



Life At The End
of The
Age

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Preface

This eBook is designed to be an eye opener for the average Christian and those non-Christians that wonder what life will be like at the end of the world. I will attempt to create a portrait through Biblical revelations given to the church by prophetic word and Jesus Himself.

I will be using the KJV of the bible as my source text as well as opinions from noteworthy individuals who have posted their viewpoints on the Internet.



Introduction

Will we be alive at the end of the age? What will life be like leading up to and during the end of all things? Should we be alarmed or worried now? How far away is the big event?



We will be discussing the above questions and looking for answers. This will be a study of end times. If we do not consider this topic, we do ourselves a grave injustice because the time will come and it could be in our lifetime. It is better to examine the scriptural references and draw our conclusions now rather than think it will not happen, be unprepared and fall into despair.

Some folks I know are becoming fearful because they don't know when the end of the world will happen. How do you prepare for total destruction? As I talk with others about the end of times, all I get is Fear, Skepticism and Confusion. No one has a clear-cut answer and everyone seems to have his or her own opinion.

Our study will examine the Skeptic's view, the Theologian's view and the person on the street. We'll discover facts, theories and Biblical views of what may very well be our own end of days.



The Big Event

There can be no bigger event in the history of this world than its total destruction. It may even be bigger than its creation. God created it and plans to destroy it. The question is, when? Other questions also exist like: Will I be living when it happens? Can I know before time approximately when it will occur? Is there anything I can do to delay it or stop it from happening? What will life be like in the years just before and as that final moment comes?



Important Terms

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Eschatology is a Christian term that means the study of the end of history from a religious perspective. Probably more obscure theological text has been written on this topic than on any other belief in Christendom.

The Bible contains many prophecies about the future. The Christian Scriptures (New Testament) in particular, talks extensively about the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. This is usually called His "second coming," or "parousia." The Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 24, is devoted to this topic, as is much of the book of Revelation, and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. A *literal* interpretation of the Bible shows that four important events are predicted:

- **The Millennium:** Revelation describes an important interval lasting for 1000 years when Christ rules. This is a golden era; a time of universal peace.
- **The Tribulation:** This is a 7-year interval when a world religious-political leader called the Antichrist takes power.
- **Armageddon:** This is a terrible war provoked by the Antichrist. Most people on earth will die. God's wrath will be poured out over evil people who are on the earth at this time. A series of violent events are predicted in Daniel 9, Matthew 24, and Revelation 4-19.

- **The Rapture:** 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 describes an event when Christ will descend from the heavens towards the Earth. Many conservative Protestants believe that faithful "*born again*" Christians who have previously died will be resurrected, (rise from their graves), and ascend to meet Jesus in the sky. Immediately afterwards, "*born again*" Christians who had not died will also ascend into the air to be with the Lord.

Some Christians interpret events mentioned in the Christian Scriptures as descriptions of real happenings in our future; others interpret them symbolically. This leaves the passages open to many conflicting beliefs about the end times. A lot of intra-denominational and inter-denominational strife has resulted from disagreements about "end time" prophecy.

Yet teaching on the End Times (Eschatology) is important:

- It makes up some 9% of the New Testament, which is a very significant proportion.
- The New Testament teaches that we should be living in the light of the End Times.
- It is important that the Christian community has an informed hope, instead of the current ignorance or fear, and conveys a message of hope.
- It is important that the Christian community has a proper sense of accountability to God including an awareness of the last judgment.

Matthew 24 is one of the best Biblical references for an explanation of the end of the age. Hear what Jesus said when asked when the end of the world would be,

“³ And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Notice that there are three questions. The 1st is when shall the temple be destroyed? The 2nd is what is the sign of His coming? and the 3rd is when shall the end of the world be?

⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For **many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall**

deceive many. ⁶ And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Notice again that life leading up to the end is full of war, rumors, deception, and lies and in verse 7-earthquakes, famines, and pestilences.

