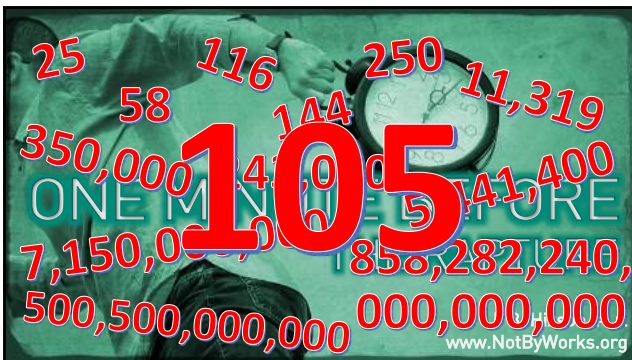




Ephesians 5:15-16

*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.*



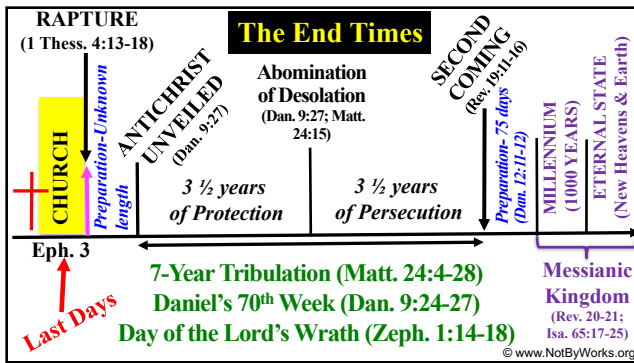
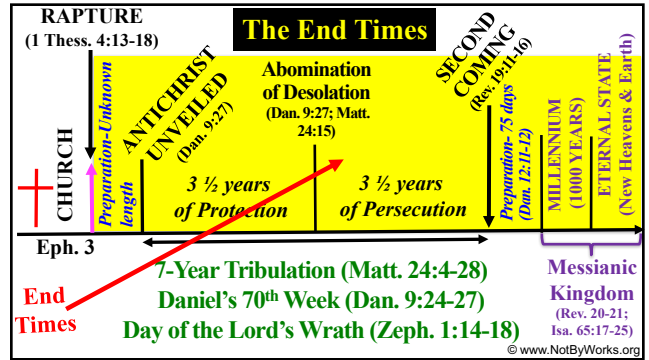
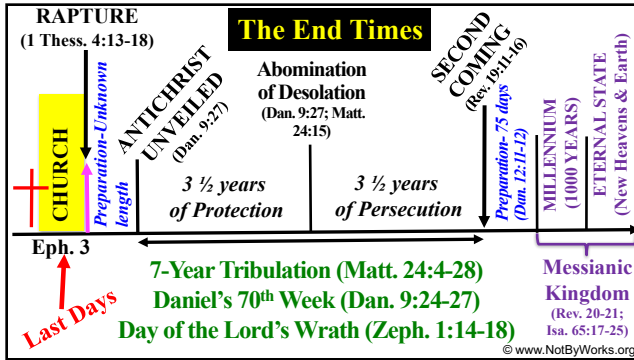
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The doctrine that the rapture could happen **at any moment**. It is the next great prophetic event to occur in the world.



**Hebrews 1:1-2**

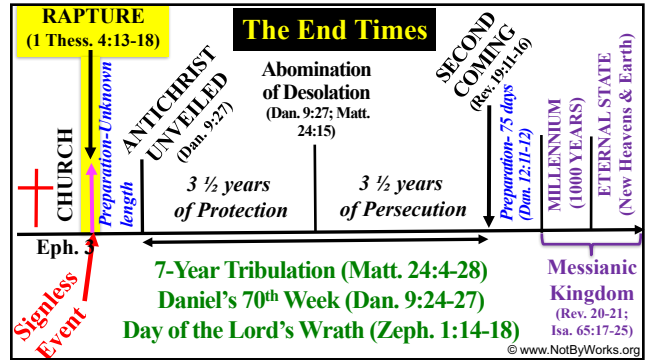
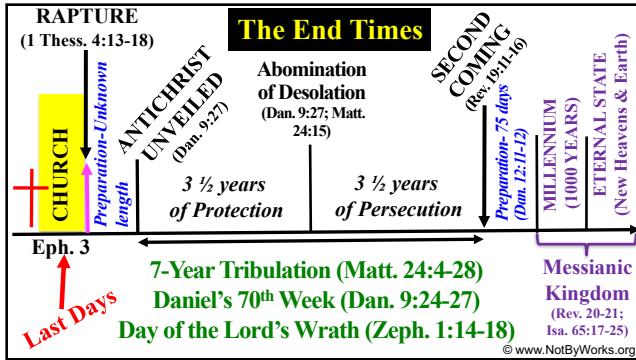
*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has **in these last days** spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;*

