

ARE WE IN END TIMES?

"Judgment Day"

Scripture Reading: 2 PETER 3:3-13

-) **SLIDE 7-10.** Scripture reading.
-) **SLIDE 11.** This is our 8th and final week in our series titled "*Are We in End Times?*" Today's message: "*Judgment Day.*"
-) One day the heavens and the earth as we know them will all pass away. And they will be no longer. We do not know when this will occur, but the Word of God has given us signs to look for. But the most important question is this: if that event were to occur in your lifetime, are you ready? Because there will be no second chances.
-) Let's look at that final period of time when Christ returns. A day the amillennialist would call judgment day.
-) **SLIDE 12.** We looked at this slide last week. I added three new line items to this chart. 1) We don't know how long a period of time this may be. I believe it will be a period of months or possibly even years.
-) **SLIDE 13.** 2) 2THESS 2:11-12 says they will believe the lie. So, I ask. Do we see people believing lies today? Abortion and the killing of babies is OK? Pedophilia is OK because it is another form of love between two people? The LGBTQ movement? I could go on. You get the point.
-) **SLIDE 14.** 3) 2PETER 3:3-4 adds the fact that there will be mockers mocking, "*Where is the Christ?*"
-) **SLIDE 15.** Now, for today's message, this is complete, and Jesus is returning. What happens at that event? Many things. And they all happen rather quickly. Let's search the Scriptures.

-) **SLIDE 16.** Let's go back at the Olivet Discourse in MATTHEW 24:29-31. Read. The tribulation is over. Jesus is returning. Let's make a list of events that will occur at this point in time.
-) **SLIDE 17.** There will be signs in the **SKY**. Read. The sun, the moon, the stars, and all the heavens are going to collapse in destruction.
-) **SLIDE 18.** Jesus returns in the **CLOUDS**. Read.
-) **SLIDE 19.** And this fits perfectly with what the angels told the disciples when Jesus ascended into heaven.
-) **SLIDE 20.** His return is **VISIBLE** and **AUDIBLE**. Everyone will see it, and everyone will hear it. I spoke about this in my message I gave on 8/9 called "*The Day of the Lord.*"
-) **SLIDE 21.** All the nations will **MOURN**. Read.
-) **SLIDE 22.** Why will they be mourning? REV 20:7-9. Satan has been released but now he and his armies are defeated. The fire from heaven is Who? Jesus. Jesus will devour His enemies because Jesus always wins!
-) **SLIDE 23.** The **ELECT** are gathered together. This is the event that Christians call the rapture of the church. All believers are taken away.
-) **SLIDE 24.** Jesus says in the Olivet Discourse (v22) that "*those days are cut short.*" What does that mean? All believers remaining on the face of the earth at this time will not suffer physical death and will be "*gathered by the angels*" (raptured) before the final destruction of the heavens and the earth.
-) **SLIDE 25.** 1THESS 4:15-17 backs this up. Read.
-) Interesting fact. "*To meet*" is the Greek word "*apantesis.*" It is used in ancient literature for a meeting and in particular a ceremonial entrance. What happened would be the citizens of the city would exit the city gates, meet the dignitary or conqueror outside of the city, and escort him back into the city.

-) This same word “*apantesis*” is used here in 1THESS 4:17 to show the return of Jesus is similar to this dignitary/conqueror approaching the city.
-) **SLIDE 26.** And that is exactly what we have here. The elect are gathered together by the angels and they meet Jesus in the air (in the clouds) and escort Him back to the face of this earth. Because Jesus said He would return. Right?
-) What happens now that Jesus has returned? It’s judgment day.
-) **SLIDE 27.** The **DEAD** are raised for judgment. JOHN 5:28-29.
-) **SLIDE 28.** This fits with REV 20:13-15.
-) **SLIDE 29.** The sheep are **SEPARATED** from the goats.
-) In MATTHEW 13:24-30, Jesus speaks a parable directly related to this event. It’s the parable of the wheat and tares. Listen as I read this parable to you. Read.
-) **SLIDE 30.** Jesus explains this parable to His disciples in verses 37-43.
-) **SLIDE 31.** Everyone is judged and sent to their **ETERNAL** destination (MATT 25:46).
-) **SLIDE 32.** REV 20 example.
-) **SLIDE 33.** Wheat and tares example.
-) **SLIDE 34.** The heavens and the earth are **DESTROYED**. I am not certain if this occurs before, during, or after the final judgment. Personally, I believe it will all happen so quickly, the chronology isn’t that much of an issue. But I wanted to include this to make sure we were all aware that everything as we know it will be destroyed.
-) **SLIDE 35.** There will be a **NEW** heaven and a **NEW** earth.
-) **SLIDE 36.** REV 21:1-2. Who is the bride? Who is the bridegroom? What a great marriage feast that will be!

-) **SLIDE 37.** Folks, I'm sure you have questions and I promise you I might not have all the answers. But personally, I am convinced the amillennial view gives the most accurate interpretation of what the Scriptures teach.
-) **SLIDE 38.** I wanted to put this slide back up here because I wanted us all to be taught another way of looking at end times instead of just knowing the "*Left Behind*" view.
-) I have heard some people say that this study has made them afraid. And I have heard some people say that this study has left them confused. Good and good. I hope this study has led you to search the Scriptures for the answers you need to find. I have found mine and I would be more than eager to help anyone who has questions to find the answers.
-) Are we in end times? I believe we are. How you answer that question is up to you. And I'm ready. Are you? Because there will be no second chances.
-) Next week we return to our expository study of the Book of GALATIANS.

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