

END TIMES Bible Study—November 30, 2025

The Bible's teaching on the "end times" "last days" "second coming of Christ" "judgment day" and "the resurrection" are much more straight forward and simple to understand than a Christian might think. The ancient Apostles' Creed states the plain truth of what Christians have believed for 2,000 years: "The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

+ Jesus' Death and Resurrection

+ Preaching in the latter days from Pentecost to Christ's Second Coming

+ The resurrection, the last judgment, eternal life with Christ

Here is the sequence of events according to the Bible:

1. Jesus is crucified, died, and buried on April 3, AD 33
2. Jesus rises from the dead and appears to the Apostles on April 5, AD 33
3. Jesus ascends into heaven on May 14, AD 33
4. In AD 70 the Romans destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem marking God's judgment upon Israel for having rejected Jesus as the Christ. (Mt. 24)
5. The true "sons of Abraham" are those, whether Jew or Gentile, who believe in Christ. (Gal. 3:7/Gal. 3:26-29)
6. During the 40 Days from Easter to Ascension Jesus' gave mandates or commandments to His Apostles and to the Church:
 - a. "Go and make disciples, baptizing and teaching them..." Mt. 28;
 - b. "Preach the Gospel to every creature..." Mk. 16;
 - c. "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations..." Lk. 24
 - d. Forgive sin in Jesus' name: "If you forgive the sins of repentant sinners they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of the unrepentant they are not forgiven..." Jn. 20
 - e. Administer the Lord's Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me..." Mt./Mk./Lk. and 1 Cor. 11.
 - f. "Watch and Pray" Mt. 25
 - g. "Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith" Heb. 12
7. "The last days" began at Pentecost when the apostolic ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments began. Acts 2
8. Preaching, teaching, baptizing, forgiving, giving the Lord's Supper, and persecution of the Church would continue until Christ's Second Coming.
9. Throughout the centuries Christians will die ("sleep"), their bodies will be buried, their souls will be with Christ in heaven awaiting the resurrection of the body.
10. Life on earth will continue as it was in the days of Noah until Christ's Second Coming. Mt. 24

11. Life on earth will include the tribulation of wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, famine, pestilence, evil, false prophets, false Christ's, and persecution of Christians until Christ's Second Coming. Mt. 24
12. At Christ's Second Coming, there will be a resurrection of all the dead followed by the judgment. Acts 24:1
13. At Christ's Second Coming in judgment: He will separate the sheep (believers) from the goats (unbelievers). Those who have remained with Christ, faithful to the end will receive the crown of life. They are immortal and incorruptible and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. Mt. 25:31-46; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15; Rev. 21:1-8).
14. At Christ's Second Coming and the resurrection of the body, there will be a "new heaven and a new earth" freed from the Curse of the Fall and the corruption of sin. The life that God desired for us at the creation of the heavens and the earth will finally be realized. Ro. 8; Rev. 21.
15. No one knows the hour of Christ's return

False Doctrines about the end times:

- Israel and the Temple in Jerusalem will be reestablished
- Millennialism (that there will be a 1,000 year reign of Christ in Jerusalem)
- Rapture (that Christians will all vanish from the earth)
- Great Tribulation (that there will be a special time of suffering different from what has been)

JESUS' TEACHING ON THE END TIMES AND HIS SECOND COMING

Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

24 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for ^[a]*all these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, ^[b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His ^[d]elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Parable of the Fig Tree

³² "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ So you also, when you see all these things, know that ^[e]it is near—at the doors! ³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of [\[f\]](#)heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what [\[g\]](#)hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what [\[h\]](#)hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

⁴⁵ "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food [\[i\]](#)in due season? ⁴⁶ Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷ Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸ But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying [\[j\]](#)his coming,' ⁴⁹ and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹ and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.