

# END TIMES

## What You Should Know What You Can Do

An Online Bible Study with Debbie Taylor Williams



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The written and video materials are humbly shared with you not as one who is a scholar of eschatology nor as one intent on defending a certain position. Rather, I invite you to join me in reading the scriptures with fresh eyes and childlike wonder, praying the Lord enlighten the eyes of your heart.

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." Ephesians 1:18-19*

**W**hat was Noah thinking when God announced, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 6:13

“The end? About?” The words must have swirled through Noah’s mind as he hammered away on the ark.

“Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of *the end*.” Daniel 8:19

“The time of the end?”<sup>1</sup> Frightened, Daniel fell on his face when one who looked like a man explained the prophetic vision to him.

What about you and the topic of end times? Is it relevant? Do you have questions as most certainly Moses and Daniel did?

### **What You Should Know**

We see the storm clouds gathering and events taking place that herald the second coming of Jesus Christ.<sup>2</sup>  
Billy Graham

### **Where Is “The End of the Age” Mentioned in the Bible?**

1. Underline “the end of the age” in the following verses.

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.” Daniel 12:13

“and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.” Matthew 13:39

“So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.” Matthew 13:40

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel 8:15-19

<sup>2</sup> <https://billygrahamlibrary.org/blog-10-quotes-from-billy-graham-on-end-times/>

So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous," Matthew 13:49

"As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?' Matthew 24:3

"teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

What is meant by "the end of the age?"

It is "the end, or rather consummation, of the age preceding Christ's return, with which will be connected the resurrection of the dead, the last judgment, the demolition of this world and its restoration to a more excellent condition."<sup>3</sup>

## What Are the Signs of the End Times? Are We In the End Times?

2. When "end times" are mentioned, it is normal to perhaps be frightened, as Daniel was, or to have questions, as the disciples did. Jesus responded to their questions, "'Tell us, *when* will these things happen, and *what will be the sign* of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'" Matthew 24:3

Check the following "birth pangs" Jesus mentioned that you see today? Matthew 24:4-8

- \_\_\_ Many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ, and will mislead many."
- \_\_\_ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars.
- \_\_\_ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
- \_\_\_ In various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

3. Jesus told the disciples what would follow the birth pangs. (Matthew 24:9-14) Which are happening in our world today?

- \_\_\_ They will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you,
- \_\_\_ You will be hated by all nations because of My name.
- \_\_\_ Many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.
- \_\_\_ Many false prophets will arise and mislead many.
- \_\_\_ Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g165/nasb95/tr/0-1/>

\_\_\_\_ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the world as a testimony to all the nations, and *then the end will come*.

4. Picture the disciples holding on to each word as the eternal Christ tells them what only He could know would happen in the end times. Matthew 24:15-28.
  - Therefore, when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place,
  - then there will be a great tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.
  - False Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

Let's stop here for a moment. Jesus has progressed from "hearing of" as the mere beginning of birth pangs to "they will deliver you" to tribulation to "when you see."

At this point it is important for us to remember that people of different eras are reading Scripture. Depending on when you are alive, you may be reading prophecy or you may be reading prophecy fulfilled. Case in point is Christ's first coming. To people living in Old Testament days, Messiah's first coming was a prophecy of a future phenomena - a virgin birth ushering God the Son to the world in human form. Unbelievable!

We look back at the prophesied virgin birth and see it as fulfilled, history.

5. Was "when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken of through Daniel" (Matthew 24:15) historical or future to the disciples?
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6. Jesus used Daniel's prophecy of the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION to answer the disciples question - when will these things happen and what will be the sign of Your coming. Some Christians believe Jesus was pointing to 70 AD when the Romans attacked and destroyed Jerusalem. Some believe Matthew 24:15 was fulfilled when Antiochus Epiphanes, a Greek king, raided the temple in Jerusalem, set up an altar to Zeus, and sacrificed swine on the altar leading to the Jewish Maccabean revolt. While both of those events did take place, it's important to remember the question Jesus is

answering: what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age? Did Jesus return to earth as reigning King at those historical events?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

7. Since Jesus has not returned and His return is still future to the disciples and us, continue reading for more signs of His coming and the end of the age.

- “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will again.” Matthew 24:21
- “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24:27

John, who sat in Jesus’s presence on the Mount of Olives in Matthew 24, was later caught up to heaven where he was shown what was meant by “great tribulation such as has not occurred nor ever will be.”

Check the following that you consider fall in the category of “great tribulation such as has not occurred” and is therefore future, not historically fulfilled.

Revelation

- \_\_\_\_ 6:8      authority given to Death and Hades to kill 1/4 of the earth.
- \_\_\_\_ 6:13      stars fall to earth as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.
- \_\_\_\_ 6:14      sky split apart like a scroll and every mountain and island moved out of place
- \_\_\_\_ 6:15-17      kings, great men, commanders, the rich and strong and every slave and free man hide and say to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”
- \_\_\_\_ 8:7      hail and fire, mixed with blood thrown to the earth, 1/3 of the earth burned, 1/3 of the trees burned, and 1/3 of all the green grass burned
- \_\_\_\_ 8:8      something like a great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea; 1/3 of the sea becomes blood,
- \_\_\_\_ 8:9      1/3 of sea life dead, 1/3 of ships destroyed
- \_\_\_\_ 8:10-11      a great torch like a burning star falls from heaven on 1/3 of the rivers and springs and 1/3 of the waters become wormwood and many die from the water.

