

Examination of Two Sets of Important Words “End of the World” and “Last Day”

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1. The End of the World

We need to examine the way “*the end of the world*” is used in terms of a Bible definition. There are also three other groups of words that describe the same event or time period. These are “*time of the end*”, “*beginning of sorrows*” and also “*last days*”. Note that “*last days*” is not the same as “*Last Day*”, they refer to very different times. The following scriptures are a collection of these three terms that apply along with “*end of the world*”.

First we start with End of the World.

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the **end of the world**, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, *He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*

Mat 13:38 *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

Mat 13:39 *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world;** and the reapers are the angels.*

Mat 13:40 *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in **the end of this world.***

Mat 13:41 *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

Mat 13:42 *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Mat 13:43 *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Mat 24:3 *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of **thy coming**, and of the **end of the world?***

Mat 24:4 *And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.***

Mat 24:5 *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

Mat 24:6 *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Mat 24:8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall **the end come**.

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the **end of the world**. Amen.

Mar 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Mar 13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you:

Mar 13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and shall deceive many.

Mar 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be* yet.

Mar 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

Mar 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

Mar 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Mar 13:11 But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Mar 13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall **endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

Next are the words "time of the end".

Dan 8:17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the **time of the end** *shall be* the vision.

Dan 11:35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make

them white, *even* to the **time of the end**: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

Dan 11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Dan 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.

Dan 11:40 And at the **time of the end** shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

Dan 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

The above six scriptures are speaking of the antichrist and actions occurring during the Tribulation period.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the **time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the **time of the end**.

The above two scriptures in Daniel are referring to what is coming in the time leading up to and during the Tribulation period.

Next consider the words “beginning of sorrows” as given to from Yeshua in describing the time of His second coming.

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Mar 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things must needs be*; but the end *shall not be yet*.

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All of the above address a constant theme, being the end of Satan's rule on the world and the end of man being able to do as he likes. First it is the wrath of God coming down on the world. Following on is the world is taken over by Yeshua for the Father and unrighteous people are destroyed as well as those coming against Jerusalem. It is now the Kingdom of the Father come to rule the world with His laws enforced on everyone. The entire world being ruled by Yeshua and the Saints. At the end of the world when Yeshua comes back, he gives a reward to His Saints.

The following is directed at the Last Day, the end of the Millennium.

1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1Co 15:24 **Then cometh the end**, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; **when he shall have put down** all rule and all authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:26 **The last enemy** *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

1Co 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

1Co 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that **God may be all in all**.

The above scripture tells us Yeshua rules through the Millennium up to a time where all enemies of the Father are destroyed and then Yeshua relinquishes His authority and power so that the Father is all in all. This now being the end of the Millennium and when the last enemy is destroyed and a time after the second resurrection. The "*Last Day*" follows the end of the Millennium.

Another set of words also speak to the "*end of the world*". Recognize that due to the plural use of the grammar, "*last days*" these are not the same as the singular form "*last day*" which is covered in the following section. The "*last days*" refer to "*the end of the world*" along with the start of the Millennium and are in keeping with all the scriptures above. These are given below.

Gen 49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the **last days**.

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, *that* the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Mic 4:1 But in the **last days** it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the **last days** perilous times shall come.

Heb 1:2 Hath in these **last days** spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the **last days**.

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the **last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

What is being defined by the “end of the world” is the end of man’s free reign of going his own way, but not the final end of the world, only a change in how the world is ruled through the following thousand years or through the Millennium. Now “it shall be done on earth as in heaven”.

2. Last Day – Eighth Day

Now moving to another special definition being “*Last Day*” and also known as the “*Eighth Day*”. We know that the use of the Eighth day is used as a designating for a new beginning. The following apply to the second resurrection and judgment day, Then the passing away of the current earth and heavens with the creation of a New Earth and New Heavens.

Lev 23:33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.

Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Lev 23:36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on **the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

Lev 23:37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

Lev 23:38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

Lev 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on **the eighth day** *shall be* a sabbath.

Num 29:35 On **the eighth day** ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein*:

Neh 8:17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had

not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

Neh 8:18 Also day by day, from the first day unto **the last day**, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on **the eighth day** *was* a solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me **I should lose nothing**, but should raise it up again at **the last day**.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at **the last day**.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at **the last day**.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at **the last day**.

Joh 7:37 In **the last day**, that **great day of the feast**, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, **Thy brother shall rise again.**

Joh 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at **the last day**.

Joh 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in **the last day**.

All of the above refer to the second resurrection and judgment day. These in fact are a major change for a new beginning for all, either life with the Father and the Son or a second death. This is the Lord's great fall harvest of souls that are His and He will not lose any .

The following verses clarify what occurs leading up to and on the Last Day.

Rev 20:4 And **I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:** and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a**

thousand years.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* **the first resurrection.**

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the **first resurrection**: on such **the second death hath no power**, but they shall **be priests of God and of Christ**, and shall **reign with him a thousand years.**

Rev 20:7 And when the **thousand years are expired**, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall **go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth**, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and **compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city**: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:11 **And** I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were **judged** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.**

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were **judged every man according to their works.**

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is **the second death.**

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

Rev 21:1 And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for **the first heaven and the first earth were passed away**; and there was no more sea.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away with a great noise**, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

2Pe 3:11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein **the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth**, wherein **dwelleth righteousness.**

The "Last Day" is the second resurrection, judgment day, throwing all the unrighteous into the lake of fire forever and then the destruction of the current heavens and earth and the creation of new heavens and new earth and new Jerusalem. Then the righteous live with the Father and the Son on the new earth for eternity.

Summary

We need to take a collection of many scriptures on each theme in order to understand how the words are defined and what they are referring too. Doing this it becomes clear as the terms are supported in a manner that gives us a unified understanding of their meaning and timing. The two sets of words are in fact markers in time or milestones that are given to us for understanding and to recognize God's plan for mankind. The first being "**end of the world**", the end of mans freedom of going his own way along with the first resurrection and the start of the Millennium. The second being "**last day**", the second resurrection and the final judgment and the destruction of the current earth and heavens followed by the creation of the New Earth and New Heavens and New Jerusalem.

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