

History is HIS-story

How It All Ends

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"This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near." (Revelation 1:1–3, NLT)

What you need to know about God's calendar.

1. God's calendar is forecasted by PROPHECY.

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. (2 Timothy 3:1, NIV)

³ . . . His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

⁴ Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, ⁵ for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. ⁷ Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. ⁸ But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. . . .

¹¹ And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. ¹² Sin will be rampant everywhere. . . .

²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. ²⁵ See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

³² "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. ³³ In the same way, when you see all these things, you can know his return is very near, right at the door. (Matthew 24:3–33, NLT)

2. God's calendar is PURPOSEFUL.

"Blessed be the name of God, forever and ever. He knows all, does all: He changes the seasons and guides history..." (Daniel 2:20-21, MSG)

"Who has controlled history since the beginning? I, the LORD, am the one. I was here at the beginning, and I will be here when all things are finished." (Isaiah 41:4, NCV)

GOD'S TIME MARKERS

- It started with **CREATION**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1, NLT)

- It was altered by the **CURSE**

And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will certainly die." (Genesis 2:16-17, TNIV)

- It was divided by the **CROSS**

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. (Romans 5:6, NLT)

- It will close at the **SECOND COMING**

There are many homes up there where my Father lives, and I am going to prepare them for your coming. When everything is ready, then I will come and get you, so that you can always be with me where I am. (John 14:3, TLB)

3. God's calendar is **PEOPLE DRIVEN.**

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14, NLT)

³ Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. ⁴ They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created". . . ⁸ But you must not forget . . . A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. ⁹ The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for **your sake**. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants **everyone** to repent. (2 Peter 3:3–9, NLT)

What if God is waiting on **ME**?

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