



“Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD.” Amos 5:18

Eschatology – the study of the “Ending Days” – can be both exciting and confusing. Yet, it is considered a basic, or elementary doctrine; one of the basic teachings which babes in Christ should have a general understanding. “It’s time to grow up in Christ! The elementary or foundational truths are now in place... resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment.” (Hebrews 6:1 – 2 author’s paraphrase).

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, or the Day of the Lord, holds within it two distinct events that will happen during the final moments of the Ending Days. The first event will be when Jesus returns for His bride – the Church. He will “catch us away” from this earth in what is often referred to as the “Rapture”¹. This is also called the believer’s “Blessed Hope.” (Titus 2:13).

The second event found in the Day of the Lord, is that period of time during the last seven years of earth time when the nations of the world will experience the direct punishment and judgment of the Lord!

At once, these days are filled with certain angst for the unbeliever and a joyful expectation from the believing Church. The anticipation of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ should fill our hearts with compassion to tell those outside of His saving grace that it is time to repent and turn to the Lord!

And what of you, dear friend?

¹ Though this specific word is not found in the Bible it has strong Biblical precedent. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18).

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