Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 1: The Problem

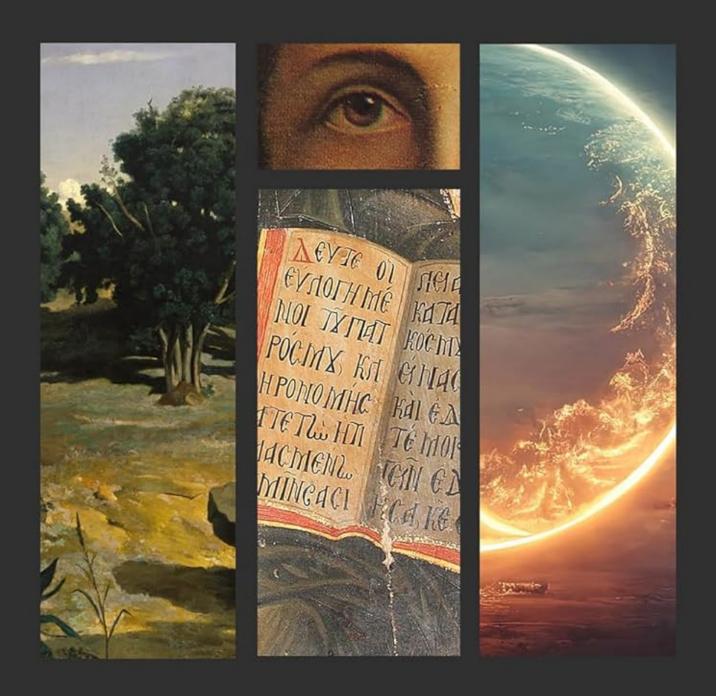


Has this issue been in the forefront or the background of your mind?

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FOUR VIEWS OF THE HOPE WE SHARE ABOUT REVELATION AND CHRIST'S RETURN



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An accurate, clear description of the major views, so we can process what we hear from popular teachers and what we see in our world.

"People can get so attached to a particular view of end-times prophecies that if you don't agree with them, then they think you don't believe the Bible."

Everything

Nothing

"To provide the encouragement we need to endure faithfully our present days on earth with confidence in God's eternal promises."



"Every prophecy is meant to provide strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow." "The mission of Jesus Christ must take priority over decades-long antipathies that are driven by arguments about the last days..."

"Is the rising disorder we are experiencing a precursor of the approaching Rapture of the church and the final return of Christ?" Acts 2:14-21

Hebrews 1:2

James 5:1-3

1 Peter 1:20-21

The last days began with the first coming of Jesus and will conclude with the second coming of Jesus.

"Everything that needs to happen before Christ returns will happen in this age.

And since we cannot say with certainty how

God will fulfill all that has been prophesied

for the end times, Jesus could

come at any moment."

Matthew 24

The Big Views on History

Lutheran

Dispensational

Covenantal

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The Lutheran view dismisses Israel.

The Dispensational view separates Israel from the church.

The Covenantal view unites Israel and the church.

The Big Views on Revelation

Near - have been fulfilled

Long - throughout church history

Future - still to be fulfilled

Symbolic - reflect spiritual conflict

For Us...

Curiosity

Humility

Charity

Expectancy