⁷ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and *there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Jesus tells His disciples that all these signs are not pointing to the end but the beginning...the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ *And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

Persecution, hate, offence, betrayal will fill their days.

¹¹ And *many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.* ¹² And because iniquity shall abound, *the love of many shall wax cold.* ¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴ *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world for a witness unto all nations;* and then shall the end come.

Here come the false prophets leading many away from the truth and love waxing cold. Is this the rise of cults and false religions? (This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.) Could this be TBN? They are reaching the entire planet via satellite right now.

²⁵ Behold, I have told you before. ²⁶ Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. ²⁷ For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ²⁸ For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

When Christ comes back it will be spectacular...everyone will see Him.

²⁹ Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and *the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

³⁰ And then shall appear *the sign of the Son of man in heaven:* and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ³⁷ *But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.* ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Discerning The Signs of The Times “Life Before The End”

So, according to Matthew 24, here’s what will happen as we draw closer and closer to the “Big Event” which is the end of all things. These are the signs of the times that tell us if we are really in the last days before Jesus comes back and whether or not we are fast approaching the end of days.

1. Many shall come on the scene saying, I am Christ;(or I am a Christian) and shall deceive many.
2. We will hear of wars and rumors of wars.
3. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
4. There will be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
5. Many will be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
6. Many false prophets will rise, and shall deceive many.
7. The love of many shall wax cold.
8. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world for a witness unto all nations.
9. As the days of Noah were, so will be the days before Jesus returns.



Life After The Tribulation

These are prophetic revelations of what is about to happen but are scheduled on God's timeline for after the great tribulation.

1. The powers of the heavens shall be shaken.
2. The sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.
3. The stars shall fall from heaven.
4. The sign of the Son of man in heaven.
5. The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved.
6. The elements shall melt with fervent heat.

Does your future look bright? It should because God's purpose in revealing His plans through the prophets and Jesus and His Apostles is to increase our hope and strengthen our faith.

Peter said, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"

Because we know that the end of the world is at hand, we are sure to live in the light of that knowledge. That would be using holy conversation and seeking to walk in a godly lifestyle. This is why we are pre-warned. God does not want us to be caught unaware.

Suddenly And Without Warning

Jesus said about His return to earth that life would be like it was in the days of Noah before the flood. "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." **Luke 17:26-27** (without warning was because they did not want to listen or obey. Thus, they were taken by total surprise.)

The Cause And Effect Scenario

One powerful example of cause and effect occurred in the time of Noah. The book of Genesis makes clear that “the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). The world then was “filled with violence,” as humans corrupted themselves and God’s creation (Genesis 6:11).

This disobedience to God’s beneficial laws caused automatic pain and suffering to the point that God was “grieved in His heart” and decided to start all over again through Noah and his family (verses 6, 18).

Even though, from God’s perspective, the storm clouds of the impending Flood were obvious, the people of Noah’s day ignored Noah’s warnings and lived as if nothing were wrong. Jesus Christ made this point in His warning to people about the signs of the end time. He said...

“For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:38-39).

Year after year, human opinions about sin have changed. Actions recognized as wrong in the past are increasingly accepted, whether premarital sex, cheating, lying, swearing, lusting or homosexuality. Jesus warned that we must not fall prey to the apathy of Noah’s day.

The Day of The Lord



What’s being said? Only This ...life was as normal as ever. There were no real signs that warned the people. It just happened and when it did, it was too late. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” **II Peter 3:10**

I know, Jesus was asked about what was the sign of His coming. Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man. What is that sign?

The Unveiling of Shekinah Glory

Shekinah Glory

Revelation 6 says people scream for the rocks and the mountains to cover them up and hide them from the face of the One who sits on the throne, the One who comes in blazing glory. And I believe it's none other than the Lord Himself. *That's the sign.* It is the revelation of the Son of Man in heaven. In the midst of this blackness will appear in blazing, infinite, unveiled glory, the Son of Man. In fact, at the end of verse 30, it says He will come not just with glory but with great glory. Glory like the world has never seen.

