



**Rock Church**  
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**End Times: Part 1**  
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In Part 10 of this 11 week series, Pastor Miles teaches on end times, discussing what not to get hung up on, what to focus on, and forthcoming end times events.

In your group, read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, review the statements and questions below and discuss.

When we talk about the end of the world and the way our culture has changed over time, it's important to remember these things: don't get hung up on an exact timetable, don't argue over order of events, don't be fearful, be aware but not obsessed or distracted with the signs of the times, stay focused on the gospel, and don't lose hope. Here's what you need to focus on:

1. **Jesus returns 'FOR' His saints in the rapture** (Revelation 3:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Rapture means "to snatch." God is going to do what He said before... He's going to take us up to be with Him in heaven.
2. **Jesus 'REWARDS' His saints at the Bema Seat** (Revelation 22:12, 2 Corinthians 5:10). Be faithful. Every Christian is going to be tested by fire. You're either God's child or enemy.
3. **Jesus 'RECEIVES' His bride at the marriage supper of the Lamb** (Revelation 19:6-8). The bride (church) has made herself ready to be received. Clothe yourself with His rewards.
4. **Jesus returns 'WITH' His saints in the Second Coming** (Revelation 19:11-16). Do not worry so much who is in the White House; but who is on the white horse... He who is faithful and true! One day, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.
5. **Jesus 'RULES' with His saints in the Millennial Kingdom** (Revelation 20:4-6). The Lord marks His children, but the enemy is trying to copy that by putting his own mark on people.
6. **Jesus gets 'RETRIBUTION' for His saints at the white throne of judgment** (Revelation 20:11-15). We don't want anybody to miss out on the Lord's goodness. When you're sick, you're away from health. When you're heartbroken, you're away from peace and love. Hell is being away from God's Presence.
7. **Jesus 'RESTORES' a new heaven and earth for His saints** (Revelation 21:1-4 and 22:1-5). Our reality is what we know. We're unaware of the satanic activity of devils around us and angels protecting us. Don't be distracted by the things of this world.

**Discussion:** Have you ever read through the book of Revelation – why or why not? Briefly share one or two real concerns you may have regarding end times. Pray about whom you will invite to come to church with you this coming Sunday!

### **This Month's Memory Verse – Philippians 4:6-7**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

### **This Week's Bible Readings & Book Overview Videos**

Ezekiel 12-36: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ezekiel/>  
Psalms 90-97: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

