

## REVELATION Lesson 202

### Chapter 22 The Last Days/Latter Days

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Christians need to be careful in their study of the word of God. We should never simply take a man's word for something if what he is teaching cannot be supported by the bible. Once you start stating things as fact when the bible does not back it up, by necessity you'll have to teach additional falsehoods to support the original fabrications and untruths.

Preachers get Christians excited by telling them the Second Coming could be today.

- That is impossible. The Second Coming follows the rapture and the Tribulation. Christians won't be on the Earth when the Lord returns at the Second Coming. They'll be returning with Him.
- In this lesson, we will examine the places in the bible that speak of the "last days" or the "latter days" and we'll let the bible establish when those days will take place.

**Dan 9:24-27** This passage deals with Daniel's people (the Jews) and the holy city (Jerusalem) (vs 24). It does not deal with the Church.

- After 69 weeks (vss 25-26) Messiah shall be cut off. (See Revelation lesson 70).
- There is one week remaining (7 years of Tribulation) after Messiah is cut off (Calvary).
- With a set number of days laid out by God, it is possible to establish which of those days are counted as "last days" or "latter days" or the "last time."
- The Church Age is not accounted for in God's timetable. There is no predetermined time period in the bible for the Church. Therefore, we cannot refer to any time during the Church age as "last days." We don't know when the Church Age will end.
- Only the nation of Israel has a set number of days laid out for them by God. They will be able to determine when they are in the last days when they see certain signs.
- Jesus could catch the Church away at any moment. The Lord didn't give the Church any signs for the rapture.
- Christians think they're in the last days because their eyes have been opened by the Holy Spirit enabling them to see how bad things really are in the world. Things have always been bad, but you weren't able to see it until you got saved.
- Every place the term "last days" or "latter days" occurs in the bible, it will refer to the Tribulation period.

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**Deut 31:28-29** The people of Israel will have evil poured out upon them in the latter days because they forsook the way of the Lord.

**Daniel 2:28, 44** The interpretation of the end of Nebuchadnezzar's dream points to the time when Jesus Christ will return (at the end of the Tribulation) to destroy the wicked Gentile kingdoms and set up His kingdom. That takes place in the latter days (vs 28).

**Jeremiah 23:18-20** In the latter days, the Jews will "consider perfectly" the reason for all the judgments that have fallen upon them. That will happen in the Tribulation. Today they still don't see the reason for the judgments.

<b>Ezekiel 38:14-16</b>	God will send Gog (a Gentile Army) from the north to fight against His people, Israel in the latter days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armies fighting in the Middle East today (while the Church is still here) is not a sign for the rapture.</li> </ul>
<b>Daniel 10:14</b>	The latter days are for Daniel’s people, the Jews.
<b>Deut 4:29-31</b>	The Jews will be in tribulation in the latter days trying to keep God’s commandments so the Lord won’t forsake them. The Church will not be in the Tribulation. God will never forsake you (Heb 13:5).
<b>Numbers 24:10-14</b>	The prophet Balaam prophesied about Israel’s enemies being defeated by the Lord in the latter days.
<b>Jer 48:47, 49:39</b>	The believing remnant of Israel will be hiding in Moab and Elam in the latter days (Tribulation time). When the Lord returns, He will bring them out of hiding.
<b>Hosea 3:4-5</b>	After many days (centuries now) of Israel not having a king, a prince, a sacrifice, etc., they will turn back to the Lord their God—in the latter days.
<b>Isa 2:2-4, Mic 4:1-2</b>	In the last days, Mount Zion in Jerusalem will be exalted, all nations shall flow into it, and the Law shall go forth out of Zion.
<b>Jeremiah 30:24</b>	Today, Israel is not considering their predicament in light of God’s word. They don’t understand those things. They shall consider it in the latter days.
<b>1 Tim 3:1-5</b>	In the last days perilous times shall come. It will be a time when people will be deceived by someone having a “form of godliness” (vs 5).
<b>2 Pet 3:3-4, Jude 17-18</b>	In the last days, people will be concerned with the Lord’s coming. The Church is not Looking for the Lord’s Coming. We’re waiting for the time when we’ll GO to meet the Lord.
<b>James 5:1-5</b>	In the last days, miseries are going to come upon the rich men. This is not true of rich men today who live in peace and luxury.
<b>1 John 2:17-18</b>	Antichrist shall come in the “last time.”
<b>Hebrews 1:1-2</b>	The last days are associated with the Lord as heir of all things.
<b>1 Peter 1:20, 5</b>	Calvary was associated with the “last times” (vs 20) because the next thing on God’s timetable was the Tribulation and Second Coming. The Savior is revealed in the “last time” (vs 5). Calvary and the Second Coming are only a week apart on God’s calendar.

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