

## THE LAST DAYS

In accordance with scripture, we are in the last days; those days before the coming of Jesus. This was recorded in Acts 2 when Peter, newly anointed and boldly preaching in Jerusalem, announced that the outpouring of the Spirit was the sign of the last days.

Acts 2:17-21

*“And it shall be in the last days,’ God says, ‘That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;*

*Even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.*

*And I will grant wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth beneath, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.*

*The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.*

*And it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

Later, in the book of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Paul describes the increase of rebellion and demonic activity in the same last days:

2 Timothy 3:1-7

*“But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.*

*For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,*

*unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;*

*holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.*

*For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,*

*always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

We are also assured, in John 14:18, that we would not be left as orphans (we will have the Holy Spirit) and that where sin may abound, grace will abound all the more. So, we need not fear, but instead, continue to be strong, regardless of what may be going on around us.

Romans 5:20-21

*“And the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,*

*that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*