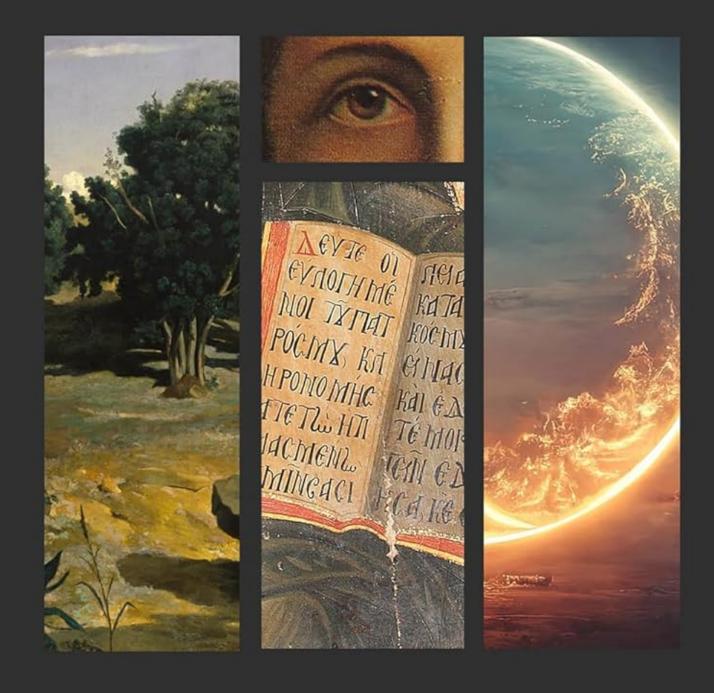
Are We Living in the Last Days?

Lesson 6: The End of the Matter

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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.

"To provide the encouragement we need to endure faithfully our present days on earth with confidence in God's eternal promises." The last days began with the first coming of Jesus and will conclude with the second coming of Jesus.

Dispensational Premillennialism

Historic Premillennialism

Amillennialism

Postmillennialism

Which View Should I Believe?

1 - What is the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament?

2 - What do we do with the Old Testament prophecies?

3 - What do we do with Israel?

4 - What do we do with Revelation 20?

| Issue | Dispensational Premillennialism | Historic Premillennialism | Amillennialism | Postmillenialism |
|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Direction | Bad to Worse | Bad to Worse | Bad to Worse | Bad to Better |
| Rapture | Secret | Open | At Christ's Return | At Christ's Return |
| Tribulation | Seven Years | Now | Now | Now |
| Millennium | 1000 Literal Years | 1000 Literal Years | Symbolic | Symbolic |
| OT Prophecies | For Israel | For the church | For the church | For the church |
| Israel | Separate Plan From Church | One Plan With Church | One Plan With Church | One Plan With Church |

Our Common Hope

Our Foundations

1 - The Bible is the Word of God.

Inspired

Inerrant

2 - Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Eternal Forgiveness

Eternal Righteousness

3 - Jesus rose from the dead.

"This was the evidence that the power of sin, which had reigned since Adam brought death into the world, was broken and all who united themselves to Christ by faith would ultimately experience the same victory over death."

4 - The Holy Spirit indwells all true believers.

No external force is stronger.

No internal force is stronger.

Our Future

1 - Suffering and persecution will intensify in the last days.

2 - There will be a rapture and a second coming of Christ.

3 - We will be transformed at the resurrection.

4 - God will judge the living and the dead.

5 - The last days will usher in the new heavens and the new earth.

Aspects

The coming of Christ's kingdom
Literal interpretation
Physical return

Millennium

Apostasy and Tribulation

Aspects Antichrist Armageddon Rescue and rapture Resurrection Imminent return

Aspects

A place for Jews

Judgment of the living and the dead

Satan and his allies defeated

New heaven and new earth

Shared rule

<u>Westminster Confession - 32-33</u>

1 - When we die, our souls go to heaven or hell.

2 - At the last day, our souls will be reunited to our bodies.

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3 - Some will be raised to honor; others will be raised to dishonor.

4 - God will judge the world through Jesus.

5 - The righteous will get everlasting life, and the unrighteous everlasting destruction.

6 - We must always be watchful and say, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

Curiosity

Humility

Charity

Expectancy