

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE LAST DAYS

A SERIES ON END OF THE WORLD EVENTS

“Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

~ Matthew 24:3

1. Beware!

- a. The Bible is a sword that can hurt people – Paul warns men - Col 1:28
- b. Avoid talking at length with unsaved people about these things
- c. Paul says you can learn things, and not know the truth – 2 Ti 3:7
- d. Don't get distracted from doing your job.
- e. Following coincidence, circumstances, current events, and prophecy will drown you.
- f. The future can be scary – remember your hope - Rom 5:1-2

2. Studying Last Days

- a. Why study this? Popular; to know the Pauline position; it can open eyes to Christ
- b. Our approach: Bible believing mid-Acts Pauline dispensational right division
- c. Eschatology has been popular ever since Acts 2:17
- d. They preached the gospel of the kingdom – Mark 1:14-15, Dan 2:44
- e. Judgment, war, peace on earth, Israel's kingdom - Joel 3:9-16 vs. Mic 4:1-3
- f. Thinking we are in the last days does not separate prophecy from mystery - Phil 3:2-3

3. The Coming of Christ

- a. The fundamental idea → Christ will come return
- b. Christ's coming is the difference between Christianity and Judaism
- c. Jews reject Christ for not bringing in the prophesied kingdom
- d. Israel needed to learn there were two comings – Luke 4:18-21 vs. Isaiah 61
 - i. See also – Lk 24:25-27; Acts 1:11; Acts 17:3; Heb 9:28; 1 Pet 1:11; Rev 1:7
 - ii. The Antichrist is the one who comes denying Christ came – 1 John 2:18, 4:3
- e. The return of Christ makes our faith alive, with hope, in anticipation and preparation
- f. The doctrine of the return of Christ is a fundamental of Christianity

4. When?

- a. The ultimate question in all eschatology → “When?” – Acts 1:6
- b. How you answer this question tells us how you study the Bible
- c. No man knows the day or the hour - Matt 24:36, but... people think they see signs
 - i. A warning on date setting: don't do it! *We don't need to know.*
- d. Mid-Acts Pauline right division cures the confusions.
- e. The millennium – (1000 years) – found in Rev 20:1-6.
 - i. Will Christ return before or after the millennium? (A: before)
- f. The tribulation – Jer 30:7, Dan 12:1, Matt 24:21, Rev 7:14
 - i. Will Christ come before, after, during the tribulation? (A: yes)
- g. The “rapture” – 1 Thess 4:16-18 – When will this be? (A: before it all)
- h. Settle down, there will another 1007 years at least until the ages to come.
- i. After talking about the last days, Paul says remember his doctrine – 2 Tim 3:10-17