

“Are You Ready for the End of the World?”

(1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)

INTRODUCTION: *Many “endings” can be reminders
of THE end of the world . . .*

I. THE ‘LAST DAYS’ PAUL SPEAKS OF WERE PREDICTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 – *The day of the Lord*
- B. Joel 3; Amos 4,5,8; Obadiah 1:15; Jeremiah 9:25 –
A day of judgement
- C. Daniel 7 – *The coming of the ‘Son of Man’* (Jesus)

II. JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT THE LAST DAYS

- A. There will be wars & great upheaval (Luke 21)
- B. There will be natural disasters (Luke 21)
- C. There will be false teachers & persecution (Luke 21)



III. PAUL SAID THE ‘SON OF MAN’ (Jesus) WILL RETURN ON THE LAST DAY

- A. In 1 Thessalonians 5 he refers to the Daniel 7 prophecy
- B. This is all connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, resurrection & 2nd coming

IV. CHRISTIANS ANTICIPATE JESUS’ 2ND COMING & THE END OF THE WORLD

- A. This will be a day of deliverance, not only judgement
(1 Thessalonians 5:9; 4:13-18)
- B. Instead of the judgement . . . wonder of wonders, we get mercy!
 - 1. One of my favourite sayings: “*God’s not fair! (He’s merciful)*”
 - 2. The song by Newfoundland’s band, “Great Big Sea”:
It’s the End of the World as We Know it, and I Feel Fine

CONCLUSION: **The movie: *A Christmas Story* –
judgement day cancelled!!**