

Doctrine of the Last Days

1. The term “*last days*” is a technical term in *Scripture* referring to the period of the Messiah.
 - *Isaiah 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.*
 - *Micah 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.*

2. The beginning of the “*last days*” were inaugurated by the birth of Christ.
 - *Hebrews 1:2 [God] 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;*
 - *1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

3. The “*last days*” are confirmed as being a present reality by Peter on the Day of Pentecost better known to the Jewish community as the Feast of Harvest (Ex. 23:16) or the first day of the first fruits (Ex. 34:22).
 - *Acts 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:*

4. The “*last days*” are characterized not only by Christ and great spiritual blessings but by evil.
 - The “*last days*” include perilous times for the church. *2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*
 - The “*last days*” are prolonged to bear witness against selfishness manifested in greed and personal accumulation. *James 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.*
 - The “*last days*” bring forth scoffers who are consumed with their own driving intense desires. *2 Peter 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,*

- The “*last days*” brings the rise of many anti-Christ. *1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*
4. Despite the dangers associated with the “*last days*”, despite the emergence of self centered individuals, scoffers and anti-Christ, the Christian will be kept safe and secure by the power of God so that there is nothing and no one to fear.
- *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
5. As these are the “*last days*” so there will be a last day. On the last day of human history Jesus Christ will return, time as it is now known will cease and eternity will begin. Jesus spoke repeatedly of the last day as a day of resurrection and judgment.
- *John 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.*
 - *John 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.*
 - *John 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.*
 - *John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*
 - *John 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.*
 - *John 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*
 - *John 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.*