

END TIMES



End Times (Student Lesson) – Overview: Eschatology/ Apocalypse

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The Eschatology and Apocalypse Discussion

The conversation about the End Times transcends the divide between religious and secular audiences. Both groups bring their respective hypotheses based on their ideal perspectives. A common point in both discussions is the idea that the world will be annihilated, and the human population will become extinct.

While the secular conversation offers little or no options for a restart scenario, religion purports the exit strategy of the righteous population before, during, or in some cases following the great annihilation period.

The apocalypse is the formal label attached to the concept of worldwide annihilation, and the scriptural account found in the Biblical Revelation of Jesus Christ used to establish both the religious and secular premise. Christian and secular media producers have generated television and movie depictions of the Apocalypse. Presenting the end of the world has entertained audiences for many years.

The theatrical presentation made it possible to exploit Bible themes and upgrade them with technology and modern thought. An audience less familiar with the Bible and accurate interpretation assumes the production presentation is accurate and truthful.

In the scriptures (Matthew 24:1-8), the Son of God (God actively present on Earth) advocates for His disciples to understand End time events, warning them not to be troubled or deceived by events that will occur in advance, including wars, famine, pestilence, and earthquakes. These events are the beginning of sorrow, pain, and travail before the birth of a final event.

God will bring an appropriate end to the earth in His own time and way, including the visible return of Jesus Christ. The world will not end with the destruction of humanity, but the Bible purports that the era of man will end with judgment. Eschatology studies humanity's death and judgment, including the consequence or reward of a man's soul. While its premise is uniquely Biblical, its tenets are also found among non-Christian faith practitioners.

The study of the End Times in the Bible refers to a time of judgment for humanity and the world, known as the "Day of the Lord" or "The Great Tribulation." The challenges faced during this time are not meant to destroy the earth but rather to cleanse it of wickedness and to make people realize their disobedience and rejection of God.

The judgment of the earth is followed by the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust to receive their eternal reward or consequence. The end of time will resolve with all believers in Christ transformed to live eternally with God and unbelievers judged to live in eternal separation from God.