

END TIMES TERMINOLOGY

ESCHATOLOGY - the study of the final events in the history of the world or of humankind (*aka, the last things*)

PROPHECY - divinely inspired revelation which God gives from His sovereign and eternal plans and foreknowledge of things to come

APOCALYPSE - In the Bible, “apokalupsis” (*Greek*) means “the revealing” or “the unveiling”. It’s another name for the book of Revelation.

ARMAGEDDON - refers to the mountains or hills of Megiddo (*present-day Haifa, Israel*) where the final great battle between God and the forces of evil will take place and Jesus will defeat the antichrist and his armies (*Revelation 16:16*)

ANTICHRIST - a future world ruler who will rise to power during the tribulation. Anti means “against” or “in place of.” He will be looked to as a type of savior, but will be against Jesus and seek to be worshiped by the nations in place of Jesus. He will be the most vicious and most powerful dictator the world has ever seen.

RAPTURE - a sudden taking up of all true believers to meet Jesus in the air when Jesus returns. The term comes from *rapturo*, the Latin translation of the Greek word *harpazo*, which means “catching away” (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*).

TRIBULATION - a future seven-year period (*Daniel’s 70th week*) of tremendous upheaval, unrestrained evil, unprecedented physical cataclysms, and extreme supernatural phenomena on earth (*Daniel 12, Matthew 24, Revelation 6-19*)

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION - The Antichrist will set up an image (*statue or idol*) of himself in the temple in Jerusalem and declare himself to be God. This marks the beginning of the second half of the tribulation.

MILLENNIUM - a future 1,000-year period that begins after Jesus’ return to Earth at the end of the tribulation. Jesus will establish his perfect kingdom on Earth, ruling from Jerusalem and affecting every sphere of life (*political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, environment, social institutions, etc.*).

