

ESCHATOLOGICAL TABLE OF PASSAGES, No. 1  
Relating to the Second Coming of Christ

From the book "The Parousia" first published in the year of our Lord 1878

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We are flashing one of our big words this time. You do not need to know how to pronounce "eschatological." The second line gives you an idea as to what it is about. It is defined as "of or relating to the end of the world or the events associated with it in religious expectation." In two issues I intend to give you a list of many references in the NT Scriptures for you to deal with as you may choose. I would prefer that you read these in their contexts in your Bible and work toward your own conclusions.

Early in my publishing ministry, George Clark of Snyder, Texas became a valuable partner by purchasing and distributing hundreds of books. Later, he sent me the book mentioned above which remained unread for a few years. When I did take time to read it, it changed my understanding of the Scriptures dramatically. Going book by book through the New Testament, he clearly and convincingly sets forth "preterist eschatology" --- that the prophecies relating to the coming of the Lord have been fulfilled. With all the exciting teachings of the "futurists" reigning supreme in public predictions of the soon coming of the Lord, the truth is being obscured. But the preterist concepts are gaining much more attention now.

George sent me this table of passages from Russell's "The Parousia" with a few comments of his own. I invite your study in harmonizing their meanings. Important: were these messages addressed to people present then or to us in 2003? I hope my neat formatting will not become scrambled in transfer. Russell has used the King James Version.

**THE END OF THE AGE**

Matt. 13:39 --- 'The harvest is the end of the age.'  
13:40 --- 'So it shall be at the end of the age.'  
13:49 --- 'So it shall be in the end of the age.'  
24:3 --- 'What shall be the sign of thy coming and the end of the age?'  
Matt. 28:20 --- 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age.'  
Heb. 9:26 --- 'But now once in the end of the age.'

**THE END**

Matt. 10:22 --- 'He that endureth to the end shall be saved.'  
24: 6 --- 'But the end is not yet' (Mark 13:7; Luke 21: 9.)

24:14 --- 'Then shall the end come.'  
1 Cor. 1. 8 --- 'Who shall also confirm you unto the end.'  
10:11 --- 'Unto whom the ends of the ages are come.'  
15:24 --- 'Then cometh the end.'  
Heb. 3: 6 --- 'Firm unto the end.'  
3:14 --- 'Steadfast unto the end.'  
6:11 --- 'Diligence unto the end.'  
1 Pet. 2:7 --- 'The end of all things is at hand.'  
Rev. 2:26 --- 'He that keepeth my works unto the end.'

### **THE LAST TIMES, DAYS, ETC.**

1 Tim. 4:1 --- 'In the latter times some shall depart from the faith.'  
2 Tim. 3:1 --- 'In the last days perilous times shall come.'  
Heb. 1: 2 --- 'In these last days hath spoken to us.'  
James 5:3 --- 'Ye have heaped up treasures in the last days.'  
1 Pet. 1:5 --- 'Salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.' [My question: Do we have salvation if the Christ has not yet returned? Or is it that all we have is the promise guaranteed by the Holy Spirit? See Heb. 9:28]  
1 Pet. 1:20---'Who was manifest in these last times for you.'  
2 Pet. 3:3 --- 'There shall come in the last days scoffers.'  
1 John 2:18 --- 'It is the last time' [hour].  
Jude 18 --- 'That there should be mockers in the last time.'

### **EQUIVALENT PHRASES REFERRING TO THE SAME PERIOD**

#### **THE DAY.**

Matt. 25:13 --- 'You know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh.'  
Luke 17:30 --- 'The day when the Son of man is revealed.'  
Rom. 2:16 --- 'In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men.'  
1 Cor. 3:1 --- 'The day shall declare it.'  
Heb. 10:25 --- 'Ye see the day approaching.'

#### **THAT DAY.**

Matt. 7:22 --- 'Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord.'  
24:36 --- 'But of that day and hour knoweth no man.'  
Luke 2: 12 --- 'It shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom.'  
Luke 21:34 --- 'And so that day come upon you unawares.'  
1 Thess. 5:4 --- 'That that day should over take you as a thief.'  
2 Thess. 2:3 --- 'That day shall not come except there come the apostasy (rebellion).'  
2 Tim. 1:12 --- 'Which I have committed unto him against that day.'  
1:18 --- 'That he may find mercy of the Lord in that day.'

4: 8 --- 'A crown...which the Lord...shall give me at that day.'

### **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

1 Cor. 1: 8 --- 'That ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

1 Cor. 5:5 --- 'That the spirit may be saved in the day of our Lord Jesus.'

2 Cor. 1:14 --- 'Ye are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.'

Phil. 2:16 --- 'That I may rejoice in the day of Christ.'

1 Thess. 5: 2 --- 'the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.'

Rev. 1:10 --- 'I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.' (Added by CH; same meaning as 'day of the Lord')

### **THE DAY OF GOD.**

2 Peter 3:12 --- 'Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.'

### **THE GREAT DAY**

Acts 2: 20.---'That great and notable day of the Lord.'

Jude, ver. 6 --- 'The judgment of the great day.'

Rev. 6:17 --- 'The great day of his wrath is come.'

16:14.---'The battle of the great day.'

### **THE DAY OF WRATH.**

Rom. 2:5 --- 'Treasurer up wrath against the day of wrath.'

Rev. 6:17 --- 'The great day of his wrath is come.'

### **THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.**

Matt. 10:15 --- 'It shall be more tolerable in the day of judgment. (Mark vi. 11).

Matt. 10:22 --- 'It shall be more tolerable...in the day of judgment.'

11:24 --- 'It shall be more tolerable...in the day of judgment.'

12:36 --- 'They shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.'

2 Pet. 2:9 --- 'To serve the unjust unto the day of judgment.'

2:7 --- 'The day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.'

1 John 4:17--- 'That we may have boldness in the day of judgment.'

### **THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.**

Eph. 4:30 --- 'Sealed unto the day of redemption.'

### **THE LAST DAY.**

John 6:39 --- 'That I should raise it up at the last day.'

6:40 --- 'I will raise him up at the last day.'

6: 44 --- 'And I will raise him up at the last day.'

6: 54 --- 'And I will raise him up at the last day.'

**FROM THE COMPARISON OF THESE PASSAGES IT WILL APPEAR ---**

1. That they all refer to one and the same period---a certain definite and specific time.
2. That they all either assume or affirm that the period in question is not far distant.
3. The limit beyond which it is not permissible to go in the New Testament scriptures, viz. the lifetime of the generation which rejected Christ.
4. This brings us to the period of the destruction of Jerusalem, as marking 'the close of the age,' 'the day of the Lord,' 'the end.' That is to say, "the coming of the Lord," (The "Parousia.")

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