

An Overview of the End Times Teaching

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(Key Passages: Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, 1 Corinthians 15, 1 & 2 Thessalonians)

1) Lawlessness

Matthew 24:3-14	Mark 13:3-13	Luke 21:7-19
1 Corinthians 15:19	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	2 Thessalonians 1:4-5, 2:6-7
1 Timothy 4:1	2 Timothy 3:1-5	2 Peter 3:3-9
Jude 18-19		1 John 2:18

2) Tribulation (desolation)

Matthew 24:15-22	Mark 13:14-20	Luke 21:20-24
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 8-12	1 John 2:18	

3) Signs pointing to the return of Jesus

Matthew 24:23-29	Mark 13:14-20	Luke 21:25-26
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4) Second Coming of Jesus

Matthew 24:30	Mark 13:26	Luke 21:27
1 Thessalonians 4:16	2 Thessalonians 1:6-8, 2:8	

5) Last Trumpet / resurrection

Matthew 24:31	Mark 13:27	Luke 21:29
1 Corinthians 15:20-23, 26, 50-53		1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
John 5:28-29	John 6:39, 40, 44, 54	Acts 24:15
Colossians 3:4		2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 Philippians 3:20-21

6) Judgment / Eternal Kingdom Established

Matthew 24:36-51	1 Corinthians 15:24-28
1 Thessalonians 1:10	2 Thessalonians 1:8-10

Key Points of Conversation:

Daniel 9:24 – 27 – A critical prophecy in the Old Testament that stands in the middle of the conversation regarding the length of the tribulation/etc. The way a person interprets this prophecy usually causes them to interpret all the other end time passages a specific way to line up with the understanding of this prophecy.

Tribulation – description of the fierce trials that will come before the final end of time. Some believe that followers of Christ will be raptured before the tribulation while others believe that the rapture will come after the tribulation and yet others believe that there will be a rapture at the mid point of the tribulation.

Rapture – the removal of believers from the earth and often times taught that the purpose is to remove the faithful before the fierce trials begin (Various views have this happening at different times and some views don't have it happening in its current understanding) 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Revelation 3:10

Millennium – (Revelation 20:1-10) A time when Jesus and His followers reign. There are variety of different view points on this item. Some believe we are in the millennium now and others believe it is yet to come.

Israel / Church – How a person understands the relationship of the “church” with “Israel” has lots of implication for end times teaching. Some believe that the nation of Israel has a special place and position while others believe that the “church” is now the fulfillment of Israel or the people of God.

Prophecy – the prophets always see the end right around the corner. Very rarely are prophecies concerned with chronology but rather theology and how our current decisions affect the end situation.