

Handout December 27, 2024

Is This the End?

Matthew 24:3-51

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Hopefully it will be for you.

As Christians we have a responsibility to maintain a positive mental attitude, even in end times. When I read of the destruction to come in the end times, I ponder and wonder.... If the pandemic was any indication of how Americans will face large scale global and local disruption, we are in trouble!

1) The _____ of the _____ is not a _____ topic!!!

People have claimed it was the end.... for a very long time. Here are a few examples....

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Praise God. We can get some direction and understanding from Jesus!

I think *verses 4-8* have been occurrences that have happened throughout history... but, according to NBC news, there has been a 265% increase in the last 100 years.

But as we have seen, none of these items individually points to the end.

2) _____ persecution has happened since _____ began.

In fact, all religions experience persecution.

Matthew 24:9-15

Today it is more pronounced though, especially in China, Indonesia, Nigeria and the Sudan.

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3) The _____ will be in every _____ by 2025.

There are 6,909 languages.

There are about 2,200 languages representing 350 million people, left to complete.

You can be sure it has been preached in those languages.

Matthew 24:23-26

“Inner rooms”

Time would not permit us to talk about all the prophecies of Israel becoming a nation, Israel regaining all land, Israel’s lost tribes returning, Russia/Israel/Turkey alignment. *Psalm 83 war; Jeremiah 49 fulfillment.*

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Daniel 12:1-4

4) "Many shall _____ to and fro, and _____ shall increase."

In 1900 human knowledge doubled every 100 years, by 1945, every 25 years, and today, every 15 months.... And we are on our way to every 12 hours.

The useful lifespan of knowledge is decreasing, so people need to constantly replace out of date knowledge.

These are all good fun facts, but how should we act?

II Thessalonians (overview)

II Thessalonians, Chapter 2

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Well, it is an open topic. Going back to my list, there are projections going far out into the future and there will be more to come.

Matthew 24:32-35

5) We _____ be that _____.

So, if in fact we are, what should we do? Peter has some thoughts on this....

Matthew 24:36-51

6) _____ knows the _____.

Yet, as we read previously in *verses 32-25*, when we see these signs.....

II Peter, Chapter 3

7) Since you _____ these things _____, grow in _____.

- How are you growing in grace?
- How much time do you have left to find forgiveness?
- How much time do you have left ...
 - To stop lying?
 - To start loving?
 - To love in truth and deed?
 - To stop using drugs, alcohol, people...?

Let's pray.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK (NEW YEARS EVE).
SEE YOU THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**

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