

END TIMES

In the gospels Matthew, Mark, and Luke quote pretty much the same thing that Jesus had to say about the end times. John does not even think an end time is important enough to include in his gospel. It is not until 60 years later that John has a revelation about the end times and puts it into writing. Paul states over and over again that end times prophecies are concerned with the “remnant of the promise to Abraham”. The Church of Christ will be called away before the tribulation. The church of Christ includes the Messianic Jews and the Christian Gentiles.

Our inability as Christians, as a body, to be specific about the end times is not a sign of weakness or ignorance, but rather a true awareness of the limits of human knowledge. Obviously, I believe that the coming end of the world as we know it is something we as Christians need to take seriously. However, I also believe that a preoccupation with interpreting times and events can distract us from an authentic relationship with Christ and from concern for our neighbor’s welfare. To fall into that trap can easily cause us to miss the profound implications of Paul’s teaching on the last days found in 1Thes 4 & 5.