

Doctrine of the Latter Days

1. In Rabbinical thought there was the present age, and then the next age, the Messianic Age.

2. A number of biblical expressions refer to the end times.

see chart

3. We must distinguish between the last days of the church age and the last days of Israel's Tribulation.

4. There are no necessary signs for the end of the Church Age; only trends toward apostasy.

5. In the New Testament "last days," "last times," "last days," and "last time" refer to the entire Church Age.

6. Thus these are the last days before the Messianic Age.

7. In Jewish thought, the present age would end with a series of judgments terminating the present age and inaugurating the Messianic Age.

Deuteronomy 4:30 "When you are in distress [the Tribulation], and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice

8. We are currently living in the last days, i.e, the Church Age, but not in the latter days of the Jewish Age, i.e., the Tribulation.