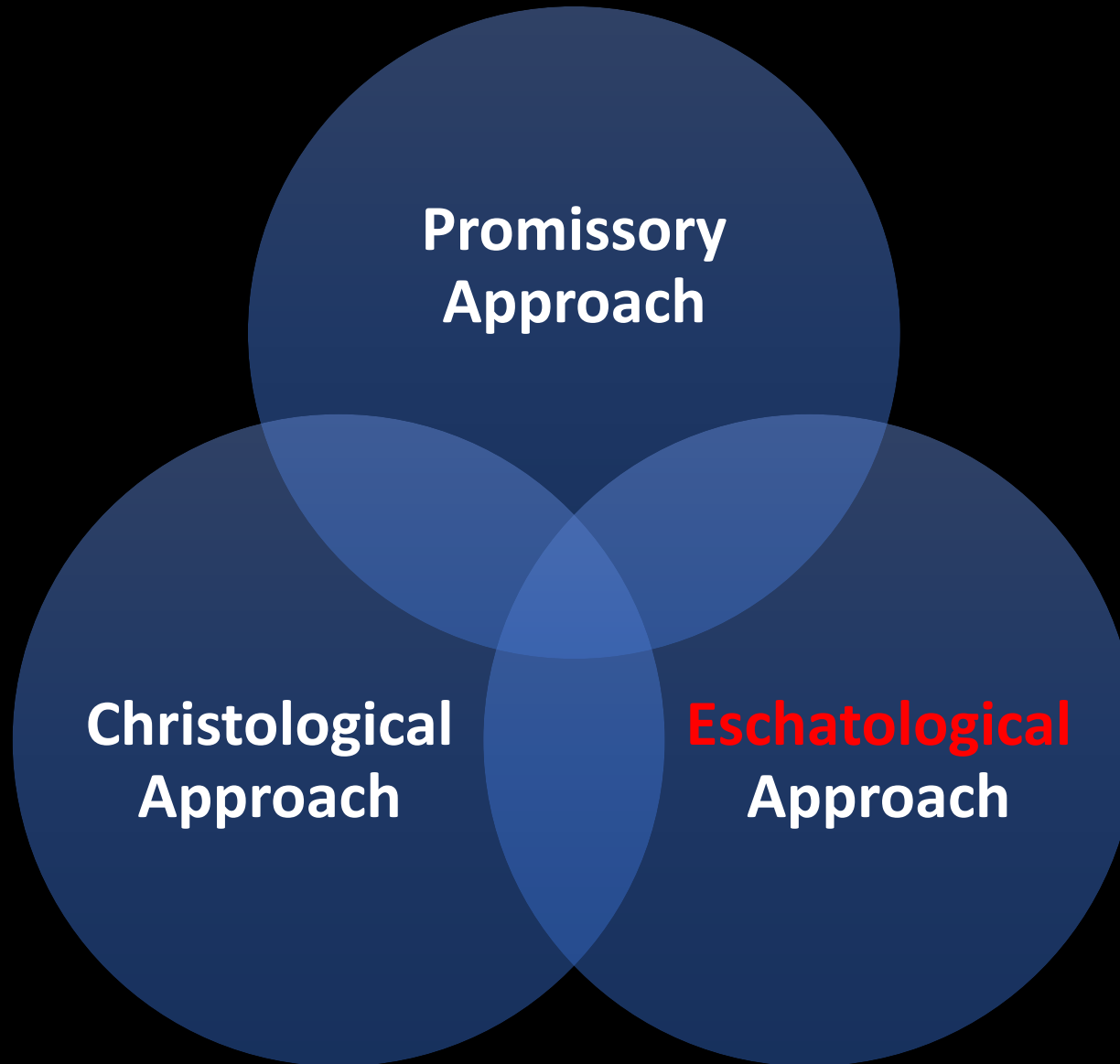
Connecting the Dots

Biblical Theology for Biblical Exegesis—Part 3

Defining Our **Aims**

- (1) **Identify** how the biblical writers connected the two testaments.
- (2) **Assess** how that connection impacts our biblical interpretation.
- (3) **Imagine** how we should respond to/apply biblical theology in our everyday lives.

Approaches to Biblical Theology



Defining Terms

- **Eschatology**– (eschatos/ἔσχατος= “last”); study of the “last things” & the “lasting things”
- **Salvation (Redemptive) History**– the pattern of God’s ways within space and time from creation to new creation.



Cyclical History vs. Eschatological History

- Cyclical History –(adapted from Peter Leithart, *Deep Comedy*)
 - Story of decline again and again
 - Hesiod's Metallic Ages: Golden Age; Silver Age; Bronze Age; Iron Age
 - “The ages of sons are always worse than the ages of the fathers”—Juvenal

Cyclical History vs. Eschatological History

- Eschatological History– (largely injected into historical thinking by Christianity)
 - History has a divinely directed “telos” (a goal)
 - Promised Telos but New
 - Accomplished and Experienced “in Christ”



Biblical Theology as Biblical Eschatology

New
People

New
Exodus

New
Creation

“Glory to
Added
Glory”

A New People in Christ as Promised

- Nature of New People (Rom 15:7–12):
 - Justified by faith like their forefather Abraham (Gal 3:6–9)
 - Faith in the *Prophet–Priest–King*
- Goal of New People= Conformed Worshipers in a New Creation Filled w/God's Righteous Glory

A New Exodus in Christ as Promised

- Isaiah's New Exodus (Isa 40–66; Mk 1:2–3)
 - Salvation through Judgment
 - Passover Lamb
 - Deliverance through water (Red Sea; Baptism)
 - Wilderness Wanderings (cf. 1 Cor 10:1–13; 1 Pet 2:11)
 - Entrance into Promised Land



A New Creation in Christ as Promised

- Isaiah's Vision of New Creation (Isa 25:8; 65:17)
- God's New Creation Work in Christ Just as Promised:
 - Instructed through the Prophet
 - Reconciled through the Priest
 - Ruled by the King in a kingdom with no end
- How do you sum up New Creation in three words?

Revelation 21:1–4

- “ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes**, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



New Creation in Three Words?

- “No More Tears”