- \_\_\_ 8:12 1/3 of the sun and 1/3 of the moon and 1/3 of the stars become dark for 1/3 of the day and night.
- \_\_\_ 9:1-2 smoke rises from a bottomless pit that is like a giant furnace and the sun and air are darkened.
- \_\_\_ 9:3-11 out of the smoke, locusts like creatures with tails like scorpions torment people for 5 months. Their king is the angel of the abyss, Abaddon (Hebrew), Apollyon (Greek).
- \_\_\_ 9:15 1/3 of people on earth are killed
- \_\_\_ 13:5-7 a *world* leader makes war with and overcomes Christians, and holds authority over every tribe, people, tongue, and nation for 42 months
- \_\_\_ 13:8 worldwide worship of world leader by non-believers
- \_\_\_ 13:15 worldwide killing of all who refuse to worship Antichrist.
- \_\_\_ 13:16 people worldwide required to have 666, the mark of the beast, on their right hand or forehead or cannot buy or sell.
- \_\_\_ 16:2 a loathsome, malignant sore comes on people who have the mark of the beast and worship his image
- \_\_\_ 16:3 the sea becomes blood and everything in the sea dies
- \_\_\_ 16:4 rivers and springs become blood
- \_\_\_ 16:8 the sun scorches people with fierce heat
- \_\_\_ 16:10 earth becomes dark and people gnaw their tongues because of pain
- \_\_\_ 16:18 a great earthquake, such as not been since man came to be upon the earth cause the great city to be split into three parts and the cities of nations to fall
- \_\_\_ 16:20 every island and mountains gone
- \_\_\_ 16:21 huge hailstones, about 100 pounds each, come from heaven on men in an extremely severe plague.

8. Circle "the day of the LORD" in the following verses. Underline its characteristics.

"See, the day of the LORD is coming –a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger– to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it." Isaiah 13:9 NIV

"The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." Joel 2:31 NIV

"The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head." Obadiah 1:15 NIV

"The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord." Acts 2:20 NIV

"For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night." 1 Thessalonians 5:2

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10.

9. Check the following statements you understand to be true.

\_\_\_\_ Jesus's first coming from heaven to earth as a suffering servant to pay the price for our sin was prophesied and fulfilled. Genesis 3:15, John 3:16

\_\_\_\_ Jesus's second coming from heaven to earth at the end of the Great Tribulation as reigning king is prophesied and will be fulfilled. Revelation 19:11-16

10. Answer the following yes or no.

\_\_\_\_\_ Has Jesus come in His glory, and all the angels with Him? Matthew 25:31

\_\_\_\_\_ Is Jesus ruling or has He ruled from Jerusalem for 1,000 years?

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you living at a time when there is no sickness and death?

If you answered "no" to the above questions, then you know at least a portion of what God has revealed that you should know. Now, what can you do?

## What You Can Do

1. In Matthew 24:25, Jesus interrupted His discourse on the sign of His coming and the end of the age and warned, "Behold, I have told you in advance." This was different from the times Jesus told the disciples what was going to take place *in order for them to believe in Him*. (John 13:19, 14:29) In Matthew 24 Jesus was moving them beyond belief to action. Could that be where He has you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Maybe

2. Check the following that Jesus calls you to *do* as a result of knowing about the end times and His second coming.

Jesus is calling me to:

\_\_\_ Be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.  
Matthew 24:42

\_\_\_ Be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will. Matthew 24:44

\_\_\_ Be faithful and sensible, doing what Christ has called you to do. Matthew 24:45

We do not know our last hour on earth. Therefore, we should have a sense of urgency to pray for and share Christ with unbelievers.

Can unbelievers be saved during the great tribulation? Yes, but they will face horrible persecution. (Revelation 13:1-3, 16-18) Many people will blaspheme God instead of repent (Revelation 9:20-21, 16:9-11) and will therefore be thrown in the lake of fire where the antichrist and devil are, tormented day and night forever and ever. (Revelation 20:10-15)

Check the following you want to do to be alert, ready, faithful, and sensible.

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| ___ Ephesians 1:18       | Be filled with the Spirit.   |
| ___ Galatians 5:16       | Walk by the Spirit.  |
| ___ Ephesians 2:10       | Do the good works God prepared for me to do.                                     |
| ___ 1 Thessalonians 5:17 | Pray without ceasing for the unsaved.  |
| ___ 1 Timothy 2:15       | Study the Bible so I am equipped to share Christ with others.                    |
| ___ 1 Corinthians 1:7    | Use my spiritual gift.   |
| ___ Matthew 28:18-20     | Go in the authority of Jesus Christ to the unsaved and make disciples of Christ. |

Record your prayer in relation to today's study.

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## **DISCUSSION GUIDE**



1. What points or Scripture do you most want to remember from today's study?

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2. What impact does it make on you to know what Jesus has said about the future?

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3. What do you want to remember from the video?

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Write a prayer to your Heavenly Father thanking Him for telling you what is going to happen. Ask Him to help you be more alert, ready, faithful, and sensible. Ask Him to fill you with His light and use you in your sphere of influence to reach others so they come to faith in Jesus and are saved rather than condemned to hell for eternity.

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### **Digging Deeper**

1. The Olivet Discourse (Jesus's teaching on the Mount of Olives) begins in Matthew 24 and continues through Matthew 25. After Jesus said to be on the alert (Matthew 24:42) and to be ready (Matthew 24:44), He told the "Parable of Ten Virgins" in Matthew 25.

What was His emphasis?

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What points did Jesus repeat that He had stated earlier in Matthew 24?

Matthew 25:10

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Matthew 25:13

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2. In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus told the Parable of the Talents.

What point did Jesus emphasize? What is He looking for in us while He is away in heaven and until He returns to earth?

Matthew 25:21, 23 \_\_\_\_\_

3. When we are faithful with what Jesus entrusts us to do, what can we look forward to experiencing with Him?

Matthew 25:21, 23 \_\_\_\_\_

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