

End Times

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Rapture – Date unknown when Christ raises the dead Christian, comes down and joins with them and the living Christians are taken up into the air to be with Him forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

¹³Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

¹Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴²"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Mark 12:25-26

²⁵When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ²⁶Now about the dead rising--have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'

John 5:21

²¹For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

2 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

¹¹Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹²as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

Seven Year Tribulation – Much turmoil on earth and the Christians are judged for what they have done, both good and bad.

Daniel 9:26-27

...The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing *of the temple* he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Revelation 22:12

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

2nd Coming of Christ – The time when Jesus returns to earth and removes Satan and the False Prophet, and kills the non believers.

Revelation 19:7-9

⁷Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.
⁸Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of
the saints.)
⁹Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to
the wedding supper of the Lamb!' " And he added, "These are the true
words of God."

Revelation 19:11-21

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse,
whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and
makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many
crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.
¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of
God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses
and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a
sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them
with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of
God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all
the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of
God, ¹⁸so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men,
of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave,
small and great." ¹⁹Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and
their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse
and his army. ²⁰But the beast was captured, and with him the false
prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With
these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast
and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the
fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹The rest of them were killed with the
sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the
birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 22:7

⁷"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the
prophecy in this book

Luke 12:38-40

³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Ezekiel 39:17-29

¹⁷ "Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: 'Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸ You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan. ¹⁹ At the sacrifice I am preparing for you, you will eat fat till you are glutted and drink blood till you are drunk. ²⁰ At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,' declares the Sovereign LORD .

²¹ "I will display my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see the punishment I inflict and the hand I lay upon them. ²² From that day forward the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God. ²³ And the nations will know that the people of Israel went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me. So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. ²⁴ I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their offenses, and I hid my face from them.

²⁵ "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will now bring Jacob back from captivity ^[6] and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name. ²⁶ They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. ²⁷ When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations. ²⁸ Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. ²⁹ I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD ."

Millennium (1000 years) - This view asserts that Jesus will return (the rapture occurs near or at His return) and then bind Satan, cast him into the abyss, and rule on earth for 1000 years.

Revelation 20:1-6

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Satan Released - At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be let loose to lead a rebellion. Jesus will then destroy him.

Revelation 20:7-10

⁷When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Great White Judgment -

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

New Heaven and Earth –

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

Revelation 21:10-27

¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, ²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 3:12

¹²Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

Revelation 4:1-6

¹After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. ⁴Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

Revelation 22:3-5

³No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

2 Peter 3:13

¹³But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Hebrews 11:10

¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

1 Corinthians 2:9

⁹However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him"

2 Corinthians 5:1

¹Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Other End Times References –

2 Corinthians 12:1-4

¹I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the *third heaven*. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. ³And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows--⁴was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.

2 Peter 3:7

⁷By the same word the *present heavens and earth are reserved for fire*, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Glossary of terms

Abba	Abyss	Advent	Apocalypse
Divinity	Dogma	Eunuch	
Gnosticism	Grace	Hades	
Jehovah	Messiah	Mercy	
Millennium	Rapture	Tribulation	

Abba

One of the most endearing names of God is "Abba, Father." It is a name we come to know and understand when the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. It is the name that a child affectionately uses when he says "Daddy" or "Papa." It is a name that is unique among family members. It is a name that speaks of trust, intimacy, dependency, and identity. It is from the father/child relationship that a child receives security, courage, confidence, direction, and worth.

Abyss

The abode of the dead and the place where evil spirits are imprisoned ([Rev. 9:1-11](#)).

Advent

From the Latin, "coming." The coming of or the arrival of something very important as in the advent of Christ's return. Advent is also a Christian time of preparation preceding [Christmas](#).

Apocalypse

From the Greek word for "revelation," or "unveiling." It is synonymous with Armageddon and refers to those future things dealing with the return of Christ and the great battle of Armageddon.

Divinity

The nature or quality of being God. It belongs to God alone. Jesus was divine in nature ([Col. 2:9](#)) as well as being a man. (See [Jesus' Two Natures](#).)

Dogma

A generally held set of formulated beliefs.

Eunuch

A male who has been castrated; that is, had the testes removed. Eunuchs were often used as guards of harems. In [Acts 8:27](#), a Eunuch was *"a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure."* Biblically, some people are born Eunuchs and others are made Eunuchs ([Matt. 19:12](#)). They were forbidden to enter into sacred duty ([Deut. 23:1](#)).

Gnosticism

A theological error prevalent around the time of Christ. Generally speaking, Gnosticism taught that salvation is achieved through special knowledge (gnosis). This knowledge usually dealt with the individual's relationship to the transcendent Being. It denies the incarnation of God as the Son. In so doing, it denies the true efficacy of the atonement since, if Jesus is not God, He could not atone for all of mankind and we would still be lost in our sins. For more information.

Grace

Grace is unmerited favor. It is God's free action for the benefit of His people. It is different than [Justice](#) and [Mercy](#). Justice **is** getting what we deserve. Mercy is **not** getting what we deserve. Grace is **getting** what we do **not** deserve. In grace we get eternal life, something that, quite obviously, we do not deserve. But because of God's love and kindness manifested in Jesus on the Cross, we receive the great blessing of redemption.

