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The Last Days

Questions about the Last Days

1. What is the purpose and direction of history?
2. What is the meaning of the Last Days of human history?
3. Are we now living in the Last Days?
4. What should our attitude be in the Last Days?

Bible Prophecies about the Last Days

... the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat... II Peter 3:12

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.” Matt 24:29

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. I Thess 4:16-17

Bible Prophecies – Literal or Symbolic?



God's Viewpoint about Human History

- Satan has dominated God's children and the earth since the Fall of Adam and Eve.
- God wants to put an end to Satan's dominion of this world and end the evil history of mankind.
- With the heart of a loving Father, God has been working to bring about the Last Days ever since the Fall of Man.
- The Last Days indicates the intersection where the history of Satan's world ends, and a new history of God's Kingdom begins.

God will Realize His Ideal of Creation

“... I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” Jer 31:33-34

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*... They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war anymore. Isa 2:4*

*And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the
tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with
them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be
with them and be their God." Rev 21:3*

The Restoration of the Tree of Life

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Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. Rev 22:14

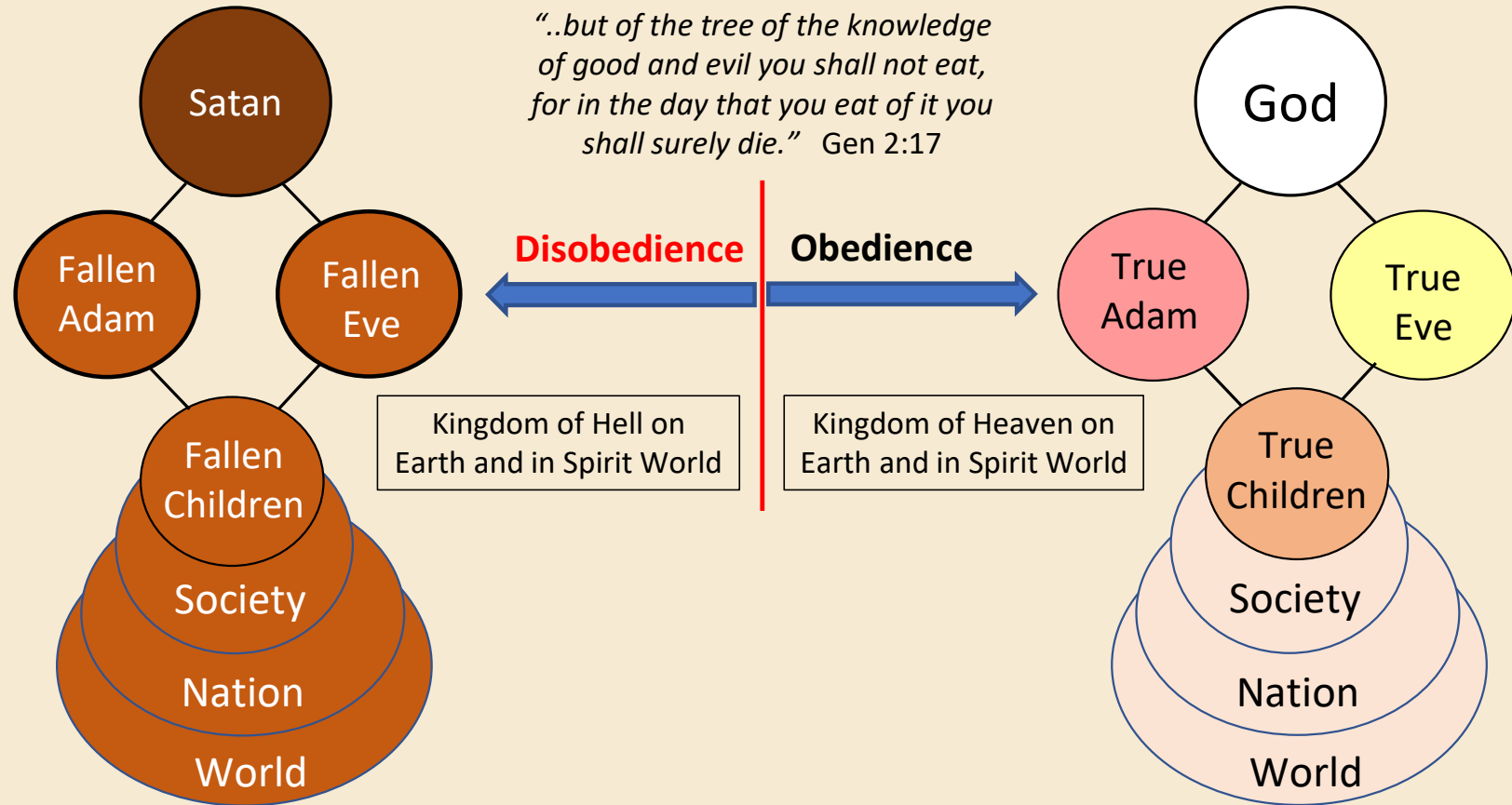


Tree of Life =
2nd Coming of Christ
(Completed Adam)

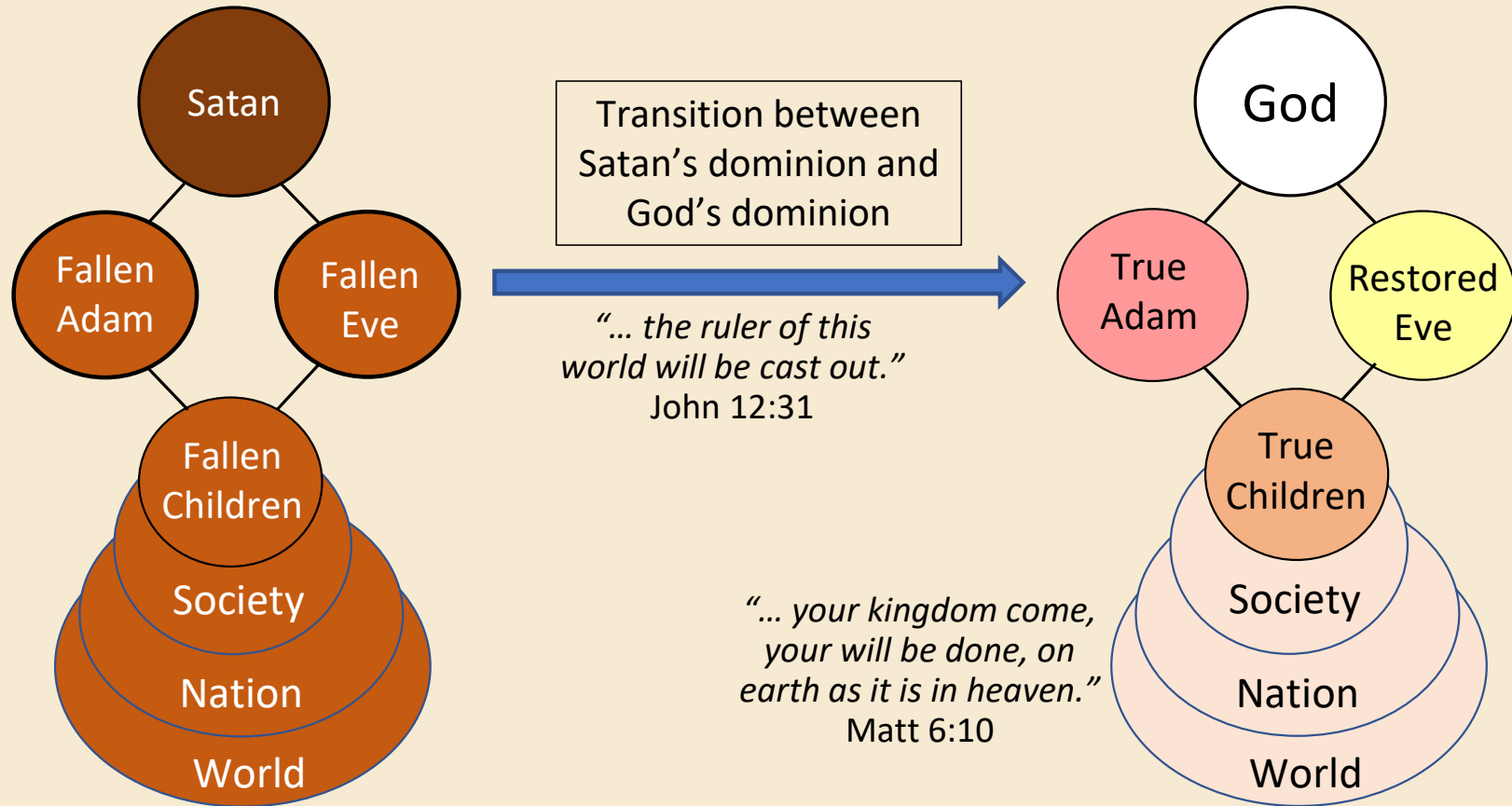
Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