Some of the disciples received a glimpse of this glory. Matthew 17 describes the transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus took James, Peter and John up to the mountain, pulled aside the veil of His flesh, and they beheld His glory, and they got a taste of what second coming Shekinah was like. And it was only a small one and Peter never forgot it, and remember when he penned 2 Peter, he said we have not come unto you with cunningly devised fables, we don't tell you lies invented by men, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty when we were with Him in the holy mount. We got a glimpse of second coming glory. (Excerpts from John Mc Arthur of Grace To You)

The word, "**Shekinah**" is a Hebrew word that means the presence of God on earth or a symbol or manifestation of His presence.

Remember the unveiled glory of Jesus, as it is in heaven will not appear until the great tribulation is over with all its destruction, the sun and moon shines no more, the heavens shaken, and the stars falling. Then, in the midst of all this chaos, Jesus opens the heavens so those who are left see Him seated in the heavens.

Two Key Signs

One For You & One For Them

It's important to see that life is as usual before and up to the great tribulation. There are no signs or are there? Hear what the Apostle John says, "even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." **1 John 2:18 This is how we know that we are living in the last time/days...because of the many "Anti-Christ" that are in the world.**

The other sign is the revelation of the Son of Man in heaven. The Unveiling of His Shekinah Glory to this world. After the tribulation came the Sign of His coming, being the glory He exhibits in heaven and will here on the earth.

There are signs everywhere but the two mentioned above are the most important because of what they tell us.

Sign #1...Multiple Antichrists...The earth is full of antichrists that are hard at work trying to mislead the human race and Christians in particular. Have you noticed any antichrists lately? The one thing they do that gives them away as being an, "antichrist" is...well I'll let John tell you, "1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: **1 John 4:3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. **2 John 1:7** For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Sign #2... Shekinah Glory..., which we have already discussed. However, note that sign #1 is for us along with all the other signs. Sign #2 is a warning to those who are alive after the tribulation. This is pictured in **Revelation 6:16**, "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:"





God's Exit Strategy For Those Living At The End of Days

Considering that all these things happen during and after the great tribulation of those days, where are the saints? Will they have to go through the tribulation? Will we be spared the ordeal? There is a huge controversy among protestant groups as to the location of the saints when Jesus comes back. Some have positioned the saints as being raptured up into heaven in a pre-tribulation exit while others say they will experience a post-tribulation exit. Still others hold to a mid-tribulation exit. Finally, the last group says there is no exit at all. Let's see what the scripture has to say.

“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. ¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.” **I Thessalonians 5:9-11**

The 1st century Saints were admonished to take comfort in the fact that God had not appointed them to wrath. That would be His wrath that will be poured out on the ungodly. The great tribulation is when God pours out his wrath upon the earth.

Here is another few passages to look at from **II Thessalonians**, chapter two.

“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. ⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? ⁶ And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

⁸ And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: ⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

Note: God’s wrath is to be poured upon those who take pleasure in unrighteousness, not those that love and serve the Lord. God will even send them a strong delusion to be sure they will not repent.

One More Thought...” For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.” **II Thessalonians 2:7**

He that letteth (or Restrains) is the Holy Spirit of God. Until he is taken out of the way, He will continue to restrain the full expression of evil in human flesh from appearing. Because Jesus said He would never leave us comfortless but would be with us even to the end of the age, it only makes sense that when he, the Holy Spirit, is taken, we will be taken with Him. To leave us and take Him would be abandonment and contrary to what Jesus said.

So, we will go with the Spirit when He goes and that will be before the Antichrist is revealed. This qualifies us to receive a Pre-Tribulation Exit. The wrath of God falls only after the Man of Sin is revealed.

Now Hear This! “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” This is the reason we are not to be so soon shaken, fearful, full of doubt and ancioux. Because God has made provisions for us so we won’t suffer the wrath of God.

“God will meet
all your needs.”



