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## **The Truth About the Last Days**

### **Introduction: Are We Really in the Last Days?**

Futurists keep insisting that we are living in the "Last Days" right now. But the Bible only uses the phrase "Last Days" five times in the New Testament, and "Last Day" just seven times. That should make us pause and actually look at how scripture uses those terms. So let's do that. You may be surprised to find that none of them support a modern end-times theory.

## The Five Mentions of "Last Days"

**Acts 2:17** "And it shall be in the last days, God says, That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind, And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, And your young men will see visions, And your old men will have dreams"

Peter quoted this from Joel and said it was being fulfilled right then. The Spirit was being poured out. That means they were in the last days, not us.

**2 Timothy 3:1** "But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come"

Paul told Timothy about conditions that would come in his time. He was not warning a generation 2,000 years in the future. The whole chapter fits the first-century context perfectly.

**Hebrews 1:2** "In these last days He has spoken to us through His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world"

The writer of Hebrews said God was speaking to them in the last days. Not future, not symbolic, but real and present for them.

**James 5:3** "Your gold and your silver have rusted, and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure"

James rebuked rich people in his own day for hoarding wealth. He did not say they would be storing up treasure in the last days. He said they had done it, because the last days were already happening.

**2 Peter 3:3** "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts"

Peter said this as a warning to first-century believers. The mockers were coming then. Just read the rest of the chapter and see how urgent and present his language is.

## **The Seven Mentions of "Last Day"**

**John 6:39** "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of everything that He has given Me I will lose nothing, but will raise it up on the last day"

**John 6:40** "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day"

**John 6:44** "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day"

**John 6:54** "The one who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day"

All of these say the resurrection would happen on the "last day." That "last day" is not some distant future. It refers to the final day of the Old Covenant age, which ended in AD 70 with the judgment of Jerusalem.

**John 11:24** "Martha said to Him, 'I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day'"

Martha believed in a resurrection on the last day just like the others in her time. Jesus did not correct her timing. He confirmed it and showed that He was the resurrection and the life.

**John 12:48** "The one who rejects Me and does not accept My teachings has one who judges him, the word which I spoke, that

will judge him on the last day"

Jesus said His words would judge those who rejected Him, and that judgment would come on the last day. And it did. In that generation.

**John 7:37** "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink'"

This one refers to the feast day, not eschatology. But again, it is first-century context. No modern fulfillment needed.

## **Conclusion: The Last Days Were Theirs, Not Ours**

The Bible never once applies the phrase "last days" or "last day" to our time. Every usage is clearly in reference to the end of the Old Covenant age, the first-century generation, and the events that culminated in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

So why do futurists keep saying we are in the last days? Because they repeat what they have been told, not because they are reading what the Bible actually says. It is time to stop recycling fear and start standing on fulfilled truth.

We are not living in the last days. We are living in the kingdom. Jesus fulfilled everything He said He would, right on time. The last days ended. The everlasting age of Christ's kingdom has no end.

## **One Last Thought for the Futurists**

So for the futurists out there saying, "But I thought the last days started then and continue to this day?" No. That is not what scripture teaches. Jesus and His apostles lived in the last days. We are not. The last days were the final days of the Old Covenant, not a 2,000-year countdown. That age ended in

judgment, just as Jesus said it would. We are now in the age that follows, the everlasting kingdom. The last days are over.

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