**2 Peter 3:3**

*knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the **last days**, walking according to their own lusts,*

**2 Timothy 3:1**

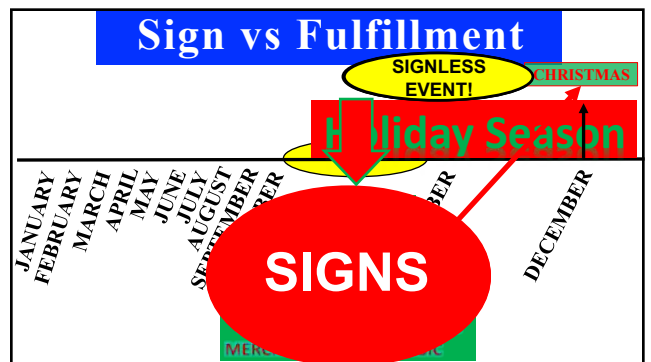
*But know this, that in the **last days** perilous times will come:*



What is the difference between a "SIGN" and a "FULFILLMENT"?

A sign is a world event that could be setting the stage for the fulfillment of prophecy.

A fulfilled prophecy is when a direct prediction in Scripture comes true!



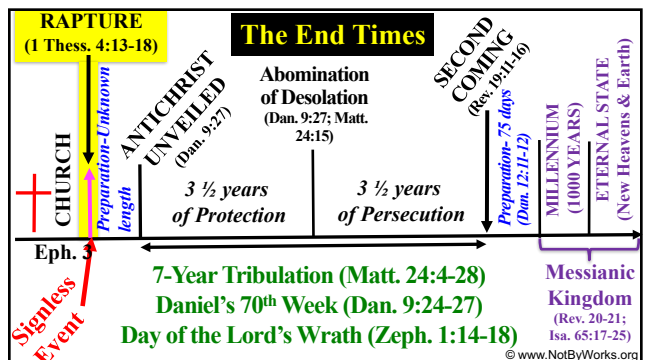
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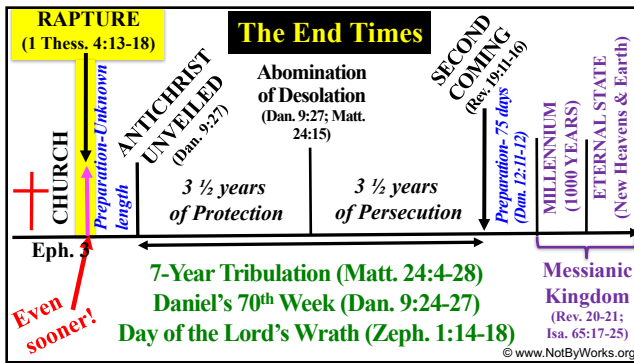
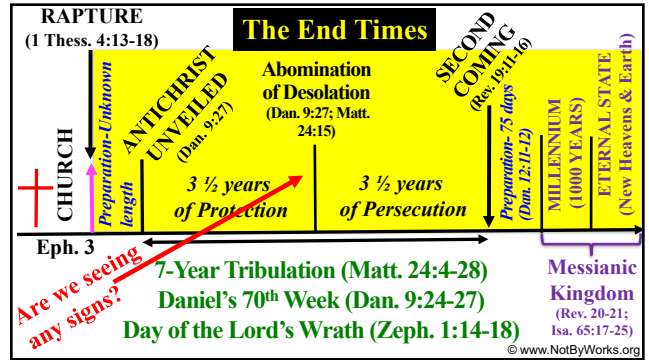
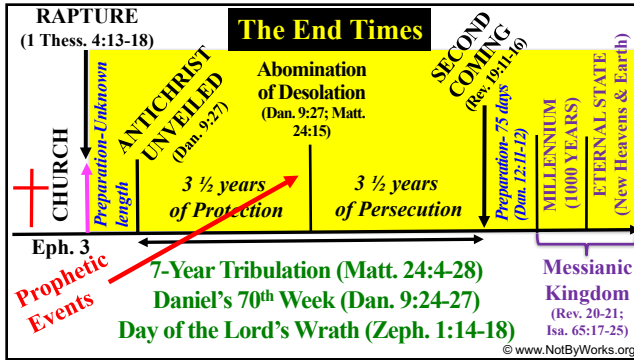
...Thanksgiving must be even closer!

