

# WHEN THE LAST DAYS CAME

## A CONSIDERATION OF THE LAST DAYS ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

*"God...Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son"*

*~ Hebrews 1:2*

### 1. Living in the Last Days

- a. Times have changed (BC, AD), but the end is still not yet (Matt 24:3, 6, 29-30)
- b. *"We are living in the last days"* for 2000 years sounds like the boy who cried wolf.
- c. The expected objection: *"The last days were 2000 years ago before Paul"*
- d. Are the last days over? Now? To come? One thing is clear: we are not in the first days.
- e. Dispensationalists have a love for the last days, but many miss when they started, more miss why they have not ended.

### 2. New Things and Last Days

- a. When new things happen, it is natural to think we've seen the last of the past.
- b. All things became new according to what Christ revealed to Paul - 2 Cor 5:17
- c. A new apostle (to Gentiles), dispensation (grace), identity (church), gospel (cross)
- d. Yet, Paul still speaks of Israel's return, future judgment, resurrections, kingdom.
- e. Just because what is happening now is the latest, does not mean it is the last.

### 3. It Shall Come to Pass ...

- a. In the last days, what happens?
- b. The kingdom of the LORD in Zion, all nations come to it - Isa 2:2
- c. The LORD, the Redeemer comes to Zion - Isa 59:20
- d. Resurrection: "in my flesh shall I see God" - Job 19:25-26, John 6:54, 11:24
- e. Judgment: the LORD executes judgment - Joel 2:10-11, Matt 13:39-40, Jam 5:3

### 4. These Last Days

- a. Christ came in the last days preaching the kingdom "the time is fulfilled" - Mark 1:15
- b. In those days, mysteries were revealed that prolonged the end time (Matt 13:11)
- c. For ages and generations God had prophesied, but the last days had come. Luke 16:16
- d. The Holy Ghost by Peter declared Pentecost to be "last days" - Acts 2:17, Joel 2:28
- e. Peter: Jesus came and was manifest in "the last time" - 1 Pet 1:19-20
- f. John taught his children: "it is the last time" - 1 John 2:18
- g. "in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" - Heb 1:2, "in the end" Heb 9:26-28

### 5. The Last Days to Come

- a. The last days are plural. The last days must be rightly divided. 2 Pet 3:3-4, 2 Th 2:2-3
- b. There are still days to come, even as things are ready - 1 Pet 1:5
- c. In the last days, perilous times shall come (and are now) - 2 Tim 3:1, 4:1
- d. There are ages to come - Eph 2:7, 1 Thess 1:10, Heb 2:5, 8, 13:14

## **6. The Day in Which We Live**

- a. The last days of prophesy began 2000 years ago but have not yet been fulfilled.
- b. Paul was the last of all, the last of the apostles – 1 Cor 4:9, 15:8
- c. We live in a day that separates the last days of prophesy, a secret day of salvation.
  - i. ... a day of salvation without sight – 2 Cor 5:7, 6:2
  - ii. ... a day of resurrection, but not yet for all – 1 Cor 15:12-23
  - iii. ... a day of his heavenly kingdom, but not a kingdom come – 2 Tim 4:1, 18
  - iv. ... a day all have been judged sinners, but the sentence not executed (grace)
  - v. ... a day Christ is preached in you, but he has not yet appeared – Col1 1:27, 3:4
- d. We live in a day of the revelation of the mystery of Christ, a dispensation of grace.