Last Days and End Times Clarified

In order to make sense of end time doctrines, the first thing we need to comprehend is this: **there are two ages (last days and end times)** and each has their own events with their own ending.

> "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matt. 24:36).

Some people say Jesus didn't know when the day or the hour would happen because only the Father knows (based on Mark 13:32). That's illogical. Jesus is not just the Son of God – Jesus is God – and God knows everything. The day and the hour Jesus mentioned (regarding the end of the Jewish Age) is known. It happened April 14, 70 AD when Roman soldiers began the attack and eventual destruction of Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

This next scripture applies to the end of the Church Age (last days). Jesus said what He said – exactly the way it was supposed to be said – because Jesus did not want us to focus on end times (we should be making disciples); however, it's a very important topic to know and understand especially since the end of last days is near. Wouldn't you agree?

> "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority" (Acts 1:7)

As a follower and disciple of Jesus for the past 39 years, I was never overly fascinated with the topic of end times – until Spring 2020! My reason back then was simple: too many preachers and teachers made it too complicated and too confusing… A) with at least twelve different scenarios, B) all of them tried to explain Revelation without the Spirit's anointing with revelation, and C) heaven-only was their ultimate destination. Since those scenarios were based upon the basis 'we go to heaven when we die,' we should be somewhat skeptical of the motivational reasons behind those doctrines. My reason for being fascinated now is because the Lord made me learn it by getting quiet, sitting still, waiting, learn the message… and keep digging… much like He has with all His teachings thus far… and when I got to the point in which I could not figure it out, that's when I got more still and quiet… and asked the Spirit to guide me with truth and revelation.

How many times do our doctrines say Jesus is coming? Well, He came 2,000 years ago and He is coming again… and there is much speculation regarding how and when this occurs. However, Jesus has already come at least 30 times (His Theophanies in the Old Testament), Jesus appeared at least 15 times after He arose from the dead, and Jesus told us He is coming quickly six times (Rev. 2:5; 16; 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20) and yet… we are still waiting. Could Jesus mean something other than what the church teaches? We will consider all possibilities, but only those from scripture.

The key to unraveling this mystery regarding the difference between last days and end times (two different ages with two different resurrections and two different judgments) was made known to me by the Spirit.

Here is the "last days" *and* "end-time" code the Spirit revealed to me: much like "The Missing Day" – the word again… is the key to understanding this mystery!

Jesus "will come" – then appear –
then appear again – then "come again" (John 14:3).

1. Jesus came as the "image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15)
2. Jesus said "I ***will come*** to you" (John 14:18)… and He already has! When He sent His Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4), He sent His Spirit to represent Himself whereby "We will come and make Our home with him" (John 14:23) has been happening (already) to the Lord's disciples who are born again
   - We are in the realm of His Spirit now (the church age, the era of Christ in you)
   - His Spirit is judging this world even now (John 16:8-11)
   - And saints should be operating in authority with power (dominion) to establish the kingdom of heaven HERE… as they put the enemy under their feet (Psa. 8:6)
3. Jesus said He will "***appear***" for judgment "coming on the clouds" (Matt. 24:30) "with the clouds" (Mark 14:62; Rev. 1:7) and "in the clouds" (Mark 13:26), "as a bright light" (Hab. 3:3-5) "as lightning comes from the east and flashes west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt. 24:27; Luke 17:24) to "judge the living and the dead **at His appearing and His kingdom**" (2 Tim. 4:1).
   - ***Jesus sent His Spirit for judgment (John 16:11) – and this age ends with judgment***
   - The great transition reset begins "at His appearance and His kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1)
   - The man of lawlessness that produces rebellion is revealed (2 Thess. 2:1-4)
   - Both events initiate the great tribulation (Rev. 16:1-19:4); this great tribulation will also include a great revival
   - One-third of the world's population is killed by 3 plagues (Rev. 9:18), plus others
   - A great multitude will die for their faith in Christ (Rev. 7:9-15; 18:24)
   - At the end of this current Church Age (Last Days), a great tribulation will test the faith and loyalty of many with patient endurance. This is the testing and proofing of "many who are called" – but few are chosen – and these faithful ones will remain as they are (as wheat on the earth) as a remnant of that age – to begin the Kingdom Age (where righteousness dwells)
   - A battle between good and evil ends in Satan's defeat by Jesus (Rev. 19:19-21), then Satan is locked in the bottomless Pit, and cannot deceive the nations during this time until after 1,000 years are finished (Rev. 20:3)
   - At the end of the Church Age, angels will be sent to harvest the tares and burn them, yet the righteous remain as wheat (Matt. 13:24-30), then…

The era of "Last Days" ends.
The "End Times" Millennium begins.

