

Lesson 1: The End Time Generation

1 Peter 1:7 AMP - So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to redound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) is revealed.

Revelation 1:1-3 NKJV - The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

A. Entering the Finale

1. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2, set in motion a time period called the Last Days.
2. The Greek word used for “last” is the word *eschatos*, which means extreme, final, the ultimate end.
3. The word *eschatos* points us to the end of a prophetic time period. It gives us the idea of the end of an age, or the conclusion of history.
4. The end time generation will witness an accelerated pace of Bible prophecies being fulfilled. It will happen so fast that we will be in a state of shock.

Daniel 12:4 NKJV - “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

B. The Perilous Time Period has Arrived

2 Timothy 3:1 AMP - But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

1. Perilous is the Greek word *chalepos*. The word means dangerous, difficult, furious and fierce. The reason for this difficult period is because people will be demonized.

Matthew 9:28 AMP - When He reached the house and went in, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord.

2. The Perilous Time Period will be characterized by a society that has cast off moral restraint.

Proverbs 29:18 NKJV - Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 30:12 NKJV - There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness.

3. This “Perilous” period will be unpredictable and full of violence. It will be a time when people in society will be so immersed in themselves they will be mean-spirited toward others.

4. This “End Time Generation” will not allow independent thought. You must think what it wants you to think, speak how it wants you to speak, and believe what it wants you to believe.

Revelation 17:13 AMP - These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.

5. This Perilous Time period will be characterized by a form of ungodly mind control. Whatever controls a person’s mind will control a person’s life.

6. “Mind” is defined as the intellect, the will, the emotions, the ability to think, reason, and make decisions.

7. The End-Time Generation will reflect an anti-God attitude of superiority. It will be a “progressive” mind set that erases morals and values as outdated.

8. The word “proud” is defined as being above or being superior. It describes someone who is arrogant, haughty, and shows disdain for the other people. Because of this pride, they believe they can set agendas.

C. Action Steps of Spiritual Protection

1. Watch and Pray - to watch and pray means to be spiritually awake and on guard. It means to keep a constant connection to God.

Matthew 26:41 AMP - All of you must keep awake (give strict attention, be cautious and active) and watch and pray, that you may not come into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

2. Make a Commitment to the Word of God - to build a wall of protection around your life.

Joshua 1:7-8 NKJV - Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

3. Live Your Life in a Spirit of Self-Examination

Luke 21: 34-36 AMP - 34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose; For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth. Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

4. Stay Under the Preaching of the Word

Titus 1:2-3 AMP - [Resting] in the hope of eternal life, [life] which the ever truthful God Who cannot deceive promised before the world or the ages of time began. And [now] in His own appointed time He has made manifest (made known) His Word and revealed it as His message through the preaching entrusted to me by command of God our Savior.