

“The End of The World Part 1”

Matthew 24:3 NLT

Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, “Tell us, when will all this happen? What **sign** will signal your return and **the end of the world?**”

Why do we avoid studying Bible prophesy?

1. Bible prophesy is just too **abused** by many wackos.

How many times has the end of the world been predicted?

Thousands

How many times have these predictions been accurate?

Zero

Matthew 24:36 NLT

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.”

2. It’s too **scary**.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 NLT

So encourage each other with these words.

3. It’s too **controversial**.

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

7 out of 10 Bible chapters relate to the **end times**

2,000 references in the Old Testament relate to the **end times**

Every book of the New Testament refers to the **second coming of Jesus**

What did Jesus really teach about the future? **Keep Watch!!**

Matthew 25

Matthew 25:13 NLT

“So you, too, must keep watch! For **you do not know** the day or hour of my return.”

We need to be alert, anticipating the return of Jesus.

John 14:2-3 NLT

There is more than enough room in my Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that **I am going to prepare a place for you**? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

Acts 1:10-11 NLT

As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Philippians 3:20 NLT

... we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

James 5:7 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen.

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1 John 3:2 NLT

Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that **we will be like him**, for we will see him as he really is.

Revelation 22:20 NLT

He who is the faithful witness to all these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Matthew 24:42-43 NLT

"So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming. Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into."

1 Thessalonians 4:16 NLT

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.

Revelation 1:7 NLT

Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And **everyone will see him**--even those who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen!

Keep your spiritual reserves high.

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Get ready and receive God's grace while you have the opportunity.

Romans 6:23 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

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