- Jesus "must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet" (1 Cor. 15:25)
- Then ***the first resurrection*** of martyrs happens (Rev. 20:4), and they return to the earth to rule and reign with King Jesus in the millennium – never to die again
- Victorious, faithful saints enjoy a supper: victory over the darkness (Rev. 19:5-18)

4. Then Jesus will "***appear again***" (Col. 3:4; Heb. 9:28) "apart from sin, for salvation" at the end of the millennium – which has two parts:
   4A) Jesus will remove all things that offend
   - Satan is loosed for a short while (Rev. 20:3; 7)
   - Then Satan will go to four corners to deceive the saints (Rev. 20:8)
   - Another tribulation happens wherein souls are tested and judged (Rev. 20:7-10)
   - His enemies are put under His feet (Psa. 110:1)
   - Jesus appears a second time "apart from sin" for salvation (Heb. 9:28), and "takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)

   4B) Then Jesus gathers His elect which includes:
   - The trumpet blast awakens all souls to arise
   - ***The second resurrection happens***; "The dead in Christ will rise first" – followed by the rapture (1 Thess. 4:16, 17)
   - He gathers His elect (to the assembly of nations; Zeph. 3:8)
   - The judgment is followed by a determination with recompense
   - Then souls are sent to various places – "resurrection of life… resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:29); "resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14), Outer Darkness, plus other places
5. Then the regeneration of earth happens (Rev. 21:5)
6. Then Jesus will "***come again*** to receive us to Himself" (John 14:3)
   - We receive a glorified body (our former spirit) which comes down to us (*ex*) from out of heaven; "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our *habitation* [G3613] which is [*ex - from out of*] heaven" (2 Cor. 5:2)
   - The New Jerusalem comes down from out of heaven (Rev. 21:2)
   - Jesus takes us to places He prepared for us (John 14:3)
7. And finally, His disciples shall abide with Him eternally on the New Earth (Rev. 21:3, 4) or in other places He prepared for the resurrection of the just.

   "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17)

The reason why the institutional church has rejected this timeline is primarily due to its false "heaven-only" doctrine… which was used to develop many end-time scenarios; and secondly, due to a misunderstanding caused by the Apostle's Creed – "He will come;" and thirdly, wanting Jesus to "come again" before the great tribulation and the first resurrection (so the rapture can take them away from earth). This last point causes my blood to boil: the institutional church rejects the ministry of the Holy Spirit even though Jesus sent His Spirit (as Himself) "I will come to you" (John 14:18), but sadly… the church is waiting for Jesus to come (which has already happened)… rather than listen to the Voice of the Spirit and effect a regime change on earth from darkness to light! ARGH! Oh, how I hate religion… the mother of many foolish brides!!!

Jesus "will appear" very soon – for judgment – as coming in/on/with the clouds. Allow me to rephrase that: **Jesus will appear as lightning with clouds**! There will be flashes of lightning

in/on/with the clouds. That is what the church should be teaching (not a second coming according to His flesh). The Lord (Jesus) has appeared like this many times before:

- The LORD appeared to Moses as a flame of fire in a bush (Ex. 3:2-4; Acts 7:30)
- The LORD appeared as a cloud before the whole congregation of Israel (Ex. 16:9-11)
- He appeared to all the people, and fire came out from before the LORD (Lev. 9:23-34)
- He appeared in the tabernacle (Num. 14:10) and to the congregation (Num. 16:19)
- He appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle (Deut. 31:15)
- "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night" (Ex. 13:21)

Jesus said He will appear – so perhaps we should pay close attention to what He said to His prophets and consider what we should be looking for:

> "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke" (Joel 2:30).

The church has been teaching us Jesus will "come again" (which happens after the millennium), but the church is silent on His next appearance… and the type of signs we should be looking for.

> "I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, ***clothed with a cloud***. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire" (Rev. 10:1).

Allow me to clarify that scripture. Jesus came as a mighty Man (Isa. 42:13) to fix the man problem, and soon Jesus will appear as a mighty Angel – and come like a mighty stream.

> "So will they fear the name of the LORD from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun; for He will come like a rushing stream [to aid His people], driven by [7307-*ruwach*] the Spirit of the LORD" (Isa. 59:19; actual Hebrew).

Jesus came 2,000 years ago – for redemption; Jesus ***will appear*** in 2030 – for judgment (as light flashing from east to west); then Jesus ***will appear again*** in 3030 – for salvation; and then Jesus ***will come again*** to receive us to Himself in the resurrection – for glorification – and the restoration of His kingdom. Now that you know what to look for, what are <u>you</u> going to do?