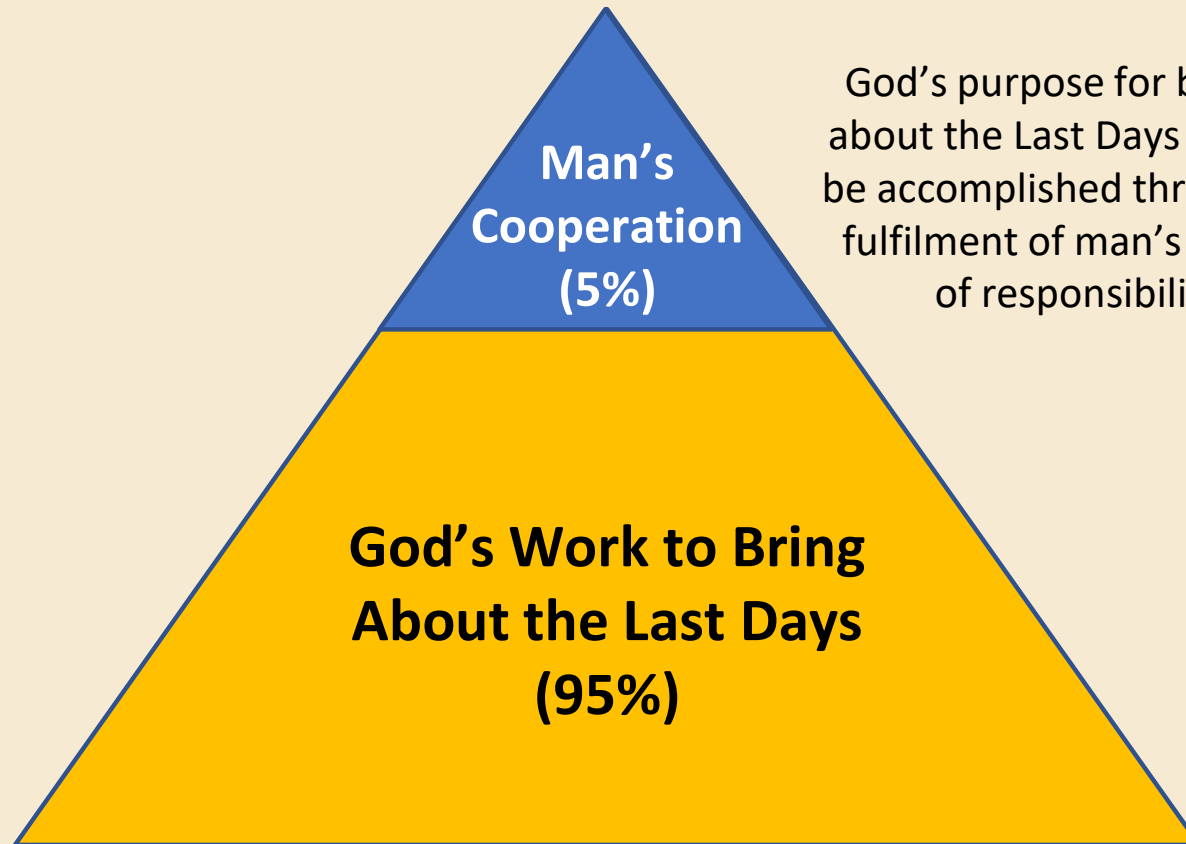
Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of Hell



The Last Days of Satan's Dominion



Restoration Requires Man's Responsibility



God's purpose for bringing about the Last Days can only be accomplished through the fulfilment of man's portion of responsibility.

