END TIMES RESOURCE

The intent of this resource to be an overview of the biblical topic of the End Times, the times leading up to the second coming of Jesus. There are many details, perspectives, and opinions surrounding this topic. We will answer some general questions in this resource, however our main desire is to point you to the Word of God yourself. We want to create an environment in our church that encourages everyone to seek God themself. From that place, we can work through difficult parts of scripture together as a community.

Common End Time Passages

- Matthew 24 & 25
- Mark 13
- Luke 21
- Book of Revelation
- Book of Daniel
- 1 Corinthians 15
- 1 Thessalonians 5
- 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2
- 2 Peter 3

Podcasts and Online Resources

- <u>https://www.cbetskc.org/etfb</u>
- <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC__KJxpJpEputog5OqWTrUA</u>

Frequently Asked Questions

• Does it really matter that much that Jesus is coming back?

YES! It is our blessed and glorious hope (Titus 2:13)! When He comes He will bring complete justice to the earth and make all things new (Revelation 21:3-5). His return will be the fulfillment of one of His most precious promises and will be one of the final confirmations that He is who He said He is, the Son of God who will reign forever and ever.

• Can Jesus come back at any second?

No. The bible instructs us to be ready for His return and to live as if He is coming at any moment (Mt. 24:44) (Mark 13:33-37). However, Jesus and the apostles said certain things would happen first before He comes, and as of today, some of those things have not happened. Here are a few examples: the gospel spreading to every people group on earth (Mt. 24:14); a great falling away and the revealing of the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:1-4).

• Can we know the exact year, day, hour that Jesus will come back?

No. Jesus said that we would be able to know or discern the "season or time" of His coming, but not the exact day (Mt. 24:32-36).

What about the rapture, is that a thing or what?

Yes. Though the word 'rapture' is not in scripture, the bible does say that believers in Jesus will be "caught up in the air with the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:51-52) (1 Thess. 4:15-18).

• Will the rapture be before the tribulation and therefore we as believers will be spared from the horrible time that is coming on the earth?

No. Though this is disputed amongst scholars, it seems clear to us that we will be "caught up in the air" **at the same time** that Jesus comes. The bible says that Jesus comes **after** the tribulation of the end times (Mt. 24:29-31)(Mk. 13:24-27)(Lk. 21:25-28).