Two Signs

Two Signs are used to fulfill His word for two different ages:

- One sign for Israel and the end of the Jewish Age and the Old Covenant Era – which was the Sign of Jonah (Luke 11:29, 20; this sign was directed toward Israel's rebellious, evil, religious leaders; Jesus came and preached the message of truth and the gospel of repentance just like Jonah did to Nineveh, however, unlike Nineveh – Israel did not

repent; "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to **this** generation" (Luke 11:30; Matt. 23:3-24:2)

- Another sign for the end of this present Church Age in the New Covenant Era (Matt. 24:3-14) – will be flashes of lightning in the heavens (Matt. 24:30)

  "Then ***the sign*** of the Son of Man ***will appear*** in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, ***and they will see the Son of Man coming*** on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30).

When Jesus appears according to the scripture above, He comes with judgment on His agenda to "judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom" (2 Tim. 4:1). When does this event take place? Our doctrines teach us this happens on the last day, but their assumption is wrong. It happens ***on the last day of the church age*** even as the kingdom age begins… and it will happen very, very soon. Wake up church – and prepare the saints for trouble ahead!

Two Tribulations for Two Ages

Two ages are mentioned in Matthew 24 with tribulations occurring at the end of each: #1) one great tribulation in Judea that happened at the end of the Jewish Age and the Old Covenant Era which occurred when the temple was destroyed 70 A.D. (Matt. 24:15-25; this temple which can never be rebuilt because: A) Jesus rendered the Jewish sacrificial system obsolete; Heb. 8:13; and B) because the Al-Aqsa Mosque has been built on top of this site) and #2) another great tribulation at the end of this present Church Age (during the New Covenant Era; Matt. 24:3-14)… which will also be rendered obsolete by the Kingdom Age. The evidence is unmistakable:

A) The disciples are told "<u>this</u> generation" (Matt. 23:36-24:2; a generation is typically 40 years) will not pass away (Matt. 24:34) until the destruction of the Jewish temple (Jesus died in 30 AD, and this occurred 40 years later in 70 AD)
B) <u>This</u> tribulation occurred in Judea (Matt. 24:16)
C) Jesus said the intensity of <u>this</u> tribulation will be greater than any future tribulation and used the phrase "nor shall ever be" (v. 21) to imply there are other tribulations (past and future) to compare it to [1]
D) "Therefore" (Matt. 24:15) describes the Jewish Age tribulation (Matt. 24:15-25)
E) "Therefore" (Matt. 24:26) describes the Church Age tribulation (Matt. 24:3-14)
F) Jesus lamented over Israel before it happened because the end of <u>this</u> Jewish Age was going to be very severe (Matt. 23:31-39); and
G) Jesus used the same phrase for Israel: "you will see Me no more" (Matt. 23:39; which means some people are waiting futilely for a Messiah that never comes)

So, I asked Jesus why those events (A-G) were not communicated in a linear manner, and the Spirit said: "because it happens to Israel – twice."

Then I asked Jesus why He talked about "this generation" not passing away, and the Spirit said: "those disciples were part of both ages during the transition between ages."

[1] A type and shadow of this is found in Ezekiel 21 (see v.19)

"**Therefore**" (Matt. 24:26) ***is a continuation of a future tribulation for the current church age we are in***… and we should be looking for Jesus to appear as a bright light – like lightning in the clouds – because we are between ages again (between the church age and the kingdom age). This should shock us to the core with holy fear… and cause us to humble ourselves with deep repentance… but it doesn't… because the institutional church is asleep. The church has been preparing for a lovely homecoming and rapture with cake, harps and chocolate bon-bons while singing kumbaya, but sadly, when He comes according to His word… it will happen suddenly (Matt. 24:36-44; Luke 17:26-37; 1 Thess. 5:2) and the church will experience the same tribulation Israel experienced as they went into captivity (multiple times) for godly reformation and spiritual renewal. If you doubt this could happen, then you've not been paying attention to worldly affairs. The entire planet is utterly divided by opposing ideologies, opposing political parties, opposing nations, opposing religions, opposing science and opposing opinions regarding what is good versus evil. Murder by abortion is considered a worldly, moral good … yet it is demonic and evil in origin. We experienced World War 1 (1914-1918) and a catastrophic Spanish Flu pandemic (1918), and then much lawlessness… and it seems we are repeating another cycle with the Wuhan Flu pandemic and much lawlessness. The signs of division capable of producing worldwide calamities, civil wars, and another global war (which has already happened twice in the last century, as well as the 9/11 terror attacks… without awakening the church) are unmistakable signs of something onerous and catastrophic looming on the horizon. The Covid19 pandemic showed us just how frail and tenuous our global economies are to an invisible virus… and disruption to world order can spiral quickly into chaos, confusion and anarchy. We do, however, once again… have one language (the computer binary code). The man of lawlessness is coming into power. The Great Babylon has been judged. Perceive the times… get ready… and repent.

