

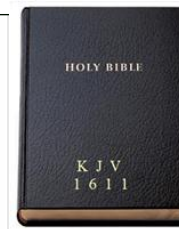
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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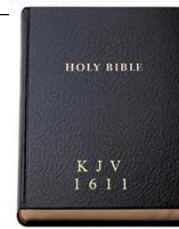


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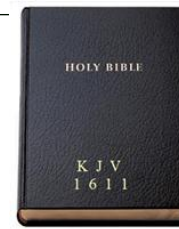
I. The Terms Of The Last Days

- There are numerous terms used to describe specific periods of time extending from the First Coming of Christ to the end of time/beginning of eternity
- These terms represent the various “days” and “times” of scripture

1. The “Days” Of Scripture

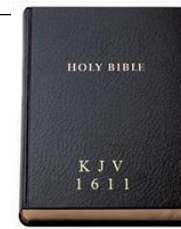
- 1) The LAST DAYS- appears 8x (Gen 49:1; Isa 2:2; Mic 4:1; Acts 2:17; 2 Tim 3:1; Heb 1:2; Jam 5:3; 2 Pet 3:3)
- 2) The LAST DAY- appears 6x in a prophetic reference (John 6:39-40; 44,54; 11:24; 12:48)
- 3) The LATTER DAYS- appears 11x (Num 24:14; Deu 4:30; 31:29; Jer 23:20; 30:24; 48:47; 49:39; Eze 38:16; Dan 2:28; 10:14; Hos 3:5)
- 4) The LATTER DAY- appears 1x (Job 19:25)

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- 5) The DAY OF SALVATION appears 2x (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2)
- 6) The DAY OF REDEMPTION- appears 1x (Eph 4:30)
- 7) The DAY OF CHRIST- appears 3x (Phl 1:10; 2:16; 2 The 2:2)
 - The DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST- appears 1x (1 Cor 1:8)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD JESUS appears 2x (1 Cor 5:5; 2 Cor 1:14)
 - The DAY OF JESUS CHRIST appears 1x (Phl 1:6)
- 8) The DAY OF THE LORD- appears 20x (Isa 13:6,9; Eze 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1,31; 3:14; Amo 5:18,20; Oba 15; Zep 1:7,14; Zec 14:1; Mal 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1 The 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD OF HOSTS- appears 1x (Isa 2:2)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS- appears 1x (Jer 46:10)
 - The DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY- appears 1x (Rev 16:14)

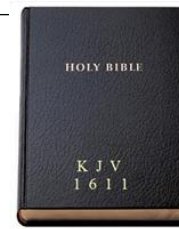
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- The DAY OF THE LORD'S VENGEANCE- appears 1x (Isa 34:8)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD'S ANGER- appears 3x (Lam 2:22; Zep 2:2-3)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD'S SACRIFICE- appears 1x (Zep 1:8)
 - The DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH- appears 1x (Zep 1:18)
 - The phrase IN THAT DAY appears 43x in Isaiah and almost exclusively refers to the day of the Lord
- 9) The DAY OF JUDGMENT- appears 8x (Matt 10:15; 11:22,24; 12:36; Mark 6:11; 2 Pet 2:9; 3:7; 1 John 4:17)
- 10) The DAY OF GOD- appears 1x (2 Pet 3:12)

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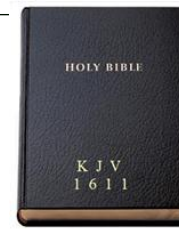


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2. The “Times” Of Scripture

- 1) The LAST TIMES- appears 1x (1 Pet 1:20)
- 2) The LAST TIME- appears 4x (1 Pet 1:5; 1 John 2:18; Jude 18)
- 3) The LATTER TIMES- appears 1x (1 Tim 4:1)
- 4) The LATTER TIME- appears 1x (Dan 8:23)
- 5) The TIME OF REFORMATION- appears 1x (Heb 9:10)
- 6) The TIME OF JACOB’S TROUBLE- appears 1x (Jer 30:7)
- 7) The TIME OF THE HEATHEN- appears 1x (Eze 30:3)

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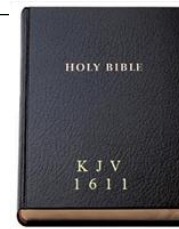
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- 8) The TIMES OF THE GENTILES- appears 1x (Luke 21:24)
- 9) The TIMES OF RESTITUTION OF ALL THINGS- appears 1x (Acts 3:21)
 - The TIMES OF REFRESHING- appears 1x (Acts 3:19)
- 10) The FULLNESS OF TIMES- appears 1x (Eph 1:10)