Philippians 4:13

The End of The World Is At Hand



Most folks believe that the end of days is not far off. How far? Well that's another whole story. To say that it is "At Hand" is to say that it is imminent, about to happen or here now. Here are some predictions of the return of Jesus Christ which is synonymous with end of days thinking.

1. Kenton Beshore Kyle, pastor of Mariners church in California, said Jesus Christ would return for the Rapture around 2021. There will then be seven years of tribulation – a period of intense suffering, which will end with Christ establishing a new kingdom.
2. The Messiah Foundation International says an asteroid will collide with the Earth in this year, destroying it. Riaz Ahmed Gohar Shahi, founder of the organization, says the "mammoth comet" is already "hurtling" towards us. Also: followers believe Shahi's image is present on the moon.
3. The world will end for the fifth time in 2060, according to Sir Isaac Newton. The English physicist and mathematician used the Book of Daniel to come up with the date, according to a 1704 letter, which went on show in Jerusalem's Hebrew University in 2007.

The Anti-Christ

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

¹⁸ Little children, *it is the last time*: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out,

that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. ²⁰ But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

²¹ I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.

²³ Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. ²⁴ Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. ²⁶ These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. ²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.” **I John 2:16-28**

Crimes Against Christians

We have read about how life will be as we get closer and closer to the return of Christ and the end of days. Love will wax cold, wars will break out, and folks will become offended and so on. That brings up an unusual question... Should a Christian protect his or her home and family? In particular, own and carry a weapon?

We read in the paper and see on the news, instances of violence, terrorism and burglaries. The most recent issue of the SafeWise Report tells us that there is an armed burglary every 16 seconds. 60% of these are forced entries and 30% were entries through an unlocked door. 33% enter through the front door. 25 percent of burglars reported cutting telephone or alarm wires before they broke into the home.

According to the FBI, the average dollar loss per burglary in the U.S. is \$2,185. On average, police clears only about 13% of burglaries, and recovering victim's property is even less likely to happen.

I share these statistics with you because the time is coming and even is now when Christians are being targeted by evil men for ambush, victimization and even death. It's my feeling that we should rise up and fight, if necessary, to protect ourselves, our families and our freedom to worship God.

Should you decide to buy a revolver, pistol or other firearm, be sure you find out what the law is concerning concealed carry and gun safety. There are classes and firing ranges around where you can learn.

Conclusion

We began our study seeking to discover life at the end of the age. There is that nagging question in everybody's mind that says, "Will I be here on earth." If so, what can I expect?

By now it should be obvious that the answer lies in where you are spiritually.

Group #1...If you are being led by the Holy Spirit, He will walk with you through this life and when He departs, He will take you with Him. You will experience the Pre-Tribulation Exit. That experience is reserved for only those who have been, "Born Again"

Group #2...If you are not, "Born Again" you will be left behind when the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way to face the anger of the "Antichrist" as he takes over the world and dominates the human race. It will be a full manifestation of evil that the world has ever seen. You will be left to go through the 7-year tribulation and be forced to receive the mark of the beast or die. However, this free will choice is only offered to those who are not hostile to God and repent when they realize what is really happening.

Group #3...those left behind that follow after wickedness...those that rejected God to follow false gods, and those that would not submit to the will of God. The scripture says God will send them a great delusion so that they might be damned.

Group # 2 & 3 will not be invited to the Pri-Trib Exit but Group #2 will have a chance to be saved if they can endure until the end. Group #3 has no hope after the Exit of the Saints. However, simply confessing their sin to God, repenting and receiving Jesus into their heart as Lord can save them all. It's not too late.

Which group are you in? When it's all over, Jesus will say these words. "Then shall the King say unto them (The Sheep) on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Those on His left, (The Goats) well, they didn't make it. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" (Matthew 25:34 & 41)

If you are Born Again, we will see you in the clouds rising with us to meet the Lord in the air. If you are in one of the other groups, we, "Born Againers" will be watching to see if you are a sheep or a goat.

God help you to make the right decision. Your eternal destiny depends on it.

