

God living on **earth**
with man

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Present Evil Age

Galatians 1:3-4

Grace and peace to you from
God our Father **and** the Lord
Jesus Christ, who gave
himself for our sins to rescue
us from the **present evil age,**

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into two ages**

**Present Evil Age
Coming Age**

1 Timothy 6:18

Command them to **do good**,
to be rich in **good deeds**, and
to be **generous** and willing to
share.

1 Timothy 6:19

In this way they will lay up
treasure for themselves as a
firm foundation for the
coming age...

“Eternal life”
is literally
“life in the coming age”

John 3:16

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have
eternal life.

John 3:16

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“not should perish but might
have **life eternal**”

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Literal

Acts 1:11

**“Men of Galilee,” they said,
“why do you stand here
looking into the sky?”**

Acts 1:11

This **same** Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the **same** way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The return of Jesus
will be...

Literal
Visible

Luke 21:27

At that time they will **see** the
Son of Man **coming** in a cloud
with power and great glory.

The return of Jesus
will be...

Literal
Visible
Sudden

1 Thessalonians 5:2

... the day of the Lord will
come like a **thief** in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

While people are saying,
“Peace and safety,”
destruction will come on
them **suddenly**,...

1 Thessalonians 5:4

But you ... are not in darkness
so that this day should
surprise you like a thief.

Matthew 24

signs of the end of the age

Matthew 24:3

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately.

Matthew 24:3

“Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the **sign** of your **coming** and of the **end of the age?**”

Matthew 24:4

Jesus answered: “Watch out
that no one deceives you.

Matthew 24:5

For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.

Matthew 24:6

You will hear of **wars** and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are **not alarmed**. Such things must happen, but the **end** is still to come.

Matthew 24:7

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be **famines** and **earthquakes** in various places.

Matthew 24:8

All these are the **beginning** of
birth pains.

Signs

Natural Disasters

Matthew 24:9

“Then you will be handed over to be **persecuted** and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

Matthew 24:10-11

At that time many will **turn away** from the **faith** and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

Matthew 24:12-13

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who **stands firm** to the end will be **saved**.

Matthew 24:14

And this **gospel** of the
kingdom will be preached in
the whole **world** as a
testimony to all nations, and
then the end will come.

Signs

Natural Disasters
Moral Decline &
Worldwide Evangelism

Matthew 24:15

So when you see standing in
the holy place 'the
abomination that causes
desolation,' spoken of
through the prophet Daniel
(let the reader understand)

Daniel 7:26

The [**his**] end will come like a flood: **War** will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

Daniel 7:27

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.

Daniel 7:27

And at the temple he will set up an **abomination** that causes **desolation**, until the **end that is decreed** is poured out on him.”

Signs

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Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24:16

then let those who are in
Judea flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:17-18

Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.

Matthew 24:19

**How dreadful it will be in
those days for pregnant
women and nursing mothers!**

Matthew 24:20

**Pray that your flight will not
take place in winter or on the
Sabbath.**

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be great **distress**, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

Tribulation

Matthew 24:22

“If those days had not been cut short, **no one** would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

Matthew 24:23

At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

Matthew 24:24

For **false** messiahs and **false** prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to **deceive**, if possible, even the elect.

Matthew 24:25

See, I have **told you** ahead of
time.

Matthew 24:26

“So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.

Matthew 24:27

For as **lightning** that comes from the east is **visible** even in the west, so will be the **coming** of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:28

**Wherever there is a carcass,
there the vultures will gather.**

Matthew 24:29

Immediately after the **distress**
of those days

“the **sun** will be darkened,
and the **moon** will not give its
light; the **stars** will fall from
the sky”

Matthew 24:30

Then will **appear** the sign of
the **Son of Man** in heaven.

Matthew 24:30

And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they **see** the Son of Man **coming** on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:31

And he will send his angels
with a loud **trumpet** call, and
they will **gather** his elect from
the four winds, from one end
of the heavens to the other.

Matthew 24:36

But about that day or hour
no one knows, not even the
angels in heaven, nor the
Son, but **only** the Father.

Matthew 24:37

**As it was in the days of Noah,
so it will be at the coming of
the Son of Man.**

Matthew 24:38

For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

Matthew 24:39

and 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.

Matthew 24:42

Therefore **keep watch**,
because you do not know on
what day your Lord will
come.

Matthew 24:44

So you also **must be ready**,
because the Son of Man will
come at an hour when you do
not expect him.

The **First** Resurrection

1 Thessalonians 4:15

According to the Lord's
word, we tell you that we
who are **still alive,**

1 Thessalonians 4:15

who are **left** until the coming of the Lord, will certainly **not** precede those who have fallen **asleep**.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

**For the Lord himself will
come down from heaven,
with a loud command,**

1 Thessalonians 4:16

with the voice of the
archangel and with the
trumpet call of God, and the
dead in Christ will rise **first**.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

After 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 4:18

Therefore **encourage** one
another with these words.

Our Resurrection Body

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Listen, I tell you a mystery:
We will not all **sleep**, but we
will all be **changed**— in a
flash, in the twinkling of an
eye, at the **last trumpet**.

1 Corinthians 15:52

For the **trumpet** will sound,
the **dead** will be **raised**
imperishable, and we will be
changed.

1 Corinthians 15:53

For the **perishable** must
clothe itself with the
imperishable, and the **mortal**
with **immortality**.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore... **stand firm**. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves **fully** to the work of the **Lord**, because you know that your labor in the Lord is **not in vain**.

Live **today** as if
tomorrow is coming

2 Peter 3:3

Above all, you must understand that in the last days **scoffers** will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.

They will say, “Where is this
‘**coming**’ he promised?
Ever since our ancestors
died, everything goes on as it
has since the beginning of
creation.”

2 Peter 3:5

But they **deliberately forget** that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

2 Peter 3:6

By these **waters** also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed.

2 Peter 3:7

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

2 Peter 3:8

**But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.**

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not **slow** in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.

2 Peter 3:9

Instead he is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but **everyone** to come to **repentance**.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will
come like a **thief**.

2 Peter 3:10

The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by **fire**, and the **earth** and everything done in it will be laid bare.

2 Peter 3:11

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people **ought** you to be?

2 Peter 3:11-12

You ought to live **holy** and **godly** lives as you **look forward** to the day of God and speed its coming.

2 Peter 3:12

That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by **fire**, and the elements will melt in the heat.

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his **promise** we are looking forward to a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:14

So then, dear friends, since you are **looking forward** to this, make every effort to be found **spotless, blameless** and at **peace** with him.

2 Peter 3:15

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