

**Laying The Foundation
At The End Of Time
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I. A New Order

- A. Out of time; into eternity
- B. Ultimate reality is spiritual and eternal (2 Cor. 4:17–18)
 - 1. Visible – physical – temporary
 - 2. Invisible – spiritual – eternal
- C. This present world order is *not* our home
 - 1. Hebrews 13:14
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 15:19
- D. The importance of biblical prophecy (2 Pet. 1:16–19)
 - 1. Prophetic word is the light in a dark place
 - 2. Prophetic word offers the sure conviction that Christ is coming again
 - 3. Prophecy originates with God, not man (v. 20–21)
 - 4. All Old Testament prophecy concerning Jesus was fulfilled *literally*, not allegorically

II. General Trend At The Close Of The Age

- A. Righteousness and wickedness mature simultaneously
 - 1. Isaiah 60:1–3
 - 2. Parable of the Tares: tares and wheat grow together until the harvest (Matt. 13:37–43)
 - 3. Revelation 22:10–12
- B. Tribulation before the return of Jesus
 - 1. Matthew 24:21–22, 29–31
 - 2. Corruption is irreversible
- C. Comfort for Christians (Luke 21:25–28)
- D. Church to complete her task—preaching the gospel (Matt. 24:8–14)

III. Events Following The Return Of Jesus

- A. Resurrection and judgment of true Christians
 - 1. The rapture (1 Thess. 4:15–17)
 - 2. Judgment of Christians (2 Cor. 5:10)
- B. Overthrow of antichrist and his forces (Rev. 19:19–21)
- C. Satan bound for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1–3)
- D. Salvation and restoration of Israel (Rom. 11:25–26)
- E. Judgment of the Gentile nations, at the beginning of the millennium based on their treatment of the Jewish people
 - 1. Joel 3:1–2
 - 2. Matt. 25:31–46
- F. Establishment of Christ’s millennial kingdom
 - 1. Isaiah 24:19–23
 - 2. Revelation 20:4
- G. Satan briefly released at the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:7–10)
- H. Final rebellion of nations (Rev. 20:8–9)
- I. Present heaven and earth pass away

1. 2 Peter 3:7–13
 2. Revelation 21:1
- J.** Resurrection and judgment of all remaining dead (Rev. 20:12–15)
- K.** A new heaven and earth
1. 2 Peter 3:13
 2. Revelation 21:1
- L.** Jesus hands over kingdom to the Father (1 Cor. 15:22–28)

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