

Paul's Writings on the Second Coming of Jesus

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Summary of all of Paul's Writing about the Last Days

In the last days distressing times will come. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power.

Before Jesus returns there will be apostasy and rebellion against God. The Man of Lawlessness will be revealed and must first appear in the temple and proclaim himself God. Today the Man of lawlessness is being held back, and the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. The Man of Lawlessness is how Satan works, and the Man of Lawlessness will be instantly destroyed by the return of Jesus.

Today Jesus rules in Heaven with all things under his feet. Jesus is the head over all things for the church, which is his body. Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, death is defeated.

The day of the Lord will come as a total surprise to the unbelievers, but the day of the Lord will not be a surprise to Christians. Jesus will come in a blazing fire with powerful angels; nonbelievers are forever shut out at that moment on that day. Believing Christians do not face God's wrath.

The Day of our Lord is the end. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Jesus will come with all his holy ones. The dead believers will rise first, and Jesus will come with those that have already died in Christ. After that the living believers will be caught up in the clouds to meet Jesus forever. The living believers at the second coming will not precede those who have died in Christ.

Since Christ was raised from the dead—so will the believers be raised from the dead. The one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself. Christ was raised first from the dead. When Christ comes those that belong to him are raised next. Then the end will come, when Jesus hands over the kingdom to God the Father.

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Jesus will appear and judge in one day. There is no second chance. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Only those with the Holy Spirit are saved from judgment. The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

The true Spiritual Israel is everyone who believes in Jesus. For not all who are descended from Israel are the true Israel. Nor just because they are Abraham's descendants are they all Abraham's true children.

God has not rejected the remnant of Jewish Israel that hear the Gospel and accept it—this the true Israel. Jewish unbelief is a blessing that allowed the Gospel to be spread to the Gentiles; Jewish believers have a new spiritual life as they were brought back from the dead.

Only a remnant of physical Jewish Israel will accept Jesus as the Son of God and be saved on the last day. Most of Jewish Israel will stumble and fall over Christ.

Jewish Israel has heard the Gospel but rejected it. They will be jealous of the believers.

Unbelieving Jews were broken off from the olive tree, but Jewish believers will be grafted back onto the olive tree.

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Before Jesus returns there will be apostasy and rebellion against God. The Man of Lawlessness will be revealed and must first appear in the temple and proclaim himself God. The Man of Lawlessness is how Satan works, and the Man of Lawlessness will be instantly destroyed by the return of Jesus. The Man of lawlessness is being held back and the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

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1. Jesus will come with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 3: 11-13 (NIV)

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. 12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father **when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.**

2. The dead believers will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16 (NIV)

16 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.**

3. Jesus will come with those that have already died in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14 (NIV)

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so **we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

4. The living believers at the second coming will not precede those who are dead.

1 Thessalonians 4: 15 (NIV)

15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that **we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

5. After that the living believers will be caught up in the clouds to meet Jesus forever.

1 Thessalonians 4: 17 (NIV)

17 **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.**

6. The day of the Lord will come as a total surprise to the unbelievers.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-3 (NIV)

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.** 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," **destruction will come on them suddenly,** as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

7. The day of the Lord will not be a surprise to Christians.

1 Thessalonians 5: 4-5 (NIV)

4 **But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.** 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day.

8. All Christians do not face God's wrath.

1 Thessalonians 5: 9-10 (NIV)

9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

9. Jesus comes in blazing fire with powerful angels; nonbelievers shut out that day.

2 Thessalonians 5: 7-10 (NIV)

7 This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.

10. The Man of Lawlessness must appear first in the temple.

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-4 (NIV)

3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

11. The Man of Lawlessness is held back today.

2 Thessalonians 2: 6-7 (NIV)

6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

12. The Man of Lawlessness will be destroyed by the return of Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

13. The Man of Lawlessness is how Satan works.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NIV)

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

Scripture from 1st and 2nd Corinthians

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Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, death is defeated.

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The living Christian believers are the temple of the true God. God now lives with us and walks with us. What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. We would all prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body.

1. The Day of our Lord is the end.

1 Corinthians 1: 7-8 (NIV)

7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. If Christ was raised from the dead—so will be believers be raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15: 12-19 (NIV)

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 **For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.** 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

3. Christ was raised first from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15: 20-28 (NIV)

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 **But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits;** then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

4. When Christ comes those that belong to him are raised next.

1 Corinthians 15: 23-24 (NIV)

23 But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; **then, when he comes, those who belong to him.** 24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

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6. Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15: 25-28 (NIV)

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

7. The dead buried body is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is raised a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-44 (NIV)

35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” 36 How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

39 Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. 40 There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 41 The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. 42 So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; 43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

8. The raised a spiritual body has a heavenly image.

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 (NIV)

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

9. Living flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15: 50 (NIV)

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

10. At the last trumpet in a flash we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, and the dead raised.

1 Corinthians 15: 51-52 (NIV)

51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

11. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, death is defeated.

