



*First John*

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The time period between Jesus' first coming and His second coming.



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- **Last Days** – (Heb. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:1; 2 Pet. 3:3; James 5:3)



# The World in the Last Days (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable,



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slandering, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.



## The Church in the Last Days (Jude 1:17-19)

<sup>17</sup> But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” <sup>19</sup> It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.



In the LAST DAYS, the world gets darker and the church becomes more worldly.



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Antichrist = Against Christ



Antichrist is coming – This is a reference to a  
specific person



# The Man of Lawlessness (2 Thes. 2:1-12)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect



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that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who **opposes and exalts himself against every so-called**



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**god or object of worship**, so that he **takes his seat in the temple of God,**

**proclaiming himself to be God.** <sup>5</sup> Do you

not remember that when I was still with you

I told you these things? <sup>6</sup> And you know

what is restraining him now so that he may



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be revealed in his time.<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.<sup>8</sup> And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the **Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to**



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**nothing by the appearance of his coming.**

<sup>9</sup> **The coming of the lawless one is by the**

**activity of Satan with all power and false**

**signs and wonders,** <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked

deception for those who are perishing,

because they refused to love the truth and



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so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



Many Antichrists – This is a reference to all those who oppose Christ, Spirit of Antichrist (1 John 4:3)



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<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.



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<sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.



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## Matthew 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.



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## Colossians 1:21-23

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before



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him, <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel ...



# Hebrews 3:14

<sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, **if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.**



## 2 Peter 3:17 (NIV)

Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position.



# Application

1. Place your faith and trust in Christ's sacrificial death as payment for your sins.
2. Renew your commitment to follow Christ.
3. Receive prayer for a loved one that has drifted away from the Lord.

