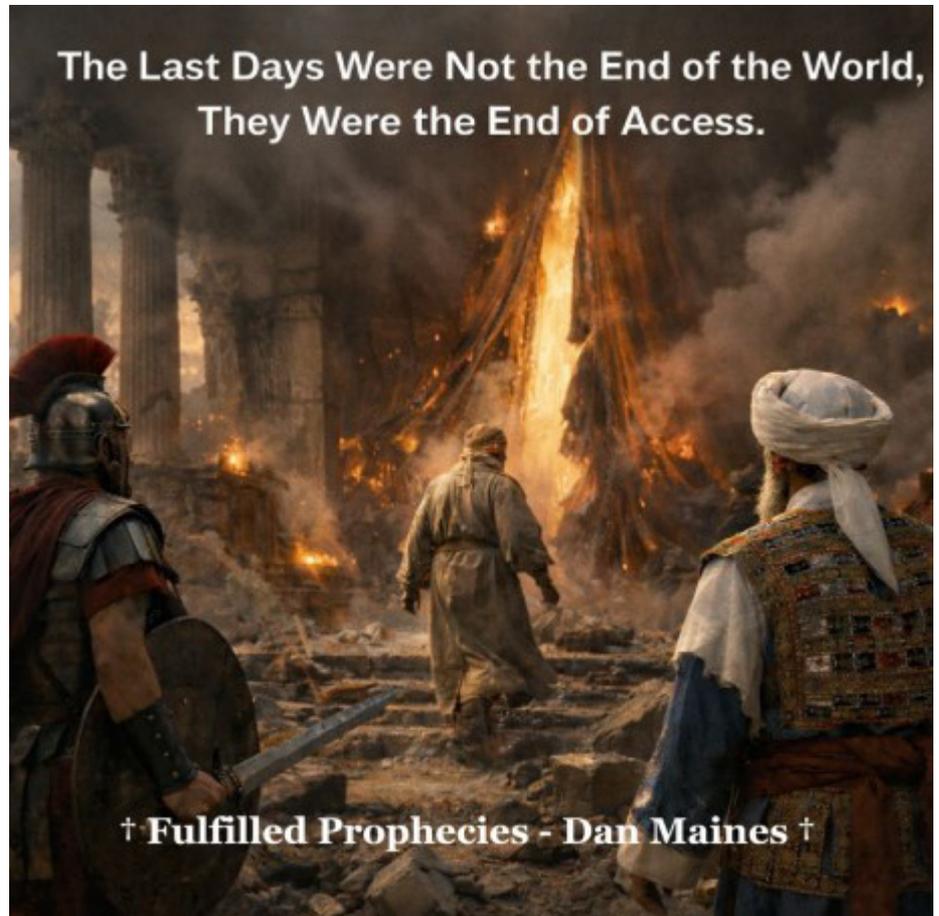


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Last Days - The Last Days Were Not the End of the World, They Were the End of Access



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Introduction

Most people hear the phrase "the last days" and immediately think of the end of the planet, stars falling, oceans boiling, and history collapsing into nothingness. But Scripture never defines the last days that way. The Bible defines them covenantally, not cosmically. The last days were not about God destroying the world, they were about God removing a system that restricted

access to Him.

From Genesis to Revelation, the central issue is not where people live, but how they approach God. Sin did not destroy the earth, it severed access. Redemption did not evacuate the earth, it restored access. Judgment was never about annihilation, it was about removal.

† The Bible's storyline is access, who can come near, how they can come near, and what stands in the way.

† End of the world language is often read backward into the text. The prophets and apostles were addressing covenant realities, not planetary destruction.

† When access is ignored, prophecy is misunderstood from Eden to AD 70.

Access Lost in Adam

Genesis 3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil, and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

† Adam was not struck dead physically at that moment. He was expelled. Death entered as separation from access to God, not the end of biological life.

† The guarded Tree shows the issue was never the planet. The issue was access to life.

† Humanity continued living east of Eden, but outside covenant proximity.

Access Restricted Under the Law

Exodus 26:33

You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil, and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.

† What began in Eden became institutionalized under the Law. Separation was now codified.

† The veil did not invite approach, it enforced distance.

† God's presence existed, but access was restricted by design.

Leviticus 16:2

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter at any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, or he will die; for I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat."

† Access was rare, dangerous, and conditional.

† One man, one day, one location shows how incomplete access still was.

† The Law managed separation, it never removed it.

The Prophets Promised the Removal of Barriers

Isaiah 25:7

And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, Even the veil which is stretched over all

nations.

† The prophets did not predict the destruction of the world.

† They foretold the removal of a covering that blocked access.

† The language is temple language, not cosmic language.

Isaiah 35:8

A highway will be there, a roadway, And it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, But it will be for him who walks that way, And fools will not wander on it.

† A highway is restored access imagery.

† God promised a way back, not an escape route.

† Eden language begins to reappear through prophecy.

Christ Opened the Way

John 10:9

I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

† Jesus did not point to a future structure, He identified Himself as access.

† Entry is personal, immediate, and secure.

† Freedom replaces fear where access is restored.

Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

† God tore the veil, man did not.

† The barrier that began in Eden was declared removed at the cross.

† Access was opened before the temple fell.

The Last Days and the End of Restricted Access

Hebrews 9:8

The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing.

† As long as the old system stood, access was incomplete.

† The last days marked the countdown to its removal.

† Judgment targeted the structure that restricted access.

Hebrews 10:19-20

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.

† Access is described as present confidence, not future hope.

† What was inaugurated spiritually would be completed historically.

† The old and new overlapped briefly until the old was removed.

AD 70 and the Final Removal

Matthew 24:1-2

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And

He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

† The destruction of the temple removed the last physical symbol of restricted access.

† God was not made homeless, He had already taken up residence in His people.

† Nothing remained that could block access again.

Living With Open Access

Ephesians 2:18

for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

† Access is now the permanent condition of covenant life.

† There is no veil to tear, no temple to enter, no distance to cross.

† We live from access, not toward it.

How It Applies to Us Today

† We do not approach God as outsiders seeking permission. We live as those already welcomed.

† Fear driven religion belongs to a system that ended. Access produces confidence, not arrogance.

† Prayer is not reaching up to a distant God, it is fellowship within His dwelling.

† When access is misunderstood, people replace relationship with performance.

† When access is understood, obedience flows from identity, not fear.

† The fulfilled perspective restores assurance without diminishing reverence.

Historical References

Justin Martyr recognized the destruction of Jerusalem as divine judgment tied to covenant transition.

Josephus records the complete destruction of the temple and the end of sacrifice in AD 70.

Eusebius connected the fall of Jerusalem to the fulfillment of Jesus' warnings in the Gospels.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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