"**Therefore**" the message of (Matt. 24:26) continues in (Luke 12:9-13) *with tribulation for this current age*. Judgment is coming… Lightning will happen… and it comes in two phases:

1) Phase 1: The beginning of sorrows: (Luke 12:9-13)
   - "But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, ***but the end will not come immediately***" (v.9)
   - The man of lawlessness that produces rebellion is revealed (2 Thess. 2:1-4)
   - "Then Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (v.10)
   - "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven" (v.11)
   - "***But before all these things***, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. [13] But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony" (v.12-13)
   - Think about that previous bullet point… the pre-trib rapture conflicts with scripture
   - "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19)

2) Phase 2: The tribulation begins: (Luke 21:25-28)

- "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring" (V.25)
- "Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, ***for the powers of the heavens will be shaken***" (v.26) [2]
- "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (v.27)
- "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (v.28; note: it says redemption, not salvation)

3) Then the Kingdom Age begins after the Church Age tribulation: (Matt. 24:29-31)
- "After the tribulation in those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light" (v.24:29)
- "***The powers of the heavens will be shaken***" (v.24:29) [Detail A – below]
- Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1, 2)
- The Son of Man "***will appear***" (to "judge the living and the dead ***at His appearing <u>and His kingdom</u>***" (2 Tim. 4:1) and all the tribes of the earth will mourn
- King Jesus will send out His angels to gather (*sullego*) tares and burn them (Matt. 13:40) – and also remove those things in His kingdom that offend (Matt. 13:49) and cast them (who practice lawlessness) into the furnace of fire
- King Jesus will send out His angels to gather (*episunago*) His elect in His barn
- "Stars will fall from heaven" (Matt. 24:30; stars represent martyrs under the altar in heaven who are part of the first resurrection to initiate the millennium; Rev. 20:4-6)

[Detail A] "The powers of the heavens" refers to demonic principalities and powers in heavenly places (Eph. 3:10: 6:12)… which the church should be waging war against, but it seems the opposite has happened; we've opened our doors to demonic influence, unclean spirits, sexual perversion, and worldly manmade doctrines… as is common in the kingdom of darkness.

[Detail B] As you read these end-of-the-age accounts, keep in mind… the righteous are not removed, nor are they taken up from earth. Contrarily, it is the other way around.

> "Therefore as the tares are gathered [4816] and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age; [41] the Son of Man will send out His angels, and *they will gather [4816] out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,* [42] and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. [43] ***Then*** the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (Matt. 13:40-43; these are three events; the author added a semi-colon at the end of v. 40 in keeping with the original text; see also Matt. 24:40, 41).

Angels are reapers (v.40), they gather tares (semi-colon); then angels gather those things "***out of His kingdom***" that offend, then the righteous shine. There are things in Christ's kingdom that are offensive to Him! Three different words translated "gather" are used in Matthew's Gospel:[3]

[2] The majority of people on earth and in the church… will melt in fear when this happens because there is no root to sustain them in the midst of this great trial. Disciples must be trained who know war and can teach others to endure.
[3] Strong's Concordance.

- '*Sullego*-4816' – to gather in order to remove; take away (used negatively in most instances, but favorably (below; v.48) to gather good souls away from the sea that is destined to be cast into the lake of fire; Rev. 20:14, 15)
- '*Sunago*-4863' – to collect or gather together (hospitably); the good wheat (v.13:30)
- '*Episunago*-1996' – to gather up together (in the same place); the elect (Matt. 24:31)

> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, [48] which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered [4816] the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. [49] So it will be at the end of the age. *The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just*, [50] and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:47-51).

"Two accounts are recorded (nearly back-to-back) in which the wicked are separated from the just; the first account describes souls living on the earth, and the second account describes the souls ~~of the dead~~ in the sea. The righteous do not rise up and leave the earth… the righteous remain! And the good in the sea will be gathered from the sea and '*episunago*' joined together "with" the righteous (the elect)… in the same place: Christ's Kingdom. And as the account in Matthew 24:31 indicates… this gathering together will be done "after" the great tribulation!"

> "A man is not established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous cannot be moved" (Prov. 12:3).

The good are gathered together! ***The righteous remain upon the earth***. So I ask: why are the wicked removed from the earth (Matt. 13:41) but the righteous are gathered out of the sea (Matt. 13:48)? To initiate the Kingdom Age where righteousness dwells! The earth is the Lord's and it abides forever, but the sea ceases to exist in the regeneration (Rev. 21:1). Perhaps now can you see how the "heaven-only" doctrine has turned our understanding of God's plan upside-down! ***The righteous never go off planet***!

Wheat Remain on Earth!

These excerpts are from book #14: "Make Right." A more detailed explanation also appears in book #16: "The Big Picture."