

FAQ Sermon Series
Are we living in the last days?
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Introduction

Eschatology: *the part of theology that is concerned with the final events of history and the ultimate destiny of mankind*

Two Views of History

- The _____ View: *history is a repeating cycle of events that goes on forever*
- The _____-_____ View: *history had a specific beginning and is being directed by God toward a specific end*

The Last Days in the Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-4; Hosea 3:4-5; Micah 4:1

- All three prophecies were given to _____ and concern the future of the nation.
- The prophecies are looking ahead to the _____ Kingdom.

The Last Days in the New Testament

Acts 2:16-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Hebrews 1:1-2; James 5:1-3; 2 Peter 3:3-4

- These words were written to the _____.
- The last days began with the _____ coming of Jesus Christ.

- The last days are characterized by _____ and _____.

Should We Try to Discern the Signs of the Times?

The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21)

- These signs are intended for the _____ and _____ who live during the Great Tribulation, not the _____.
- The Rapture is an _____ event.

Applications

- ❶ While eschatology is a _____ belief, it still _____ what you believe.
- ❷ You should _____ Christ's return, but you should not try to _____ Christ's return.
- ❸ You should _____ for Christ's return.

Discussion Questions

1. What new insights did you glean from our study of the Order of End Time Events diagram?
2. Explain how the last days can relate to both Israel and the Church yet speak of two entirely different time periods.
3. Why shouldn't we try to discern the signs of the times or predict when Christ will return?
4. Why is it important to long for Christ's return?
5. How can we better prepare for Christ's return?