

The Beginning of the End
The Big, Fat, Gigantic, Colossal, Epic End of the World Series-Part 1
1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11
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WHEN IT COMES TO THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS . . .

1. GET INFORMED!

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.” 1Thessalonians 4:13 (NKJV)

➤ **When Jesus Comes Back There Will Be A . . .**

- **Re-entry** *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout . . .” 1 Thessalonians 4:16a*
- **Resurrection** *“. . . And the dead in Christ will rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16b*
- **Rapture** *“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thessalonians 4:17*

2. STAY READY!

“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.” 1Thessalonians 5:1-4 (NKJV)

3. BE ENCOURAGED!

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)

“. . . The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?” Joel 2:11 (NIV)

❖ **Because we will be saved.**

“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us . . .” 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10a

❖ **Because we will be rejoined with loved ones.**

“. . . that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.” 1 Thessalonians 5:10b

❖ **Because we will be with the Lord forever.**

“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.” 1 Thessalonians 4:17