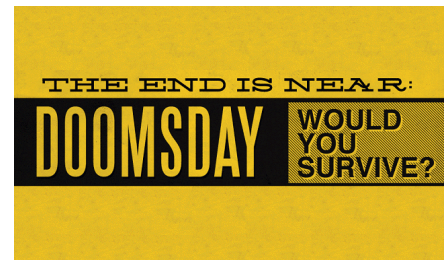


# DOOMSDAY

## What You Need to Know to Survive the End-Times

### Lesson 2: What Will Happen in the End-Times?

Isaiah 46:9-11



#### I. How to Interpret Biblical Prophecy?

- \* There are a number of viewpoints on what methods should be used when interpreting passages concerning the end times. While there are good people espousing different beliefs, there is good reason to believe that biblical prophecy should be interpreted (1) **literally**, (2) with a **futurist** view, and (3) in what is called a “premillennial” manner.

#### II. What Does the Bible Say Will Happen in the End Times?

- \* Sadly, the Bible predicts a downward spiral of \_\_\_\_\_, human sin, and religious \_\_\_\_\_ before Christ returns. Paul writes, (2 Tim. 3:1, 13). The world will continue to \_\_\_\_\_ God, His Word, and His people.
- \* Some day in the future – a day no one knows – God will end the \_\_\_\_\_ which began in the first century on Pentecost (Acts 2) with an event known as the “catching up of the saints/ \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 4:14–18).
- \* At that time, God removes all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ from the earth in preparation for His final judgments. Of the Rapture, Paul says, (1 Thess. 4:14–18).
- \* The erosion of \_\_\_\_\_ and increase of \_\_\_\_\_ that precedes the Rapture will reach epic proportions when untold numbers of people disappear from the earth.
- \* Out of a \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Empire, one that is organized in a European ten-nation fashion (Dan. 7:24; Rev. 13:1), the Antichrist will arise and sign a covenant with the nation of Israel, which will officially begin God’s prophetic seven-year countdown to Christ’s second coming (Dan. 9:27).
- \* For three and a half years, the \_\_\_\_\_ will reign over the earth and promise peace, but it is a false peace which will entrap the people of the earth. The Bible says, (1 Thess. 5:3, Matt. 24:7, 2 Thess. 2:4; Matt. 24:15).
- \* For another 3.5 years, a \_\_\_\_\_ Tribulation will occur, such as has never before been seen. Jesus predicted, (Matt. 24:21–22).
- \* God will still be in control as He gathers the unbelieving \_\_\_\_\_ of the world in order to judge them. Of this event, the prophet Joel wrote, (Joel 3:2). John records the battle this way (Rev. 16:13–16).

- \* At this point, the \_\_\_\_\_ will return, destroy His enemies, and claim the world, which is rightfully His (Rev. 19:11–21).
- \* After Christ has defeated all the armies gathered in the valley of Armageddon, He will reign with His saints for 1000 years and fully restore \_\_\_\_\_ to her land. At the end of a thousand years, a final judgment of the \_\_\_\_\_ and all remaining mankind will occur, which is then followed by an eternal state: either spent with God or separated from Him (Rev. 20-21).
- \* The above events are not \_\_\_\_\_ or possibilities – they are what will take place in the future. Just as all the Bible’s prophecies of Christ’s first coming came true, so will all the Bible’s prophecies of His second coming.
- \* Given the truth of these prophecies, what impact should they have on us now? (2 Peter 3:11–12).