

<p>Topics</p> <p>14 April 2013</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why & How to study the End-Times 2. Defining the End-Times 3. Pivotal passages of Scriptures regarding the End-Times 4. Overview of End-Time events & personalities
<p>Defining The End-Times</p>	<p>“End-Times” specifically refers to the final 7 years of human history before the return of our LORD Jesus Christ (i.e. the 2nd Coming) to rule and reign over the earth. It is commonly referred to in the Scripture as the <i>Day of the LORD</i>” (e.g. Joel 2:11).</p> <p>It will be the most dramatic, chaotic and traumatic hours in all history of mankind. It will also be the finest hours and most glorious moments for those who know the LORD and persevere with Him till the very end!</p>
<p>The Big Picture of End-Times</p>	<p>1) Restoration of all things</p> <p>God’s original plan was to dwell in the cool of the garden with men and give them dominion over all the earth. However, man fell into sin. As a result, God began His redemptive plan to save men and restore all things to their original state.</p> <p>We can see this clearly in Acts 3:19-20: <i>“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”</i></p> <p>God’s redemptive plan is not just about us receiving Jesus as our Savior and going to heaven when we die. In fact, the End-Times is part of God’s redemptive plan where He will restore all things – the restoration of the nation of Israel, His Church and eventually the Garden of Eden, God’s dwelling place here on earth with man forever. (Gen.1; Rev 21 & 22).</p>

<p>The Big Picture of End-Times</p>	<p>2) Global Transition</p> <p>The End-Times is about a global transition - transiting from this Age to the Age-to-Come. We see three major transitional generations in the bible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Moses' generation – the establishment of the old covenant and birthing of the nation of Israel. b) The Apostles' generation – the establishment of the new covenant and birthing of the Church. c) The End-Time generation – the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom and birthing of the Bride of Christ <p>In all the transitional generations, there is a concurrent increase of conflict, persecutions, signs and wonders and prayer. After the Millennial Kingdom, a final transitional generation will prepare this earth to receive the Father so that He dwells with mankind here on earth forever.</p> <p>When we understand the big picture of the End-Times, we will want Jesus to come back – indeed, our hearts will yearn for His return! More than a series of events, the End-Times is about a Person - Jesus! He is returning to the earth as our Bridegroom, King and Judge.</p>
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<p>Reading List</p>	<p><i>The books in this reading list are just references and extra aids in our study of the End-Times. We may not necessarily agree with all that the author has written. The ultimate truth is the Bible. So apply the Berean principle (Acts 17:11) by searching out the Scriptures in your study. Bathe your study in prayer and birth your understanding through prayer.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sign by Robert van Kampen • When Jesus Returns by David Pawson • Israel, the Church & the Last Days by Daniel Juster • Jewish Roots by Daniel Juster • Your People Shall Be My People by Don Finto. <p>Resources from One Thing Ministries http://www.onethingministries.net/resources/study-guides-teaching-series/</p>
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<p>Encouragement</p>	<p><i>May we learn from Daniel, one who had deep and clear understanding of the times (Dan. 10:12-14; 9:22):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Set your heart to understand</i> 2. <i>Pray over what you have studied and ask God for revelation</i> 3. <i>Develop a conviction and respond to God</i>
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