



"Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this coming he promised?"

-2 Peter 3:3-4



"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."

- 1 Timothy 4:1



"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without selfcontrol, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God having a form of godliness but denying its power."

-2 Timothy 3:1-5



"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

-Acts 1:11



"I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom."

-2 Timothy 4:1 NLT



"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."

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16



WE SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF EXPECTANCY



"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

- John 14:1-3



"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready...Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

- Revelation 19:7-9



EXPECTANCY WITH INTENSITY

"For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish."

– Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT



"Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom."

- Matthew 25:1 NLT



"At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!"

- Matthew 25:6 NLT



WE SHOULD HAVEA POSTURE OF WATCHING



"Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. 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?"

- Matthew 24:3 NLT



"So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming."

- Matthew 24:42 NLT



"For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near."

- Matthew 24:27-28 NLT



SO WHAT ARE WE WATCHING FOR?

WHAT SIGNS ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

"Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come."

- Matthew 24: 7-8 NLT



"Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3



"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people."

- Matthew 24:9-11 NLT



"Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold."

- Matthew 24:12 NLT



"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



"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."

- Matthew 24:24 NLT

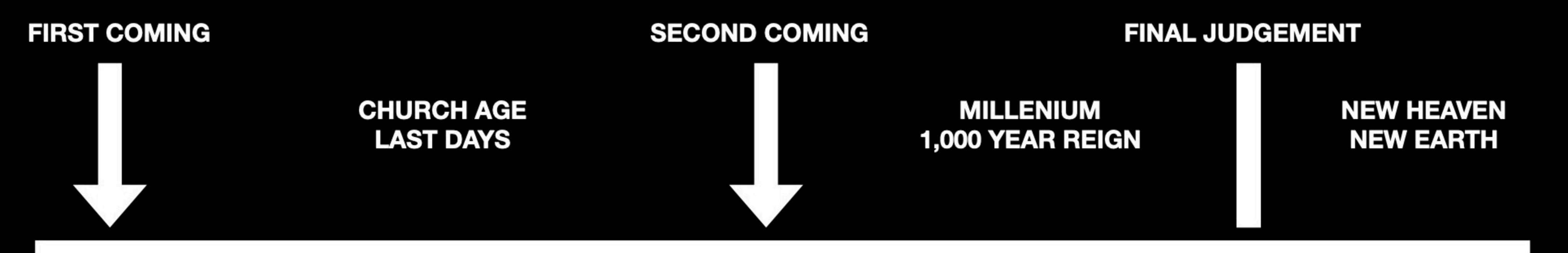


"When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat."

- Matthew 24:37-38 NLT







FALLING AWAY/ TRIBULATION

HISTORIC PREMILLENNIAL

WE SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF DISCERNMENT

ME SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF HOPE

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming."

-1 Peter 1:13



"Come Lord Jesus"



"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!'.... He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

- Revelation 22:17-20 NKJV



WE SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

- Hebrews 10:24-25



WE SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF URGENCY AND PRIORITY

WE SHOULD HAVE A POSTURE OF OUTPOURING

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people."

-1 Timothy 2:1





