

## End Time Bible Study Series 1:

### Why Do We Must Study the End Time?

*Based on the book of Matthew*

1. Without studying the End Time, we don't have the complete understanding of the Scripture.
  - a. There are about 150 Chapters in the Bible in which the End Time is the main subject
  - b. Only 1/3 of prophecies have been fulfilled; remaining 2/3 are about the End Time  
*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government will be on his shoulders**. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6
  - c. Jesus' preaching and teaching were mostly about the Kingdom of God.  
*From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven is near**."* (Matthew 4:7)  
*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the **good news of the kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.* (Matthew 4:23)  
*...Your Kingdom come...* (Matthew 6:10)  
Most of Jesus' parables were about the kingdom
2. It will increase our **Hope** of Jesus' Return
  - a. The word hope in English is too weak, but the Greek word for hope, *Elpis*, has much stronger connotation.
  - b. Jesus' parables have a common theme of people being separated in the End Time.
    - Parable of weeds (Matthew 13:24-30)
    - Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)
    - It will be like a wedding banquet (Matt 22) for some, but for some it will be like a dark place where they will "gnash their teeth" (Matt 25).
    - The End Time will not be a doomsday for believers
  - c. Time is not revealed to us, but we are to **eagerly** wait for His return

- It is a GOOD day for us!!!
  - Jesus hasn't come back yet, because the LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love (Ps 145:8)
3. It will change the paradigm of our lives
- a. Sermon on the Mount Lifestyle (Matthew 5)
    - Poverty in Spirit
    - Humility
    - Meekness
    - Hunger and thirst for righteousness
    - Mercy
    - Purity
    - Persecution
  - b. Early church lifestyle (Acts 2:42-47)
    - Devotion to learning of the Scripture
    - Devotion to fellowship
    - Devotion to remembering Jesus Christ
    - Devotion to experiencing God's signs and wonders
    - Devotion to sharing everything to help those who are in need
    - Devotion to the daily meeting to praise and pray to God
  - c. You will become the treasure seeker of the treasure of heaven  
*Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*  
(Matthew 19:21)
4. **Conclusion:** We must study the End Time not to get an accurate date or information on how things will happen, but to increase our hope and desire for the Return of Jesus Christ as our bridegroom.
- a. Read Book of Matthew with Kingdom perspective
  - b. Read Book of Revelation without fear
  - c. Supplementary Reading: David Jeremiah's book, *What in the World is Going On?*: 10 prophetic clues you cannot afford to ignore