End Times 101

Revelation 1:1-8

- Verse 3: A BLESSING
- Verses 4 and 8: "Who is, Who Was, and Who Is To Come"
 - Who Is = Jesus in the present
 - Who Was: Jesus from the beginning and first coming
 - o Who Is To Come: Jesus second coming and total reign

When is Jesus Coming Back?

- He will be coming back at the "End Times"
- Even though this time period is called the "End Times" this does not mean things are coming to an "eternal end." We know this because scripture makes it very clear that we get to live an eternal life! So this "End" is just an end to what we see now with our "current life," but really what is about to take place is a "new beginning" with Christ!

The End Times Language

• End Times/End of Age - I am pulling this from Matthew 24 when the disciples asked Jesus when the end of age would come, as well as the second coming of Jesus

Matthew 24

- Pay attention to what Jesus says!
- I will encourage you to pull apart this scripture and list out in bullet form what Jesus says will happen. This will allow the times and events to really sink in.
- Four times He says to not be deceived!
- He also mentions the "Abomination of Desolation" spoken by Daniel. Daniel uses a form of this phrase in Daniel 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11 (I would get familiar with this term).
- In a nutshell The abomination of desolation are horrible and hateful actions that are against God by the antichrist that causes destruction to people and nations.

The End Times – Where is it in the Bible?

- The Bible is very clear about the "End Times" and it is not just in the book of Revelation
- There are actually 150 chapters that talk on the end times
- It will be important for you to know that in the midst of studying the scriptures, some things you read will have taken place and some things you read have <u>not yet</u> taken place. This is called "The Law of the Double Reference" A partial fulfillment of what was prophesied occurred in the past, while the complete fulfillment of the prophecy is yet in the future. *Example in Daniel 9

Why STUDY the End Times?!

- It will prepare you for what is coming
- It will give you the Biblical narrative of the End Times, not the secular one
- It will give you understanding, direction, and insight
- It will tell you what to do, what is expected, and how to respond
- IT WILL CHANGE HOW YOU VIEW LIFE, HOW YOU DO LIFE, HOW YOU RESPOND TO LIFE
- It will encourage you during trials, tribulations, and even death

Next Steps: Ashley's Chart and End Times 102