

The Book of 1 Peter

Living With the End in Mind

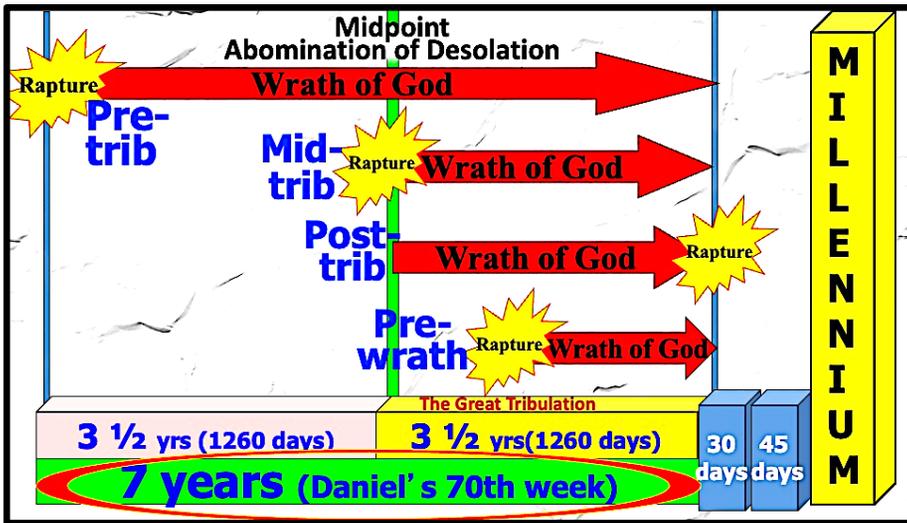
1 Peter 4:7-11

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Bottom Line:

Knowing that there is a time coming when massive changes will occur, we as believers in Christ need to live impactful lives on this earth representing the reality of Christ in us!

Intro: End Times – Daniel’s 70th Week (Dan. 9:24-27)



1. *Change is coming...think and live biblically!*
1 Peter 4:7

NOTE: When Christ came into the world, died on the cross, and rose again, the final chapter of redemptive history began. Since that time, the church has been living in what Scripture calls the last days.

Greek "telos" = "end" = "the culmination or final fulfillment of something." Peter is saying that history is moving toward a divinely appointed conclusion.

2. *Love one another... with actions, not just emotions!* 1 Peter 4:8-9

A. *Love chooses forgiveness instead of bitterness.* v.8; Ephesians 4:33; Colossians 3:13

B. *Love expresses itself through hospitality.* v. 9
"hospitality" = "philoxenia" = *love for strangers.*
"Hospitality was essential. Traveling believers, missionaries, and persecuted Christians depended on the homes of fellow believers."

3. *Serve others...using your gifts and time wisely!*
1 Peter 4:10-11

Love that Builds	Life that Divides
-Looks to serve	-Looks to be served
-Slow to anger	-Quick to attack
-Seeks first to change offensive actions in self	-Focuses on the negative.
-Looks to encourage	-Overly critical and judgmental

A. *Speak(teach) God's Word faithfully!* v.11a
2 Timothy 2:14-16

B. *Serve with the strength God provides!* v. 11b
Philippians 4:13. 2 Corinthians 12:9