

When the End Came

Everyone seems to be talking about the end of the world these days. All of the news seen and heard around the world tells us that things don't look good. Wars in Ukraine, war in the Middle East with Iran, trouble in many countries, and political unrest all seem to point to the possibility of a World War 3. Many people think that we are headed for a Nuclear War. We see many countries such as Russia, China, and North Korea competing for power to rule over everyone else.

Many church people today believe the Bible speaks about the end of the world and that everything is going to burn up. They say that it is God's Judgment Day. Preachers in churches everywhere are telling their congregations that because of the signs of the times, Jesus Christ is soon going to come back into the world and set up the White Throne Judgment.

All that ever lived will be resurrected and stand before God and be judged. They say the Bible says that books will be opened and people will have to give an account for what they did in their lives. God's judgment will be burning in a Lake of Fire and brimstone called Hell where sinners will be tormented and burn for all eternity. This is what many preachers are telling their congregations that the Bible says.

It is the output of information that people hear and read that determine what people believe and determine their faith in God. Something that is told repeatedly, even if it is untrue, will eventually be believed as being true.

Truth, like the pieces of a puzzle, must fit in their proper place. When context is right, content will always be right. Bible Truth always makes the same sound; it is called "harmony". The outstanding thing about Truth is that it is True.

What does the Bible really say about the end of the world?

Here in lies the problem. It is not what men say that is important; it is what God says that really matters. **(Romans 3:3-4)** The Truth that makes men free is the Truth which men prefer not to hear.

The Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it. When you know the real Truth, the Truth will make you "mad". For example, when the Apostle Paul appeared before Festus, the Roman Procurator of Judea in the Book of Acts, the Scripture says that Festus told Paul that he was "mad". **(Acts 26:24)** The Scripture said that he told Paul that much learning has made you "mad".

The exact same thing happens when people start fact checking their preachers. That's when they start realizing that things are NOT as they were told.

The one thing that most preachers resist is when what they preach and teach begins to be examined by the Scriptures. Truth becomes very challenging to those who have believed things based on what their leaders say the Bible says.

Not only what they have been taught is in error, but those who taught the preachers are also called into question. We refer to this as **“hand-me-down”** religion.

The Scripture tells us that the prudent man is crowned with knowledge and looketh well to his going. **(Proverbs 14:15, 18)** The prudent man getteth knowledge and the wise seeketh knowledge. **(Proverbs 18:15)** It is the glory of Kings to search out a matter. **(Proverbs 25:2)**

Knowledge is knowing the facts. The facts are what we read in the chapters of the book we call the Bible. It is in the pages of the Word of God that we find true Bible doctrine. **(2 Timothy 3:16)** The Bible commands us to **“prove all things”**. **(1 Thessalonians 5:21)**

Most church people don't know what the Bible says because they never read or study it. Jesus told the Pharisees they erred not knowing the Scriptures. **(Matthew 22:29)**

Many people believe things that the Bible never says.

For example, nowhere in the Scriptures does it say **“just accept Jesus as your personal savior and you will be saved”**. Nowhere in the Bible does it say **“all you have to do is just believe and you are saved”**. There are so many things said that are simply not true.

Jesus made it very clear what is required for salvation. **(Matthew 7:21)** Jesus said he that doeth the will of my Father shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus also said that a man must be born again of the water and of the Spirit to be able to enter into the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:3,5,7)** Jesus said that he that believeth **AND** is baptized shall be saved. **(Mark 16:16)**

The Apostles followed through with this same message of salvation that Jesus had entrusted to them. **(Acts 2:37-41)** We can continue to read example after example of this same plan of salvation being preached by the Apostles throughout the entire Book of Acts. **(Acts 9:6, Acts 8:12,17, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:14-15, Acts 16:30-33, Acts 19:1-6)**

You cannot believe in something that you have never heard. You cannot believe in something that you never knew anything about before. Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God. **(Romans 10:17)**

Another point that most church people have never heard is the answer that Jesus gave to a very important question that his disciples asked Him in **Matthew 24:3**.

What most people don't understand is that this question was not about the end of the planet Earth; this question was about the end of the Jewish Age. The whole chapters of **Matthew 24**, **Mark 13**, and **Luke 21** are all about the signs and events Jesus gave to His disciples to look for. These signs and events would lead up to the end of the Jewish Age and the end of the Old Covenant.

All these signs and events took place between AD 30 and AD 70 culminating with the destruction of the Temple and of the city of Jerusalem.

In **Matthew 24:34**, Jesus said **"this generation"** would not pass until all those things which He mentioned would come to pass. Jesus said this exact same thing in **Mark 13:30** and in **Luke 21:32**.

In each case, Jesus was speaking of **the generation to whom He was addressing in the first century**. Jesus was **NOT** speaking about a generation that would come 2,000 years later and counting.

No where in the Bible is the phrase **"end of time"** ever mentioned. The phrase that is mentioned is **"the time of the end"**. (**Daniel 12:4,9**)

Notice that Daniel was told to **"seal the book, even to the time of the end"**. Some 650 years after Daniel, in **Revelation 22:10**, the Apostle John is told to **".... seal NOT the prophecy of this book for the time is at hand."** The only **"end"** that the Bible spoke of came in AD 70 of the first century when the Old Covenant came to an end.

Conclusion

Every time the Bible mentions **"the end"** or **"end times"**, or **"last days"**, or **"last day"**, it is referring to the end of God's Covenant that He made with the Nation of Israel.

God made this Covenant with Israel 1500 years earlier at Mt. Sinai after He delivered them out of Egyptian bondage. This only **"end"** that the Bible mentions happened in AD 70.

Today, there are no **"end times"** or **"end time events"**, or **"last days"** or **"last day"**.

Planet Earth is here forever. ***Ecclesiastes 1:4 One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever.***

Jesus came and brought a New Covenant which is eternal. This New Covenant is everlasting; it has no end.

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