If the stage is being set for events like the Tribulation, the unveiling of the Antichrist, and the Second Coming...

...the Rapture must be even closer!

The next prophetic event is the RAPTURE, and it is a signless event!





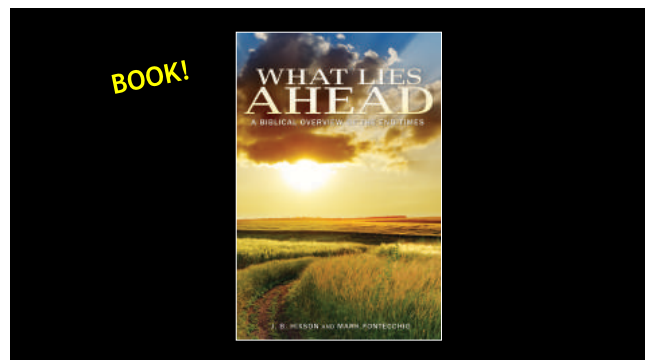
Is End Times prophecy being fulfilled today?

**No!**

(Unless the rapture happened and we all missed it!)

Is the End Times stage being set with various signs of the times?

**ABSOLUTELY!**





1 Corinthians 16:22  
*If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. **O Lord, come!** [Maranatha!]*

1 Corinthians 1:7  
*so that you come short in no gift, **eagerly waiting** for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Philippians 3:20  
*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also **eagerly wait** for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

ἀπεκδέχομαι  
*apekdechomai*  
to expect anxiously; to look forward to something eagerly with hope, to be in a continual state of expectancy.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to **wait for His Son from heaven**, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that **when He appears**, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 Timothy 6:14

that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless **until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing**,

Titus 2:13

looking for **the blessed hope and glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait** for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Philippians 4:5

Let your gentleness be known to all men. **The Lord is at hand.**

### James 5:7-9

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the **coming of the Lord**.... You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is **at hand**. ...Behold, the Judge is **standing at the door!**

In light of the imminency of the rapture, what should we be doing?

3 Questions Everyone Should Ask <sup>at least</sup> One Minute Before the Rapture

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1. Are you starting with the **right foundation?**

### 1 Corinthians 3:11

For **no other foundation** can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

### John 14:6

Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me."



**John 3:3**  
*Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"*

**Luke 6:48**  
*He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and **laid the foundation on the rock.** And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.*

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*According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.***

### 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for **the Day will declare it**, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

### Romans 14:10

*But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For **we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.***

### 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

*Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

βῆμα

*bēma*

judgment seat; step; tribunal;  
raised platform

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## 1 Corinthians 3:14-15

*If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, **he will receive a reward**. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

## 2 Corinthians 13:5

***Examine yourselves** as to whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves**. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are **disqualified**.*

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ἀδόκιμος

*adokimos*

*disapproved; disqualified;  
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### 1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord comes**, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and **reveal the counsels of the hearts**. Then each one's praise will come from God.

### 1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God**.

### Revelation 22:12

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me**, to give to every one **according to his work**.”

### Colossians 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that **from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance**; for you serve the Lord Christ.

### 2 John 8

Look to yourselves, that you do not lose those things we **worked for**, but that you may receive a **full reward**.

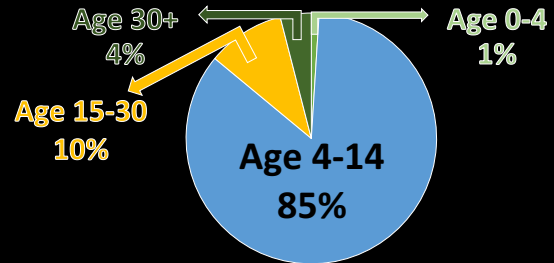
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### Matthew 28:19

**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

### When do People Come to Faith?



### Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And **how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?** And how shall they hear without a preacher?

### Romans 10:17

So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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