

End Times Study (Eschatology)

Study Sessions

1. Biblical Prophecy – Prophetic Purpose
2. Systems of Interpreting the End Times - Eisegeses or Exegesis
3. Eschatology in the Gospels - Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21
4. Eschatology in Acts & the Epistles of the New Testament
5. Revelation - Ch. 1-5 A message for Churches
6. Revelation –Ch. 6-16 Tribulations - Seals, Trumpets, Bowls of Wrath
7. Revelation – Ch. 17-19 One World Order, Return of Christ
8. Revelation – Ch. 20-22 Millennium, Armageddon, Judgement, Heaven

Why this study now? All of the uncertainty of our days has many asking, "Are we in the last days?" and "Do our times point to Jesus' imminent return?"

What questions do you want answered? What should be the reason for this study?

To better prepare ourselves as witnesses till Jesus returns. Acts 1:7-11

Watch - Be Alert (Mt. 24:42)

Work - On Mission (Mt. 24:46; 25:21)

Wisdom - For times of Suffering & Tribulation -James 2:1-12

Witness - Godly Living (Titus 2:11-13; Peter 3:11)

Wait - Faithfully Patient (2 Peter 3:12,14)

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End Times Teaching

- **Informs** – Provides a Truth Foundation

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." **2 Tim. 2:15**

- **Prepares** – It is about the Mission

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

- **Gives Hope** – Promises give Hope

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. **Hebrews 6:19**

- **Encourages** – Keeps us Going (Enduring, Persevering, Finishers)

God with Us (Royal Covenant) - ... *I am with you always to the end.* Mt. 28:20

God for Us - *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Romans 8:31

Down Payment Guarantee/Sealed – Holy Spirit 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13-14

Never Abandoned – Hebrews 13:5

Never Separated from His Love – Rom. 8:35-39; 1 Cor. 1:54-58; 1 Jn. 5:5

Never Surrender - *we are not those who draw back...* Hebrews 10:39

Never Quit - *Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we do not give up.* Galatians 6:9

Encouragement - *Encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

- **Promotes Faithfulness** - Persevering to the End

How to live? - 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 1:27-28; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 2 Peter 3:11-12; 1 John 3:2-3, 28

Kingdom Citizens – Jn. 15:19; Phil. 1:27; 3:20; 1 Pet. 2:11-12

Spiritual Warfare – Eph. 1:20-23; 6:10-18; Phil. 2:10-11; 1 John 2:18,22, 4:3; 4:4

Anchored - Hebrews 6:19, 10:32-39

Unshakeable Kingdom - Hebrews 13:28

Give Up? No! - 2 Cor. 4:1, 14-16; 1 Jn. 2:28

Finish Well – Mt. 10:22, 24:13; Rev. 13:10,14:12; Heb. 12:1-2; 1 Jn. 5:4; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

Biblical Prophecy

Prophecy came from God through dreams, visions, and angels. Prophecy provides revelation of truth about God, God's salvation plan, and hope for daily faithfulness.

Numbers 12:6 *"Listen to what I say: If there is a prophet among you from the Lord, I make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream."*

Amos 3:7 *Indeed, the Lord God does nothing without revealing his counsel to his servants the prophets.*

2 Peter 1:20-21 *Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 *Don't despise prophecies, but test all things. ²¹Hold onto what is good.*

True Prophets

Deuteronomy 18:22 *When a prophet speaks in the Lord's name, and the message does not come true or is not fulfilled, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.*

Called of God

Jeremiah 1:4-5 *The word of the Lord came to me: ⁵ I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*

Isaiah 6:8 *Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who will I send? Who will go for us? I said: Here I am. Send me.*

Ezekiel 2:4-5 *I am sending you to them, and you must say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says.' ⁵ Whether they listen or refuse to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.*

False Prophets

Isaiah 44:24-25 *This is what the Lord, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: I am the Lord, who made everything; who stretched out the heavens by myself; who alone spread out the earth; ²⁵ who destroys the omens of the false prophets and makes fools of diviners; who confounds the wise and makes their knowledge foolishness;*

Matthew 24:24 *For false messiahs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.*

2 Timothy 2:2-4 *Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching. ³ For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴ They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

1 John 4:1 *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

Prophecy in the New Testament

Ephesians 2:19-20 *So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.*

Ephesians 4:11-13 *And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry...*

Hebrews 1:1-2 *Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ² In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him.*