

Living in the End Times

Lesson #1 “The Future is Certain”

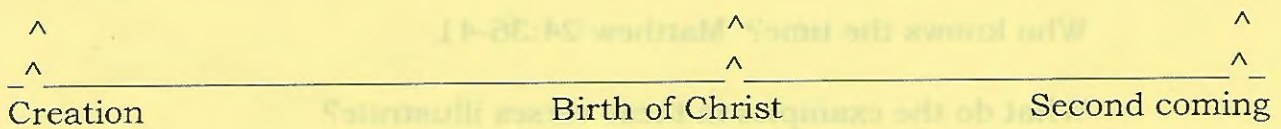
Our prayer is that through the study of God’s Word the Holy spirit will help us

- grow in our understanding of what the Scriptures teach us about Christ’s second coming.
- grow in our understanding and awareness of those signs and conditions which mark the end times.
- grow in our resolve to remain faithful to our Lord and his Word as the last day approaches.
- review and become confirmed in the church’s role in the end times and our individual roles within the church.
- distinguish unbiblical teachings about the end times from those that are found in the Bible.

I. When are “the end times”?

- ...also known as
- “the last times”
- “the last days”
- “the present age”
- “the New Testament Era

Biblical timeline



B.C.

A.D. end times

Isaiah 2;2 I Peter 1:20 Hebrews 1:1,2; 9:26

II. The Second Coming of Christ

A. Christ’s second coming is a matter of biblical proclamation.

Matthew 16:27 from Jesus himself

Acts 1:11 from angels
Hebrews 9: 28 from an inspired writer
I Thessalonians 4:16 from the Apostle Paul

II Peter 3:2-7 Despite the clear proclamation, some will not believe this.

What is the chief argument of the 'scoffers'?

What is Peter's counter-argument?

B. Christ's second coming will be a glorious return—a stark contrast to his first coming.

Matthew 24:30; 25:31
Luke 17: 24; 21:35

At Christ's return, what will be the response of those who have denied him, including the atheist? See Philippians 2:9-11 and Romans 14:9

Some who deny god's existence or who don't believe in Christ's authority and the salvation he has won for us have reached prominent positions and have been quite vocal about their skepticism of religion. How does Christ's second coming affect our attitude toward them?

C. Christ's second coming will be sudden and at an unknown time.

Has God the Father chosen the date of Jesus return? Acts 17:31

Who knows the time? Matthew 24:36-41

What do the examples in these verses illustrate?

Read I Thessalonians 5:4. In what way will the second coming not be a surprise?