

# KNOW YOUR ENEMY




# **PART 16**

## **Strange Days: How It Ends**







# ***Eschaton***

**the last days; end times**



**In His coming the “last days”  
to which the Old Testament  
looked forward arrived, but  
they have not yet run their  
course; the Christian church  
is still living in this eschaton.  
Jesus’ first coming  
inaugurated it; His second  
coming will consummate it.  
The coming of Jesus was,  
therefore, the beginning of  
the end.**

**R. T. France**







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**Redemptive history  
remains incomplete until  
Christ returns. It is for  
the final act in the great  
drama of redemption  
that the church awaits  
with longing.**

**Robert Mounce**



# ***Parousia***

**the second coming of Jesus**







**“The first time  
Christ came to  
slay sin in men.  
The second time  
He will come to  
slay men in sin.”**

**A. W. Pink**

## Revelation 20

**<sup>10</sup> And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**







***When will Jesus return?***



## Matthew 24

<sup>36</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

<sup>42</sup> “Therefore, **keep watch**, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”





# The Feast of Trumpets

*Yom Teruah*

“The Hidden Day”

“The Day and the Hour No Man Knows”



## Matthew 16

<sup>2</sup> He replied, “When evening comes, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,’ <sup>3</sup> and in the morning, ‘Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.’

**You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.”**





# The Signs of the Times



## Matthew 24

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains.





## Matthew 24

<sup>9</sup>“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. <sup>10</sup>At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup>and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup>Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup>**but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.** <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.





**Christians *will* see  
trouble before the  
Second-Coming.**





# 1 Corinthians 15

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. **For the trumpet will sound,** the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.





# 1 Thessalonians 4

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.





# ***rapture***

**from the Latin *rapiō*; “to seize, snatch away”  
equivalent to the Greek word *harpazō*;  
1 Thes 4:17 (“caught up”)**





**Pre-Tribulation Rapture:** maintains the rapture occurs when Jesus comes secretly to gather the church prior to a 7-year Tribulation before the return of Christ

**Mid-Tribulation Rapture:** like the pre-trib view except that it locates the rapture after the first 3.5 years at the point when the Anti-Christ assumes power

**Pre-Wrath Rapture:** argues that the rapture will occur toward the end of the tribulation before the outpouring of God's wrath prior to the return of Christ

**Post-Tribulation:** sees the rapture as occurring with the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation







# ***Pre-Trib Rapture Prooftexts***



## Revelation 4

<sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

The word “church” (*ekklesia*) does not occur again until 22:16.





## Revelation 16

<sup>15</sup> “Look, I come **like a thief!** Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”



## 2 Peter 2

<sup>5</sup> if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; <sup>6</sup> if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;





## 2 Peter 2

<sup>7</sup> and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless... <sup>9</sup> if this is so, then **the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials** and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.





## Matthew 24

<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until **the flood came and took them all away.**





## Matthew 24

<sup>39</sup> That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; **one will be taken** and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; **one will be taken** and the other left.



**No one can be certain about *when* and *how* Jesus will return, but we can be sure that he *will* return and destroy Satan in the process.**





## 2 Thessalonians 2

<sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will **overthrow** with the breath of his mouth and **destroy** by the splendor of his coming.







**Let us consider this settled: that no one who has made progress in the school of Christ does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection... Let us not hesitate to await the Lord's coming, not only with longing, but also with groaning and sighs, as the happiest thing of all. He will come to us as Redeemer.**

**John Calvin**



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