



## Concerning the Coming of our Lord

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

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**Introduction:** In this text, we are given an orientation to the difficulty of interpreting the Bible’s message about the end times.

- 1) We must be careful not to be led astray by false teachings, especially about Christ’s return.
- 2) What Christians need to be aware of are the erroneous distortions and understandable disagreements “concerning the coming of our Lord.”
- 3) Five reasons help explain why there are distortions and disagreements in the church about the end times:
  - a) Christians do not know the Bible well enough to handle the complexities of end-times promises.
  - b) Christians have struggled to apply the important end-times themes and doctrines properly.
  - c) Christians in recent generations have wedded unhealthy end-times topics and themes to politics.
  - d) It is important to understand that the Bible’s teachings about the end times have many aspects that are not self-evident.
  - e) The church has long focused on keeping the main things the main thing regarding the end times, especially for the purpose of giving Christian hope.

### The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in ... The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### The Nicene Creed

*I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ ... He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end ... I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Response

Hope Church, let us believe in the main and indisputable truths of Scripture about our blessed hope.

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification together.

- 1) What is your response to end-times topics like the millennium, the rapture, the future of Israel, and the nature of the new creation? Do they ...
  - a. ...fascinate you, to the point of overemphasis and imbalance?
  - b. ...annoy you, to the point of happy ignorance and avoidance?
  - c. ...intimidate you, and make you feel like such things are for experts only?
  - d. ...encourage you, because they help you know how to live and hope in Christ each day?
- 2) Paul was writing to correct untruths or half-truths told to the Thessalonian Christians about the end times. What are some untruths or half-truths that get told or taught to Christians today?
- 3) Do the topics of the end times and the biblical book of Revelation cause you to be “unsettled or “alarmed” (v. 2) or do they give you a sense of peace and hope?
- 4) What do you think are God’s reasons for giving us in Scripture key insights and instructions on the end times and Christian hope?
- 5) What truths about the end times and the new creation are the most confusing for you, or are the most difficult to understand? And why?
- 6) What truths about the end times and the new creation give you the most encouragement, guidance for living in the present, and true Christian hope? And why?
- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Matthew 24:6 (Mon); Luke 21:36 (Tues); Revelation 12:9 (Wed); Romans 16:19-20 (Thurs); Acts 17:30-31 (Fri).