

# **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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**LAST DAYS?**

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**



# The Big Views on History

**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**



