

*Standalone Message: The end or the Beginning? A fresh (maybe) look at the question of the last days*

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† The end is near... again?

† Two big disclaimers

† A humble approach to Biblical prophecy

A person who looks around at the condition of our world and asks “Are we living in the end times” is operating within a specific view of Biblical prophecy, broadly known as *Premillennialism*.  
*Revelation 20:6*

† A few key attributes of premillennialism

- A PESSIMISTIC view of the future
  
- A (mostly) LITERAL interpretation of Biblical prophecy
  
- Many proponents of premillennialism will state their view is the obvious, clear, and ONLY possible understanding of Biblical prophecy.

† A possible other scenario

† The humble lens of history

*2 Timothy 3:1-5, Matthew 24:14, 2 Peter 3:10, Peter 3:8-9*

† The calling of the Gospel

*Ephesians 5:15-16, Colossians 4:5-6*

† The answer to fear

*Romans 8:15, 1 Peter 3:14-15, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 3:5-6, John 16:33, Mark 4:40, Matthew 14:27, Matthew 10:29-31, 1 John 4:18, Revelation 1:17-18, John 14:26-27, Hebrews 13:5-6*

† Making all things new!

*2 Corinthians 5:16*