3. Other Terms

- 1) The LATTER YEARS- appears 1x (Eze 38:8)
- 2) The TIME OF THE END- appears 5x (Dan 8:17; 11:35,40; 12:4,9)

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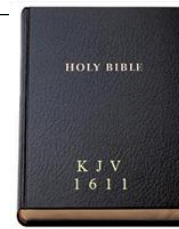


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II. The Timing Of The Last Days

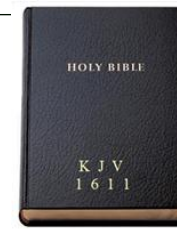
- The terms LAST DAY and LAST TIMES are associated with the First Coming of Christ (Heb 1:2; 1 Pet 1:20)
- The term LATTER YEARS is associated with the re-gathering of the Jews to the land of Israel out of the nations (Eze 38:8)
- The term LAST TIME is associated with the glorification of the saints (1 Pet 1:5)
- The term LATTER DAYS is associated with the invasion of Israel by Gog and his allies (Eze 38:16)
- The terms TIME OF THE END and LATTER TIME are associated with the rise of the Antichrist (Dan 8:17,23)
- The terms LAST DAYS and LATTER DAYS are associated with prophecies to be fulfilled regarding the children of Israel (Gen 49:1; Num 24:14; Dan 10:14)

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- Their tribulation (Deu 4:30)
- Their evil (Deu 31:29)
- Their consideration (Jer 23:20; 30:24)
- Their conversion (Hos 3:5)
- The term LAST DAYS is associated with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:17) (i.e.- the Jewish remnant at the end of the Tribulation) cf. (Zec 12:10)
- The term LATTER DAYS is associated with the restoration of Moab (Jordan) and Elam (Iran) (Jer 48:47; 49:39)
- The term LATTER DAYS is associated with the destruction of Gentile domination at the Second Coming of Christ (Dan 2:28)
- The term LATTER DAY is associated with the Second Coming of Christ (Job 19:25)
- The term LAST DAYS is associated with the establishment of the Lord's Millennial kingdom on earth (Isa 2:2; Mic 4:1)
- The term LAST DAY is associated with the resurrections (John 6:39-40,44,54; 11:24)
- The term LAST DAY is associated with the final judgment (John 12:48)

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1. The Last Days include the First Coming of Christ

Heb 1:1-2

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

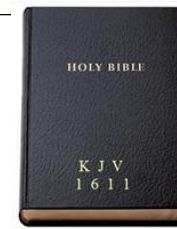
2. The Last Day includes the two resurrections and the Great White Throne Judgment

John 5:28-29

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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John 6:40; 11:24

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

John 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Rev 20:5-6,12-13

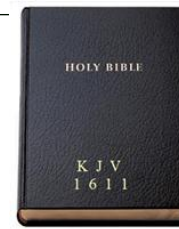
But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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3. The Last Days began with the First Coming of Christ and end with the Great White Throne Judgment

Are we in the last days? **Yes!**

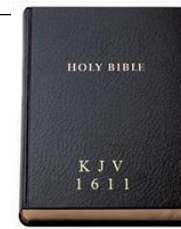
How can the LAST days consist of a time period of 3,000 years?

2 Pet 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

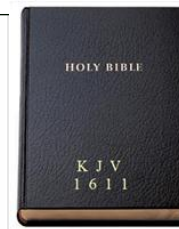
- The context of the chapter is the FALLACY of the SCOFFERS (v.3-4) debunked by the FACTS of the SCRIPTURES (v. 5-13)
- The scoffers reject the Second Coming of Christ, and the judgment that comes with it, on the basis of uniformitarianism (“**all things continue as they were since the beginning**”)
- The scriptures clearly reveal that all things have not continued as they were from the beginning of the creation and they will not continue as they are today

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- Three different HEAVENS AND EARTH are mentioned in the chapter
 - The heavens...of old, and the earth (v.5)
 - The heavens and the earth which are now (v.7)
 - New heavens and a new earth (v.13)
- The old heavens and earth refers to the heavens and earth as originally created (v.4; Gen 1:1-2:3)
- The old heavens and earth did not continue indefinitely but were judged and dramatically changed by the Flood (v.6; Gen 7:11-8:19)
- The present heavens and earth are the same ones created in Genesis 1-2 but in dramatically different conditions as a result of the Flood
- The present heavens and earth will not continue indefinitely but will be judged by fire
 - This judgment will occur as part of: (1) the day of judgment (v.7); (2) the day of the Lord (v.10); and (3) the day of God (v.12)
 - This judgment will conclude God's work on THIS earth (Rom 9:28)
- The new heavens and earth are a new creation (Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1)



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