

ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS? (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-5)

II. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST AFFLICTION (1:6–2:13)

III. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST APOSTASY (2:14–4:8)

A. Responding to False Teaching & Teachers (2:14-26)

B. Perilous Times in the Last Days (3:1-9)

1. God wants all believers to _____ that we are living in the _____ and what they will be like. (vv. 1-9)
 - *What does the theological term “eschatology” mean?*
 - *What does this say about the value of Bible prophecy?*

2. The phrase “last days” in verse 1 and similar expressions throughout the New Testament refer to the entirety of the _____ from Christ’s first coming to the Rapture. (1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1; Heb. 1:1-2; Jam. 5:3, 7-9; 1 John 2:18; 1 Peter 1:5, 13, 20; 2 Peter 3:3-4; Jude 17-18)
 - *How do the last days/church age relate prophetically to the Rapture, Tribulation, Second Coming, and Kingdom?*
 - *What do the “last days” or “latter times” mean according to the OT prophets? (Isa. 2:2; Jer. 30:18-24; 49:39; Ezek. 38:16; Dan. 2:28; 10:14; Hos. 3:4-5)*

3. The first-century Christians believed in the _____ of the Rapture—that Christ could come back for them in their lifetimes and therefore that they too were living in the last days (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 1 John 2:28; 3:2-3).

4. The _____ is presently being set in these “last days” for the fulfillment of events _____ the Rapture and during the Tribulation.
 - *How does the description of the “last days” in 2 Timothy 3:1-8 relate to this?*

- *How is the stage set with Israel? (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 9:24-27; Rev. 7:4-8; 11:3-12; 12:1-17)*
- *How is the stage set for the Third Temple? (Matt. 24:15-20; 2 Thess. 2:3-4)*
- *How is the stage set with the red heifers? (Num. 19:1-10; Dan. 9:27; Heb. 9:11-15)*
- *How is the stage set for the Gog and Magog invasion? (Ezek. 38-39)*
- *How is the stage set technologically for a global economy? (Rev. 13, 17-18)*
- *How does this relate to a global religion? (Rev. 13, 17-18)*
- *How does this relate to a global government? (Rev. 13, 17-18)*
- *How does all this relate to the promise of 2 Timothy 3:9 and the return of Jesus Christ? (Luke 2:32; Rev. 1:1-2; 19:10)*