

Second example: Matthew 25:35-40

Some have said faith is centered on “taking care of the least of these,” but is doing good things for the least of these the core of the Christian Faith? ____! The Apostles didn’t ____ for that.

The core of our faith is ____ of sin and ____ of God through Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38).

Then what was Jesus talking about? He was referring to the Jews and other believers who will be saved in the ____.

C. Prophecy Motivates Us Toward Godly Living

*The end times is not to satisfy our curiosity; it is to increase our ____ to Him.

*Our lives are about to undergo a big ____.

*Everything is coming to an ____ and the ____ of Christ is very soon—so we ought to be living Holy lives.

*Peter said in 2 Peter 3:11-14:

2 Peter 3:11-14 “¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”

Titus 2:13 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”

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Are We Living **In The End Times?**

ARE WE LIVING IN THE END TIMES?**“Are we living in the end times?”****“What is the next event on God’s prophetic timeline?”****“Do the current world events indicate that Jesus is coming soon?”**

In light of what’s been happening since COVID19—people have been asking about the end times with increased urgency and interest.

In preparing for the end of the world, Americans alone have spent a staggering **\$11 Billion** on survival items in just one year.

The good news is, that end-times prophecy does not need to be complicated or confusing.

We are going to find clear, relevant teaching directly from the Bible that reveals God’s will for you and the entire world.

INTRODUCTION**“Your Future Matters Today”**

It feels as if the world is spinning out of control, doesn’t it?

Every day we are bombarded with disturbing headlines—Way too much to even mention.

Many Christians are wondering if we are seeing biblical prophecy being fulfilled in our lifetimes.

Look what Jesus said in Luke 21:10-11...

Jesus gave His disciples a glimpse of what the world will be like during the end times.

Look at Paul's description of the last days in 2 Timothy 3:1-5...

When we look and compare these scriptures with current events we wonder, "Are we living in the end times?"

The Scriptures answer these pressing questions about the end times:

***What does the Bible mean by the end times?**

***What role does Israel play in the end times?**

***What news events signal the end times?**

***What are the major events of the end times?**

What's the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming in the end times?

***Why has God delayed the end times?**

***How do I prepare for the end times?**

I. Why Study Bible Prophecy?

*Because 25% of the Bible is Prophecy

*Because many people think Bible prophecy is not relevant today

***Let me share three reasons it is important for Christians to understand Bible prophecy:**

A. Prophecy Is A Major Theme Of The Bible—For example:

1. There are eighteen hundred references to the Second Coming of Christ.
2. In the New Testament, one in every 30 verses has to do with the return of Jesus Christ.
3. In fact, 23 of the 27 books of the New Testament deal with the subject of Christ's return.
4. In the Old Testament, for every prophecy about the first coming of the Messiah to Bethlehem, there are eight (8) verses about the Second Coming of Christ.

B. Prophecy Helps Us Interpret and Apply the Bible Accurately

*You can't fully understand the Bible without understanding prophecy.

*Prophecy is the framework on which we hang the rest of the Bible.

*Let's look at two illustrations of that, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament:

First example: Isaiah 65:20

Isaiah 65:20 "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed."

-First: What time was Isaiah talking about? Now? _____!

-Second: Is Isaiah talking about heaven? _____!(Rev. 21:4)

-Third: He's talking about the _____