

Studies in 2nd Timothy

Chapter 3

“The Last Days”

בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים

(b'acharit ha'yamim)

Isaiah 2:2-4

Now it will come about that **in the last days** the mountain of the house of Adonai Will be established as the chief of the mountains and will be raised above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of Adonai, to the house of the God of Jacob that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For the Torah will go forth from Zion and the word of Adonai from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations and will render decisions for many peoples. And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

Hosea 3:4-5

For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols. Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek Adonai their God and David their king, and they will come trembling to Adonai and to His goodness **in the last days**.

Ezekiel 38:16

“And you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about **in the last days** that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog.”

Deuteronomy 4:30

“When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, **in the last days** you will return to Adonai your God and listen to His voice.”

Romans 13:11-14

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep. For now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Master – King Yeshua – and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

The “Last Days” People

- Lovers of self
- Proud
- Abusive
- Ungrateful
- **Heartless** (αστοργος)
- **Slandorous** (διαβολος)
- Brutal
- Treacherous
- Swollen with conceit
- Lovers of money
- Arrogant
- Disobedient to parents
- **Unholy** (ανοσιος)
- **Implacable** (ασπονδος)
- Without self-control
- Not loving good
- Reckless
- Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God ...

...having an appearance of godliness but denying its power.

“Avoid such people!”

Jeremiah 23:19-22

“Behold, the storm of Adonai has gone forth in wrath, even a whirling tempest. It will swirl down on the head of the wicked. The anger of Adonai will not turn back until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart. **In the last days** you will clearly understand it. I did not send these prophets, but they ran. I did not speak to them, but they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have announced My words to My people and would have turned them back from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds.

Nitai of Arbela said: Keep far away from a bad neighbor; do not associate with a wicked man; and do not abandon belief in retribution.

☞ Pirkei Avot 1:7

2 Timothy 3:10-11

But you have followed my...

- Teaching
- Conduct
- Aim in life
- Faithfulness
- **Patience***
- Love
- Steadfastness
- Persecution
- Sufferings

* *makrothumia* (μακροθυμια)

It is the ability not to lose patience when people are foolish, not to grow irritable when they seem unteachable. It is the ability to accept the folly, the perversity, the blindness and the ingratitude of others and still to labor on.

☞ Wm. Barclay

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for...

- **Teaching**, for...
- **Exposure**, for...
- **Correction**, and for...
- **Training in Righteousness**...

... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.