Noah's Time was the Last Days

And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Gen 6:13

- After 1,600 years of Biblical history, God intended to put an end to fallen man's evil, sinful history at the time of Noah.
- God raised up Noah as a champion of faith in order that he and his family could establish the foundation for the Messiah.
- However, due to Ham's failure to trust in and unite with his father, the human portion of responsibility was not fulfilled.
- Therefore, the Messiah could not come, and God's Kingdom could not be established in Noah's time.

Jesus' Time was the Last Days

"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch." Mal 4:1

"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" Luke 12:49

- Upon the foundation of Abraham's family and the Old Testament prophets, Jesus could be born as the Messiah in the nation of Israel.
- Jesus came to destroy the old world of Satan's evil sovereignty and establish the God-centered world of goodness by having fallen people believe in Him and be reborn through Him.
- However, when the people of Israel failed their portion of responsibility to unite with Jesus, God's Kingdom could not come at that time.

The Time of the Second Coming is the Last Days

“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man” Luke 17:26

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” Matt 24:7-8

- Even though Jesus was rejected and killed by those of His generation, believers could receive spiritual salvation through faith in Him.
- Based upon the faith of Christians who loved and served Christ at the risk of their lives, the foundation for Christ's return was established.
- Christ at His return will lead the way to finally destroy Satan's sovereignty and establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

The Last Days Prophecies:

1. The Earth Will Be Destroyed

... That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. II Pet 3:12-13

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Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. Ecc 1:4

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1. The Earth Will Be Destroyed

- The earth was originally intended to be a place of goodness – God’s kingdom on the earth.
- However, due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, the earth and all that was in it was dominated by Satan. “Earthly” things became things of sin and evil.
- God’s purpose of history has been to fulfill His original Purpose of Creation on earth by sending His Word through the prophets, and ultimately through His Son.
- When Christ is received by mankind and the earth is restored to God’s dominion, this will mark the end of Satan’s world of evil and the beginning of God’s world of goodness.

**Destruction of
the earth**

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**Satan’s evil
sovereignty
destroyed**

The Last Days Prophecies:

2. We Will Meet the Lord in the Air

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 1 Thes 4:16-17

“your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matt 6:10

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” Rev 11:15

The Last Days Prophecies:

2. We Will Meet the Lord in the Air

- Through the Fall, the earth became a lowly and miserable place - far from God, and full of sin and suffering.
- To be close to God is often expressed as being in a high and holy place; to be lifted up.
- God wants us to resolve our sinful state and come close to Him – not by physically rising off the earth He created, but through developing a relationship with Him through Christ.
- When we receive Christ at His Second Coming, we will be lifted up out of the spiritual darkness of Satan's world and enter the heavenly realm close to God.

Meet the Lord
in the Air

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Raised up by
Christ's Love
and Truth

The Last Days Prophecies:

3. Judgment Will Take Place by Fire

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"I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"
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"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord ... Jer 23:29

The Last Days Prophecies:

3. Judgment Will Take Place by Fire

- Since the time of Adam and Eve, mankind has been judged by the Word of God.
- When God's children receive the truth and obey it, they come into God's grace and blessing.
- When we ignore or reject God's Word, we suffer separation from God, and become subservient to Satan.
- In the Last Days, God delivers His Word through His Son. Regardless of our previous level of understanding, people will hear the new Word and be judged by it.

