

Passages Related to the Last Times

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The End of the Age

Mt. 13.39 – “The harvest is the end of the age.”
Mt. 13.40 – “So shall it be in the end of this age.”
Mt. 13.49 – “So shall it be at the end of the age.”
Mt. 24.3 – “What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the age?”
Heb. 9.26 – “But now once in the end of the ages.”

The End

Mt. 10.22 – “He that endureth to the end shall be saved.”
Mt. 24.6 – “But the end is not yet”
Mt. 24.13 – “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”
Mt. 24.14 – “Then shall the end come.”
I Cor. 1.8 – “Who shall also confirm you unto the end.”
I Cor. 10.11 – “Upon whom the ends of the ages are come.”
I Cor. 15.24 – “Then cometh the end.”
Heb. 3.6 – “Firm unto the end.”
Heb. 3.14 – “Stedfast unto the end.”
Heb. 6.11 – “Diligence unto the end.”
I Pet. 2.7 – “The end of all things is at hand.”
Rev. 2.26 – “He that keepeth my works unto the end.”

The Last Times, Days, etc.

I Tim. 4.1 – “In the latter times some shall apostatise.”
II Tim. 3.1 – “In the last days perilous times shall come.”
Heb. 1.2 – “In these last days God hath spoken to us.”
James 5.8 – “Ye have heaped up treasures in the last days.”
I Pet. 1.5 – “Salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.”
I Pet. 1.20 – “Who was manifest in these last times for you.”
II Pet. 3.8 – “There shall come in the last days scoffers.”
I Jn. 2.18 – “It is the last hour.”
Jude 18 – “That there should be mockers in the last time.”

Equivalent Phrases Referring to the Same Period

The Day

Mt. 25.13 – “Ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh”
Lk. 17.30 – “The day when the Son of man is revealed.”

Rom. 2.16 – “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men.”
I Cor. 3.13 – “The day shall declare it.”
Heb. 10.25 – “Ye see the day approaching.”

That Day

Mt. 7.22 – “Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord.”
Mt. 24.36 – “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man.”
Lk. 10.12 – “It shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom.”
Lk. 21.34 – “And so that day come upon your unawares.”
I Thes. 5.4 – “That that day should overtake you as a thief.”
II Thes. 2.3 – “That day shall not come except there come the apostasy.”
II Tim. 1.12 – “Which I have committed unto him against that day.”
II Tim. 1.18 – “That he may find mercy of the Lord in that day.”
II Tim. 4.8 – “A crown...which the Lord...hall give me at that day.”

The Day of the Lord

I Cor. 1.8 – “That ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
I Cor. 5.5 – “That the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”
II Cor. 1.14 – “Ye are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.”
Phil. 2.16 – “That I may rejoice in the day of Christ.”
I Thes. 5.2 – “The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”

The Day of God

II Pet. 3.12 – “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.”

The Great Day

Ac. 2.20 – “That great and notable day of the Lord.”
Jude 6 – “The judgment of the great day.”
Rev. 6.17 – “The great day of his wrath is come.”
Rev. 16.14 – “The battle of the great day.”

The Day of Wrath

Rom. 2.5 – “Treasurist UP wrath against the day of wrath.”
Rev. 6.17 – “The great day of his wrath is come.”

The Day of Judgment

Mt. 10.15 – “It shall be more tolerable in the day of judgment.”
Mt. 11.22 – “It shall be more tolerable...in the day of judgment.”
Mt. 11.24 – “It shall be more tolerable...in the day of judgment.”
Mt. 12.36 – “They shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”

II Pet. 2.9 – “To reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment.”

II Pet. 3.7 – “The judgment of perdition of ungodly men.”

I John. 4.17 – “That we may have boldness in the day of judgment.”

The Day of Redemption

Eph. 4.30 – “Sealed unto the day of redemption.”

The Last Day

Jn. 11.39 – “That I should raise it up at the last day.”

Jn. 6.40 – “I will raise him up at the last day.”

Jn. 6.41 – “And I will raise him up at the last day.”

Jn. 6.54 – “And I will raise him up at the last day.”

Jn. 11.24 – “He shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

From the comparison of these passages it will appear, —

1. That they all refer to one and the same period—a certain definite and specific time.
2. That they all either assume or affirm that the period in question is not far distant.
3. The limit beyond which it is permissible to go in determining the period called ‘the last time’ is indicated in the New Testament scriptures, viz., the lifetime of the generation which generated Christ.
4. This brings us to the period of the destruction of Jerusalem, as marking ‘the close of the age,’ ‘the day of the Lord,’ ‘the end.’ That is to say, the coming of the Lord, or the Parousia.