Grace is **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Grace rules out all human merit. It is the product of God that is given by God, because of who He is not because of who we are. It is the means of our salvation (Eph. 2:8-9). We are no longer under the Law, but under grace ([Rom. 6:14](#)). (See [1 Cor. 15:11](#); [Rom. 5:2](#), [15-20](#); [2 Cor. 12:9](#); and [2 Cor. 9:8](#)).

Hades

New Testament term for the Hebrew "sheol," which is the abode of the conscious dead. It is apparently a place ([Acts 2:31](#)). In Revelation it is referred to as a creature on a horse ([Rev. 6:8](#)). In [Rev. 1:18](#), it says that Christ holds the keys to death and Hades.

Jehovah

An anglicized pronunciation of the Hebrew [tetragrammaton](#), YHWH, which are the four consonant letters used to spell God's name in the Old Testament ([Exodus 3:14](#)). The Hebrews considered the name of God too holy to pronounce and substituted the word "Lord" (adonai) when the text was read. The vowels of the word "adonai" was combined with YHWH to get the word "Jehovah" which was first used in the 12th century. A more accurate pronunciation of YHWH would be "Yahweh." However, the exact and proper pronunciation has been lost.

Messiah

Messiah is a Hebrew word. It means "anointed one." It is the equivalent of the N.T. word "Christ" which also means "anointed." Jesus, as the messiah, was anointed by God ([Matt. 3:16](#)) to carry out His three-fold ministry of Prophet, Priest, and King. As the messiah He has delivered the Christian from the bonds of sin and given to him eternal life. In that sense, messiah means deliverer, for He

has delivered us. The Messiah was promised in the O.T. in the seed of the woman ([Gen. 3:15](#)).

Mercy

Mercy is the act of not administering justice when that justice is punitive. Because of our sinfulness we deserve death and eternal separation from God ([Rom. 6:23](#); [Isaiah 59:2](#)), but God provided an atonement for sin and through it shows us mercy. That is, He does not deliver to the Christian the natural consequence of his sin which is damnation. That is why Jesus became sin on our behalf ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)) and bore the punishment due to us ([Isaiah 53:4-5](#)). It was to deliver us from damnation. (Compare with justice and grace.)

God saved us according to His mercy ([Titus 3:5](#)) and we can practice mercy as a gift ([Rom. 12:8](#)). *"Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need"* ([Heb. 4:16](#)).

Millennium

Literally, this word means 1000 years. In the study of end time doctrines (eschatology) the millennium is the period of time of Christ's rulership. The debate has been over when the millennium will take place and what form will it actually be. The terms that have arisen out of this debate are premillennialism, amillennialism, and postmillennialism. Premillennialism teaches that the millennium is yet future and that upon Christ's return He will set up His earthly kingdom. Amillennialism teaches that the millennium is a figurative period and that Christ's rule began when He first became man. Postmillennialism teaches that through the preaching of the Word of God, the world will be converted and will then usher in Christ and the kingdom of God. There are good arguments for each position.

Purgatory

An incorrect doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. Purgatory is the belief that there exists a place after death where some of the sins of people are purged through suffering. After a period of time corresponding to the suffering necessary for the sins committed, the person is then set free and enters heaven. "Gifts or services rendered to the church, prayers by the priests, and masses provided by relatives or friends in behalf of the deceased can shorten, alleviate or eliminate the sojourn of the soul in purgatory."

This is an unbiblical doctrine rejected by the Protestant church. It reflects the misunderstanding of the atonement of Christ as well as adding insult to the finished work of the cross. The error of purgatory is the teaching that we might perfect ourselves and remove sin through our sufferings. If that were possible, then why did Christ need to die? [Gal. 2:21](#) says, *"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"* (NIV)

Additionally, on the cross Jesus said, *"It is finished"* ([John 19:30](#)). In the Greek, this was an accounting term which meant a debt was paid in full. If the payment for our sins was paid in full on the cross, then how could purgatory be a reality -- especially when the scriptures don't mention it and even contradict it: *"Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment"* ([Heb. 9:27](#)).

Rapture

The rapture is an eschatological (end times) event whereupon the return of Christ the true believers who are *"alive and remain shall be caught up together with them [those who already died as Christians] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..."* (1 Thess. 4:17). This is the time of the resurrection where the Christian receives his resurrected body. First to receive their new bodies are those who have died as Christians, and then *"those who are alive and remain."*

The teaching that those Christians who are alive at the beginning, middle, or end of the tribulation period will be transformed (resurrected) and caught up to meet the Lord Jesus in the clouds. (1 Thess. 4:16-5:2; 2 Thess. 2)

Tribulation, The

According to [premillennialism](#), this is a seven year period that immediately precedes the return of Christ and the millennial kingdom of His rule which lasts for 1000 years. It will be a time of great peace (the first 3 ½ years) and great war (the second 3 ½ years) when the Antichrist rules over many nations. At the midpoint of the tribulation (at the end of the first 3 ½ years) the Antichrist will proclaim himself worthy of worship. Many will bow down and worship the Antichrist and many will refuse. Those who refuse to worship the Antichrist will be killed. The second half of the tribulation is called the Great Tribulation. It will involve the whole world ([Rev. 3:10](#)). There will be catastrophes all over the world. (See [Matt. 24](#); [Mark 13](#); [Luke 17](#).)

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