Judgment by
Fire

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Judgment by
the Truth

John 16:12
(New Truth)

The Last Days Prophecies:

4. The Sun, Moon and the Stars Will Be Darkened

... the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Matt 24:29

Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?" Gen 37:9-10

The Last Days Prophecies:

4. The Sun, Moon and the Stars Will Be Darkened

- In Joseph's dream, the sun, moon and stars symbolized his father, mother and brothers. God's providence centering on Jacob and Rachel moved on to a new level centering on Joseph, who later became prime minister of Egypt.
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit came as the spiritual True Parents and gave spiritual rebirth to fallen human beings, bringing a new Word – the Gospel - which outshone the Old Testament teachings.
- The New Truth brought by Christ in the Last Days will outshine the Truth previously revealed to mankind. Christians must humble themselves, "bowing down" to Christ at His Second Coming and the new Word He brings.

Sun, Moon and
Stars Darkened

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Christ Brings a
Higher Level
of Truth

We Must Have Ears to Hear God's Word

And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Isa 6:9

These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.” John 16:25

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.” John 5:24

God's Ultimate Purpose is the Restoration of the 3 Blessings

➡ Signs of Restoration of the First Blessing

First Blessing – Completion of the God-centered individual

- Recovery of spirituality – Increasing number of prophets and spiritualists receiving revelations about the last days
- Freedom of the original mind – Pursuit of original freedom of thought and expression; revolutions against tyrannical systems of government; support of universal human rights and freedom
- Living a life of unselfish love – Philanthropy and charitable organizations from the local to the worldwide level

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→ Signs of Restoration of the Second Blessing

Second Blessing – Completion of the God-centered family and culture

- Consolidation of cultures – Four remaining religious cultures: Christian, Moslem, Far Eastern and Hindu
- Attempts to foster worldwide cooperation amongst all people – foreign aid programs, international adoption of children
- Final struggle between two major worldwide political systems – Christian democracy vs. communism/fascism

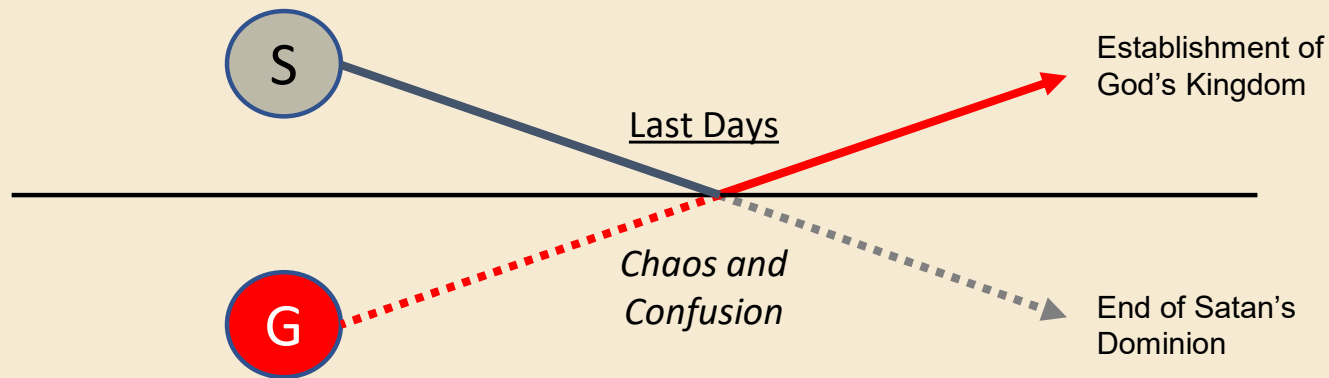
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➡ Signs of Restoration of the Third Blessing

Third Blessing – Restoration of God-centered dominion over creation

- Advancements in technology, science and medicine
- Movement towards higher standards of living through improved farming techniques, transformation of deserts to farmland, worldwide distribution of food and medicine
- Conservation movements focused on caring for God's creation; efforts to return to living in harmony with nature; prevention of cruelty to animals

Our Attitude in the Last Days



- The Last Days are the end of the old era and start of the new era.
- The world will undergo internal and external confusion and struggle as the new world of God's dominion takes hold while Satanic forces attempt to retain power.
- We must be ready to let go of our old, imperfect understanding and welcome the new expression of God's Word, following God's direction for this age.

Thank You Very Much!