

# A Quiz: Test your knowledge of eschatology!

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## Bible Version

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## The timing of Jesus' return

1. Within what time frame did Jesus promise to return?  
Mt 16:27-28; 24:34; Mk 8:38 – 9:1.
2. What is the meaning of “this generation” in Matthew 24:34 (and parallels: Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32)?  
Mt 11:16 (= Lk 7:31); 12:41-42 (= Lk 11:29-32); 12:45; 23:35-36 (= Lk 11:50-51); Mk 8:12; Lk 17:25.
3. What major event (amongst others) would be associated with his coming, and how does this relate to the Great Tribulation?  
Mt 24:1-3, 15-21.
4. Who would witness these events?  
Mt 24:6, 15, 20, 44.
5. How might the (seemingly) contradictory statements of Matthew 24:34 and 24:36 be reconciled?
6. What is the “end of the age” (Mt 24:3, ESV), and how does it differ from the end of the world?  
(Clue: it relates to Jewish expectations about the messianic kingdom.)
7. Which disciple was expected to live until Jesus returned, and why?  
Jn 21:22-23.
8. In the 60s AD “scoffers” began to assert that Jesus had not fulfilled his promise to return (2Pet 3:3-4).  
Which promise(s) did they have in mind, and why could they so confidently assert such?  
Who were these scoffers? Were they the same men as those mentioned in Jude 1:18-19?  
Mt 16:27-28; 23:35-38; 24:30, 34; 26:64.

## Paul

1. When did Paul expect Jesus to return?  
Php 4:5b.
2. Whom did Paul expect would live until Jesus returned?  
1Thes 4:15; 5:2-5; 2Thes 1:7; 2:1-3; 1Tim 6:14.
3. Whom did Paul expect would live until the Resurrection?  
1Cor 15:51.

## Hebrews

1. When did the author expect the Judgment to take place?  
Heb 10:25.
2. Who would be judged?  
Heb 10:30 (which cites Dt 32:35-36).
3. When did he expect Jesus to return?  
Heb 10:37.
4. What was “becoming obsolete and growing old” and “ready to vanish away” (Heb 8:13)?  
How does this relate to the “removal of things that [can be] shaken” (Heb 12:27), and to the author’s warnings about judgment?

## James

1. When were the “last days” according to James?  
Jas 5:3.
2. When did James expect Jesus to return, and the Judgment to take place?  
Jas 5:7-9.
3. Who would be judged?  
Jas 5:1-6, 9.

## Peter

1. What were Peter’s readers undergoing?  
1Pet 1:7; 4:12.
2. When did Peter expect “the end of all things” to take place?  
1Pet 4:7.
3. When did Peter expect the Judgment<sup>1</sup> to take place?  
1Pet 4:5, 17.
4. Who would be judged?  
1Pet 4:5, 17.
5. How might all this relate to 2 Peter 3:7-12: the destruction of the heavens and the earth by fire.

## John

1. What “hour” was it when John wrote?  
1Jn 2:18.
2. What can we infer about the nature and teaching of the “antichrists” mentioned by John?  
1Jn 2:18-19, 22-23; 4:1-3; 2Jn 1:7.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Peter 4:17 (Greek text): τὸ κρίμα (*to krima*) = THE Judgment.

## Jude

1. When was the “last time” according to Jude?  
Jude 1:18.
2. Who would be judged, and when?  
Jude 1:14-19.
3. What does Jude mean by contending “for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3)?  
How might his own expectations of imminent judgment relate to this body or system of doctrine that the apostles taught and that the Church believed from its inception?

## Revelation

1. When were the visions of Revelation to be fulfilled?  
Rev 1:1, 3; 22:6, 10.
2. When was Jesus coming?  
Rev 22:7, 12, 20.
3. Who would witness his coming?  
Rev 1:7; 2:5, 16, 25; 3:3, 11.  
What does this suggest about the nature of that coming?
4. What was about to break out, and who would be affected?  
Rev 3:10.
5. Who is the “great city” that is judged (Rev 18:16, 18-19) and what nasty names is she called?  
Rev 11:8; 17:5.
6. What was the city’s crime? How does that relate to what Jesus had foretold?  
Rev 17:6; 18:24; cf. Mt 23:34-36.
7. Who are the two women of Revelation, and how are they related?  
Revelation 17 – 18, and 21 – 22.
8. How might John’s visions relate to the prophecies of Isaiah?  
Isa 1:21, 26.
9. What “king” was reigning when John wrote (Rev 17:10)?  
Clue: Julius, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero (54-68 AD), Galba (reigned just 7 months).
10. If Revelation’s visions are prophetic, when must the book have been written?  
Clue: Nero’s persecution lasted from 64-68 AD; the Jewish-Roman War lasted from 66-70 AD.
11. How many millennia are there in Revelation 20:1-6?  
Where is Satan, and where are the martyrs, during these millennia?
12. How do these millennia relate to each other?  
Clue: Satan’s release results in deception, persecution, and martyrdom.
13. How many resurrections are there in Revelation 20?  
Rev 20:5; 20:11-15.

## Nature of our deliverance

1. From what/whom does Jesus rescue his people?  
Mt 1:21; Jn 8:31-36, 51; Col 1:13-14.

## Nature of the Resurrection

1. What was the inheritance longed for by the Old Testament (OT) saints, and how would they enter into it?  
Heb 11:10, 16, 35.
2. When were they to receive this, and why did they have to wait so long?  
Heb 11:39-40.
3. Where did these OT saints go to when they died?  
Clue: Where did Jesus and the repentant thief go to when they died (Lk 23:43)?
4. Where do we go to when we die?  
2Cor 5:8; Php 1:23.
5. What does this difference imply about the timing and nature of the Resurrection?
6. What sort of body will we get when we die?  
1Cor 15:44, 50; 2Cor 5:1-10.
7. What is the significance of the “keys” in Revelation 1:18, and what is the nature of the Resurrection in Revelation 20:11ff.?
8. How has death been “abolished” for Christians?  
Jn 8:51; 11:25-26; 2Tim 1:10.
9. Hymenaeus was “jumping the gun” with respect to the Resurrection (2Tim 2:17-18).  
From his error, what can we infer about what Paul had been teaching concerning the nature and timing of the Resurrection?

