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Eschatology – Avoiding Distraction in the End-Times

In theological and biblical academic settings, the study of last-days prophetic events is called commonly called “Eschatology.” The Word of God contains many scriptures that direct us to end-times and give us information about God’s will with respect to prophetic events that are to occur. Today’s teaching will refresh your understanding of the end-time prophetic scenario.

In St. Matthew 24 the disciples asked Jesus, “What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world?” (read Matt. 24:1-8. Also Luke 21:5-11, Mark 13:1-8) These scriptures are used to indicate conditions that are “signs of the times” indicating the nearness of the Coming of Jesus for the Church. The Lord has allowed some 2,000 years of preaching in His effort to save as many souls as possible. Peter explains it in I Peter 3:9-11 (*i.e. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us ward...”*)

What are Phenomena that indicate that we are in the last days?

1. “Perilous times shall come....” II Timothy 3:1 The perilous times are here, manifesting themselves through -
 - wars and rumors of wars
 - homosexual marriages are a clear sign that we are close to judgment
 - homosexual bishops, clergy and church leadership
 - widespread immorality throughout the culture
 - lukewarm and worldly “Christianity”
2. Preparation for the **ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT** (Revelation 13:1-9)
 - Potency and increasing power of the United Nations
 - The United States of Europe is in development
3. Technological and emotional Preparation for **ONE WORLD CURRENCY** implemented through “The Mark of the Beast” (Revelation 13:16-18)
 - Credit Cards, Bar Codes,
 - chip implants, the “Euro”
 - interlocking international economies etc.

4. Preparations for the **ONE WORLD RELIGION** (Revelation 13:11-15)
 Assertiveness of Pope Benedict
 Ecumenicalism within Christianity and with non-Christian religions
 The United Religions movement
5. Gradual development of a **COMPLETE POLICE STATE** (Daniel 7:7-8, :23-25)
 Loss of privacy resulting from terrorism and Al-Queida
 Cameras everywhere - Airport screenings

The Biblical Sequence of End-Times Events

1. The Rapture
2. The Seven-year Tribulation
3. The Battle of Armageddon
4. The Kingdom Age, Millennial Reign of Christ
5. The Last Battle
6. The Great White Throne Judgment
7. The New Heavens and the New Earth
8. THE ETERNAL FUTURE



How Must the Church Respond to the Unfolding of the End-Time Scenario?

1. Luke 12:35—40 "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; (36) And yourselves **like unto men that wait for their lord**, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him **immediately....**"
2. Hebrews 10:25-26 "...**exhorting** one another and so much the more as ye see **the day** approaching."
3. I Peter 4:7 - "...the end of all things is at hand, **be ye sober and watch** unto prayer."
4. St. Matthew 24:44 "**Be ye also ready**, for in such an hour as ye think not..."
5. John 9:4 "...I must **work the works of him** that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."
6. "This gospel of the Kingdom **must be preached** among all nations for a sign unto them, and then shall the end come."