

Foundation Series – End of Times Events

We have covered 4 of the 6 foundation Doctrines from Hebrews 6

1. Repentance from Dead Works
2. Faith towards God
3. Baptisms
4. The Laying on of Hands
5. Resurrection of the Dead
6. Eternal Judgment

Before we get to the last 2 foundations, I want to spend a session of events that are described in scripture regarding the End Times.

Time is a part of this dispensation, and it will end. Individually it ends when our clock stops ticking – the heart. We pass from this life, which is temporal, into eternity where time, as we know it, does not exist.

Romans 10:5-6

And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would **be no more delay**.

No more delay is more accurately translated – there is no more time.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Corinthians 15:19

If in Christ we have hope^[b] in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Enduring Riches – nothing in this life endures.

Proverbs 8:18-21 describes what endures.

Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, granting an inheritance to those who love me and filling their treasuries.

Role of Biblical Prophecy – to give us light

2 Peter 1:19-21

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

- God's written word of prophecy is something we need to pay attention to
- God's written word of prophecy is fully confirmed – true
- God's written word of prophecy is a lamp shining in the dark
- God's written word of prophecy arises in our hearts to reveal Jesus

The only hope for the darkness of this world is the shining light of Jesus Christ. There is no human solution for the spiritual problems we confront in this life.

Scripture References for Events at the Close of the Age

Matthew 24:14 – **When Does the End Come?**

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

Righteousness and Wickedness will both Flourish

Wheat and the Tares Matthew 13: 30 – Light and Darkness grow together

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."""

Revelation 22:10-12 – evil and righteousness at the end of the age

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

Signs in the Heavens

Luke 21:25-28

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Birth Pains

Matthew 24:3-14

End Times Events

The Rapture – I Thessalonians 4: 15

for this we declare to you by a word from the Lord,^[d] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be ***caught up*** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Caught up

- Forcibly taken
- As a thief in the night
- Sudden forceful snatching away
- Twinkling of an eye – changed
- Not secret – very public – voice, shout, trumpet

The Judgment of Christian Believers

2 Corinthians 5: 10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

- Judgment of reward
- No condemnation – Romans 8: 1-2
- Judgment begins at the household of God – 1 Peter 4:17
- Judgment to assess the value and quality of our life on earth
- Rewards will be in accordance with our faithfulness and obedience

Overthrow of Antichrist and his Servants (heavenly and earthly)

Revelation 19:11-20

The Beast (33 times) vs the Lamb (28 times)

The Role of Israel

Romans 11:25-26 – partial hardening until the fullness of the gentiles come in. All Israel saved.

All Israel – the remnant that goes through the tribulation – God brings them through

The Judgment of the Gentiles Nations

Matthew 25: 31-46 – sheep and the goats – judgment of the nations regarding how they treated God's people and how they treated the land of Israel

Satan Bound and the 1000 year Millennium Reign – Revelation 20:1-7

Satan Released then Judged in Lake of Fire – Revelation 20:10

Great White Throne of Judgment – Revelation 20:11-15 – books opened

New Heaven and New Earth – Revelation 21 – all

Isaiah 24: 19 -23

The earth is utterly broken,
the earth is split apart,
the earth is violently shaken.

²⁰ The earth staggers like a drunken man;
it sways like a hut;

its transgression lies heavy upon it,
and it falls, and will not rise again.

²¹ On that day the LORD will punish
the host of heaven, in heaven,
and the kings of the earth, on the earth.

²² They will be gathered together
as prisoners in a pit;
they will be shut up in a prison,
and after many days they will be punished.

²³ Then the moon will be confounded
and the sun ashamed,
for the LORD of hosts reigns
on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem,
and his glory will be before his elders.

