

Week 4 – End Times Study
Promises – Encouragement - Hope
Acts, Epistles of: Paul, Peter, Hebrews, James, John, Jude

Acts 2:17-21 (Quote from Joel) “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 24:25 ..He spoke about righteousness self-control and the judgment to come. (cf. Romans 2:5, 16)

Romans 13:12 The night is nearly over and the day is near, so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

1 Corinthians 1:7-9 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 15:21-24 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23: But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24: Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15 :51-54 Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53: For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. 54: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

Ephesians 4:30 And don’t grieve God’s Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (cf. 1:10; 2:16; 2 Tim. 1:12)

Colossians 1:27-28 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.²⁸ He is

the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10 They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

2:19 For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

3:13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

4:13-17 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15: **According to the Lord's word**, we tell you that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16: For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; 17: then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

5:1-4 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

2:1-14 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him, we beg you, brethren, 2: not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited, either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3: Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, (cf. 1 Jn. 2:18-23; 4:3; 2 Jn. 1:7) the son of perdition, 4: who opposes and exalts

himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. 5: Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you this? 6: And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. (cf. 2 Pet. 2:4,9) 7: For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. 8: And then the lawless one will be revealed, and **the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his appearing and his coming.** (cf. Rev. 19:21) 9: The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders, 10: and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11: Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false, 12: so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13: But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14: To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 1:12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him **until that day.**

3:1-5 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of stress. 2: For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3: inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, 4: treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5: holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people.

4:8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while **we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,** ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Hebrews 10:36-37 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”

James 1:12 Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 3:1 Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a stricter judgment.

5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.

1 Peter 1:3-5 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

:13-15 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴As obedient children do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

4:7-11 The end of all things is near; therefore, be alert and sober-minded for prayer. ⁸Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. ¹¹If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

4:13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

5:2-4 Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2 Peter 3:10-14 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; on that day the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, the elements will burn and be dissolved, and the earth and the works on it will be disclosed. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, it is clear what sort of people you should be in holy conduct and godliness ¹²as you wait for the day of God and hasten its coming. Because of that day, the heavens will be dissolved with fire and the elements will melt with heat. ¹³But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace.

1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears, we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

1 John 3:2 We know that when he appears, we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Jude 1:17-18 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."

Statements Regarding Jesus' Coming	Reference in Matthew 24	Reference in I Thess. 4 or 5
1. Christ Himself returns	Matthew 24:30	I Thess. 4:16
2. From heaven	Matthew 24:30	I Thess. 4:16
3. With a shout	Matthew 24:30	I Thess. 4:16
4. Accompanied by angels	Matthew 24:31	I Thess. 4:16
5. With the trumpet of God	Matthew 24:31	I Thess. 4:16
6. In clouds	Matthew 24:30	I Thess. 4:17
7. Believers are gathered	Matthew 24:31	I Thess. 4:17
8. At an unknown time	Matthew 24:36	I Thess. 5:1-2
9. He will come as a thief	Matthew 24:43	I Thess. 5:2, 4
10. People unaware of coming judgment	Matthew 24:37-39	I Thess. 5:3
11. Judgment comes as travail upon an expectant mother	Matthew 24:8	I Thess. 5:3
12. Believers are to watch	Matthew 24:42	I Thess. 5:4
13. Warning against drunkenness	Matthew 24:49	I Thess. 5:7

THE TWO PHASES OF HIS ONE COMING

Rapture Passages

John 14:1-3	Philippians 4:5	2 Thessalonians 2:1	1 Peter 1:7,13
Romans 8:19	Colossians 3:4	1 Timothy 6:14	1 Peter 5:4
1 Corinthians 1:7,8	1 Thessalonians 1:10	2 Timothy 4:1,8	1 John 2:28-3:2
1 Corinthians 15:51-53	1 Thessalonians 2:19	Titus 2:13	Jude 21
1 Corinthians 16:22	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Hebrews 9:28	Revelation 2:25
Philippians 3:20,21	1 Thessalonians 5:9,23	James 5:7-9	

Second Coming Passages

Daniel 2:44,45	Matthew 13:41	Acts 1:9-11	2 Peter 3:1-14
Daniel 7:9-14	Matthew 24:15-31	Acts 3:19-21	Jude 14,15
Daniel 12:1-3	Matthew 26:64	1 Thessalonians 3:13	Revelation 1:7
Zechariah 12:10	Mark 13:14-27	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10	Revelation 19:11-20:6
Zechariah 14:1-15	Mark 14:62	2 Thessalonians 2:8	Revelation 22:7,12,20
	Luke 21:25-28	1 Peter 4:12,13	

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. ² Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

⁶ So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore, **whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him**. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

In spite of the high value I place on understanding future events, I find that studying prophecy has an even higher more practical value. It provides a compelling motivation for living the Christian life. The immediacy of prophetic events shows the need to live each moment in Christlike readiness. David Jeremiah, What in the World is Going On?, p. 232