

The Book of Revelation

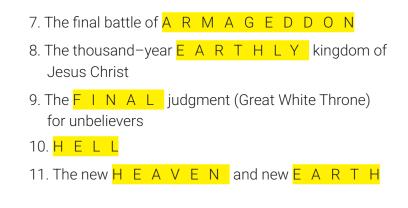
* Study of the End Times: $E\sigma\kappa\eta\alpha\tau\sigma\sigma$: E S C H A T O L O G Y

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.

REVELATION 1:1-2 (NLT)

I. THE BOOK OF REVELATION DESCRIBES...

- 1. Christ's ultimate VICTORY over Satan
- 2. The final POLITICAL setup of the world system
- 3. The final A N T I C H R I S T, the most powerful dictator in human history
- 4. The R A P T U R E of the Church
- 5. The 7 year TRIBULATION
- 6. The SECOND coming of Christ



II. FACTS ABOUT THE END

1 The End is C O M I N G

2 The End is mentioned throughout S C R I P T U R E

- 1 0 of 16 Old Testament Prophets
- 2 3 of 27 New Testament books

III. PAY ATTENTION

...Tell us... when will this happen... what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

MATTHEW 24:3b (NIV)

Watch out that no one deceives you.

MATTHEW 24:4 (NIV)

LOOK OUT FOR DECEIVERS

...many will come in my name claiming "I am the Messiah," and will deceive many.

MATTHEW 24:5 (NIV)

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

MATTHEW 7:15 (NIV)

LOOK OUT FOR AN INCREASE IN D I S A S T E R S

And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, <u>but don't</u> <u>panic</u>. Yes, these things must take place, but **the end won't follow immediately**. 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 24:6-8 (NLT)

3 LOOK OUT FOR CHRISTIAN <mark>H A T R E D</mark>

Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me... **Many will turn away from the faith** and will betray each other...many <u>false prophets</u> will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved**.

MATTHEW 24:9-13 (NIV)

IV. WHEN WILL IT END?

*ONLY GOD KNOWS

...no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen... only the Father knows.

MATTHEW 24:36 (NLT)

But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

2 PETER 3:8 (NLT)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 What biblical passages or prophecies do you believe indicate the signs of the end times and the return of Jesus? How do these passages shape your understanding of the events to come?
- 2 Why do you think the End Times would be relevant to your faith today? Do you have any scripture that would lend to your point?
- 3 How does the fulfillment of past prophecies about Jesus help us understand future ones?
- 4 Jesus spoke about the importance of being ready for His return, likening it to a thief in the night. How can we cultivate a sense of readiness without falling into fear or anxiety? What practical steps can we take to maintain a hopeful outlook in uncertain times?
 - How can we be praying for you?



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- 07,30 | Summer Nights Thrive Worship & Baptisms 08.01 | National Night Out with San Diego Sheriff
- 08.05 | Core Four: Apologetics &
 - Doctrine Begins
- 08.14 | Grand Monday Nights