

- Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. **Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)**
- But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. **Micah 5:2 (NIV)**
- No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (NIV)**

WHAT WE KNOW AND THINK WE KNOW ABOUT THE END TIMES

1. WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." **Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)**

2. WE KNOW THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **John 14:1-3 (NIV)**

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **Matthew 24:36 (NIV)**

3. WE KNOW THAT JESUS WILL REIGN A LONG TIME

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **Revelation 20:4 (NIV)**

- Millennial Theories
 1. Pre-Millennial View
 2. A-Millennial View
 3. Post-Millennial View

4. WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE BEFORE HE COMES

- Ways of viewing Revelation
 1. As an Idealist
 2. As an Historicist
 3. As a Futurist
 4. As a Preterist

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth." **Revelation 11:1-4 (NIV)**

If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. **Revelation 11:5-6 (NIV)**

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. **Revelation 11:7-10 (NIV)**

5. WE THINK WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE A RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)**

- Three views
 - Pre trib
 - Mid trib
 - Post trib

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

1. MAKE SURE I'M READY

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. **Luke 12:40 (NIV)**

2. START LIVING MY LIFE FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)**

3. KEEP MY HEAD UP, BECAUSE I KNOW THE END OF THE STORY

When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. **Luke 21:28 (NIV)**

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THIS WEEK'S READING:

OCT 15: REV. 15; ESTHER 6:14-8:17; PS. 107:1-22
OCT 16: REV. 16; ESTHER 9-10; PS. 107:23-43
OCT 17: REV. 17; ISA. 1-2; PS. 108

OCT 18: REV. 18; ISA. 3-4; PS. 109:1-19
OCT 19: REV. 19; ISA. 5-6; PS. 109:20-31
OCT 20: REV. 20; ISA. 7-8; PS. 110
OCT 21: REV. 21-22; ISA. 9-10; PS. 111

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