## The Judgment

1. Whom would God send before Judgment Day, and who fulfilled this prophecy?  
Mal 4:5; Mt 11:14; 17:10-13; Lk 1:17.
2. John’s threat of judgment was directed at whom, and how far off was that judgment?  
Mt 3:7-12.
3. What does the Parable of the Ten Minas suggest about the timing of the Judgment?  
Luke 19:11-27.
4. Who were waiting for, and could even “hasten”, the coming Day of Judgment?  
2Pet 3:12.
5. Who constitute Jesus’ “brothers” in the Sheep – Goats Judgment (Mt 25:40)?  
Mt 10:40-42; 12:49-50; cf. Ac 9:4-5.
6. What does Revelation 22:11 imply about the timing of the Judgment?

## New heaven and earth and New Jerusalem

1. Who was expecting the imminent arrival of these?  
2 Peter 3:12-13; Rev 21:1; 22:6, 10.
2. According to Isaiah, what activities will people indulge in in the New Jerusalem, and how old will they be when they die?  
Isaiah 65:17-25.
3. Who is Christ's "Bride"?  
Rev 21:2, 9; 22:17; Eph 5:25ff.
4. What are the two locations of this city?  
Rev 21:2, 10; Heb 12:22; 13:14.
5. Are believers already citizens of this city, and if so, how?  
Gal 4:26; Php 3:20; Heb 12:22; cf. Eph 2:6.
6. How might the city itself relate to the surrounding new heaven and earth?  
Clue: How does London relate to the rest of the U.K.?
7. Who rules from the city, and over what?  
Rev 5:10; 22:5.
8. What is the significance of the city's foundations?  
Rev 21:14; Eph 2:20.
9. What is significant about the city's shape, and what does that mean for its citizens?  
Rev 21:16; 1Kgs 6:20; Eze 41:4; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 7:15; Heb 10:19.
10. Who dwells within the city?  
Rev 21:27.
11. Who lives in the new heaven and earth but outside the city's walls?  
Rev 22:15.
12. How can people outside enter the city, and who invites them in?  
Rev 22:14, 17.
13. What spiritual blessings does the city impart to the world?  
Rev 21:24; 22:2.  
Is this a description of eternity, or of the present gospel/kingdom/Church age?
14. How might the New (or heavenly) Jerusalem relate to OT prophecy?  
Clue: OT prophets spoke of Jerusalem's restoration following judgment, and the return of the exiles to the city. And of the city being holy, with Yahweh dwelling therein.  
See for example, Isaiah 1:25 – 2:4; 44:28; 45:13; 65:19ff.; Zechariah 8:3.
15. Through whom is Jerusalem restored and the exiles gathered?  
Isaiah 53; 54:1 (cf. Gal 4:27).
16. How might this city relate to the Resurrection?  
Rev 22:7-8; cf. 20:13-15.

## Fulfillment of Prophecy

1. The OT prophets spoke about which time?  
Ac 3:18, 24; 1Pet 1:10-12.
2. What was promised to Abraham, and how are those promises fulfilled?  
Rom 4:13; Gal 3:8, 14, 16; cf. Gen 12:3; 17:8; 22:18.
3. What was promised to King David?  
2Sam 7:11-16.
4. What sort of kingdom was foretold?  
Psalm 72.
5. With the failure of David's line, and with the nation's demise and exile, how would God's promises be fulfilled?  
Isa 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-10; Isaiah 40 – 66.
6. Where would David's heir rule from?  
Ps 2:6; Ps 110:1-2; Dan 7:13-14.
7. What does his ruling "with a rod of iron" (Ps 2:9; Rev 12:5) imply?
8. What were godly Jews eagerly anticipating around the time of Jesus' birth?  
Lk 2:25, 38.
9. What did Gabriel promise to Mary about her son's kingdom?  
Lk 1:32-33.
10. When was the kingdom "at hand", and when would it "come with power"?  
Mt 3:2; 4:17; 10:7; Mk 9:1.
11. Why is the proclamation of the kingdom integral to the gospel?  
Ac 8:12; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 31.
12. Has David's throne been restored, and if so, how?  
Ac 2:30-36; Rev 11:15.
13. How are the nations Jesus' reward and inheritance, and how does he win them?  
Ps 2:8; Mt 28:18-19.
14. How do David's military conquests relate to the gospel?  
Ac 15:16-18; Rom 15:9; cf. Am 9:11-12; Ps 18:43-50.
15. When did Paul view Isaiah 11 as being fulfilled?  
How was the depicted peace — the harmony between diverse animals (Isa 11:6-9) — fulfilled?  
Romans 15:12, which cites Isaiah 11:10. Cf. Isa 2:1-4; 11:6-9; 19:23-25; 65:25; Rom 15:5-13; Eph 2:14-15.
16. How does John's last vision — that of the new creation / New Jerusalem — tie together the various strands of OT prophecy? Relate what John saw to:  
God's covenant promises to Abraham and to Israel; his promise to David of a lasting dynasty and kingdom; his promises concerning Jerusalem's restoration, with his people delivered and gathered from exile.  
Relate this to the vision's Edenic imagery (water and tree of life; no more banishment, death, or curse); to its tabernacle/temple imagery; to the marriage of Christ and his Bride.