

# Discerning The Times

## A Lesson For Home Fellowship Study

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#### Why is this study relevant today?

When it comes to the subject of “**end times**” there are sharp disagreements among denominations on the subject even with the Assemblies of God. Some teach that we are already in “The Kingdom” others that is far off. Many denominations teach we the church have replaced Israel and that Israel and Jerusalem have no prophetic future place.

#### Scriptures that relate to the end times

**Heb 10:25** (Read) (Comment)

#### The Nature of the “Last Days”

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** (Read) (Comment)

**See Luke 19:39-44** (Read)

**Daniel’s amazing prophecy of the future** fulfillment of God’s plan in the 70 weeks of years; The Prophecy that was exact to the day for Christ first coming.

**Daniel 9: 24-27** (Read) (Comment)

**2 Peter: 3:3-8** (Read) (Comment)

#### End Times views are in dispute and contention

**Preterists:** Hold to past fulfillment of all past prophecies; Revelation is seen as symbolic or metaphoric.

**Amillennialists:** The majority of mainline denominations believe we who are the body of believers in Christ, who are baptized members of the church constitute the Kingdom; and there is no future “millennial kingdom.”

**Kingdom Now and NAR** (**NAR** *New Apostolic Reformation*: referring to hyper-charismatic assemblies, many are megachurches.) Generally are strictly structured with top down authority of Apostles, Prophets, and others in the delegated five fold ministry.

**Dispensationalists** are believers in a future end of the church age, followed by a time of judgment upon the Christ rejecting world. The final week of Daniel is focused on Israel to save a remnant who will be saved in the tribulation period. Remnant Jews who come to the Messiah will go into the Kingdom in which Christ will reign from Jerusalem for a thousand years.

### **Church Age versus the Kingdom Age**

Separation of things pertaining to Israel and the Eklessia (called out church)  
Replacement Theology Doctrine\*\*\* (view of Revelation and Israel in prophecy)

**Replacement theology:** (most mainstream denominations) Church replaces Israel; Israel and Jerusalem are not relevant prophecy.

(See: **Jeremiah 31:35-36** Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the LORD of hosts is his name: **31:36** “If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.” .

### **NOTES**

^ **Dispensationalists** The principle that God works in different way at different times from Eden to Christ. Dispensationalists separate the current church age from the past dispensation of Israel and Levitical Judaism.

^ **The principle of a day equal a year:** Ezekiel 4:6 - - Numbers 14, forty days spying the land=forty years in the wilderness as a judgment for unbelief.

^ **Three decrees for rebuilding the temple** 1,Cyrus 2, Darius 3, Artaxerxes 457BC  
**4<sup>th</sup> Decree Artaxerxes**, to rebuild Jerusalem the city and walls, 444 BC

^ **Months in Old Testament** consisted of 30 days;  
Years calculated in old testament a year 360

^ **Prophetic time of the tribulation period** is referred to as time of Jacob’s Trouble  
Jeremiah 30:7

^ **Jesus prophesied the typology of the Days of Noah and the Days of Lot:** **Luke 17:26** And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. **17:27** They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. **17:28** Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; **17:29** But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all. **Luk 17:30** Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

**^ The world is (was) destroyed first by water; (Noah) and is held in store for destruction by fire. (Lot)**

**^ Jesus gives us a subtle typology and foreshadowing of the coming church age, which points to the gathering in of the Gentiles. John Chapter 4:4** And he must needs pass through Samaria. - - **John 4:40** So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days. And: **John 4:43** And after the two days he went forth from thence into Galilee.

**When the work of God is finalized: Daniel 9:**

***(Jews were forbidden by a curse to seek to look at Daniel's prophecy by rabbinical decree.)***

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people (The Jews) and upon thy holy city, (Jerusalem)

- 1) To finish transgression,
- 2) To make an end of sins,
- 3) To make reconciliation for iniquity,
- 4) To bring in everlasting righteousness,
- 5) To seal up vision,
- 6) To seal up prophecy,
- 7) To anoint the 'most holy' (person/place).

**Peters Second Epistle: About God's time and prophetic fulfillment**

**2Peter 3:8** But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **3:9**) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is long suffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **3:10**) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

**The amazing prophetic clue to end times found in Hosea Chapter 6**

**Hos 6:1** Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **Hos 6:2** After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him.