1 Corinthians 15: 53-56 (NIV)

53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. The one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself.

2 Corinthians 4: 13-15 (NIV)

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

13. What is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4: 16-18 (NIV)

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 **So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

14. The earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

2 Corinthians 5: 1-3 (NIV)

1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

15. We prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5: 8-9 (NIV)

8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

16. We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body

2 Corinthians 5: 10 (NIV)

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

17. Today we the living are the temple of the living God

2 Corinthians 6: 14-16 (NIV)

14 Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship is there between light and darkness? 15 What agreement does Christ have with Beliar? Or what does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? **For we are the temple of the living God.** As God has said:

“I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

Scripture from Romans

Summary of Romans

Jesus will appear and judge in one day. There is no second chance. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him.

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Only those with the Holy Spirit are saved from judgment. The Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

The true Spiritual Israel is everyone who believes in Jesus. For not all who are descended from Israel are the true Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's true children. Only a remnant of physical Jewish Israel will accept Jesus as the Son of God and be saved on the last day. Most of Jewish Israel will stumble and fall over Christ.

Jewish Israel has heard the Gospel but rejected it. They will be jealous of the believers.

God has not rejected the remnant of Jewish Israel that hear the Gospel and accept it—this the true Israel. Jewish unbelief is a blessing that allowed the Gospel to be spread to the Gentiles; Jewish believers have a new spiritual life as they were brought back from the dead.

Unbelieving Jews were broken off from the olive tree, but Jewish believers will be grafted back onto the olive tree.

Part of Jewish Israel will be hardened against belief in Christ throughout time as Gentiles come to belief. Jewish Israel is jealous of the Gentile's salvation. All of the believing remnant of Jewish Israel will be saved over time this way as Gentiles come to belief.

1. Jesus will appear and judge in one day.

Romans 2:5, 16 (NIV)

5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself **for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.**

16 **This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ,** as my gospel declares.

2. Jews and Gentiles have all sinned and are only saved by Jesus.

Romans 3:22-26 (NIV)

22 **There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,** 23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** 24 **and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.** 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

3. Believing Christians will be saved from God's wrath.

Romans 5:9-11 (NIV)

9 **Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!** 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

4. Only those with the Holy Spirit are saved from judgment.

Romans 8:1-2 and 9-11 (NIV)

1 **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,** 2 **because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.**

9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to

Christ. 10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 **And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.**

5. The Holy Spirit will testify for us when Jesus returns.

Romans 8:16-17 (NIV)

16 **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.** 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

6. The true Spiritual Israel is everyone who believes in Jesus. For not all who are descended from Israel are the true Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's true children.

Romans 9: 6-9 (NIV)

6 It is not as though God's word had failed. **For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel.** 7 **Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."** 8 **In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.** 9 For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

7. Only a remnant of physical Jewish Israel will accept Jesus the Son of God. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality."

Romans 9: 22-28 (NIV)

22 What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? 23 What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— 24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

25 As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," and, In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people, 'there they will be called 'children of the living God.'"

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. 28 For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality."

8. Most of Jewish Israel will stumble and fall over Christ.

Romans 9: 30-33 (NIV)

30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. 32 Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. **They stumbled over the stumbling stone.**

33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

9. Jewish Israel has heard the Gospel but rejected it. They will be jealous of the believers.

Romans 10: 16-21 (NIV)

16 But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" 17 So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."

19 Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

20 Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

21 But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

10. God has not rejected the remnant of Jewish Israel that hear the Gospel and accept it—this the true Israel.

Romans 11: 1-10 (NIV)

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 “Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.” 4 But what is the divine reply to him? “I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

8 as it is written, “God gave them a sluggish spirit, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day.”

9 And David says, “Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; 10 let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and keep their backs forever bent.”

11. Jewish unbelief is a blessing that allowed the Gospel to be spread to the Gentiles; Jewish believers have a spiritual life brought back from the dead. Jewish Israel is jealous of the Gentile’s salvation.

Romans 11: 11-16 (NIV)

11 So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry 14 in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! 16 If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

12. Unbelieving Jews were broken off from the olive tree, but Jewish believers will be grafted back onto the olive tree.

Romans 11: 17-24 (NIV)

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 You will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you.

22 Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness toward you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

13. Part of Jewish Israel will be hardened against belief in Christ throughout time as Gentiles come to belief.

Romans 11: 25 (NIV)

25 So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

14. All of the believing remnant of Jewish Israel will be saved over time this way as Gentiles come to belief.

Romans 11: 26 (NIV)

26 And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, “Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.” 27 “And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

28 As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy

because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture from Ephesians

Summary of Ephesians

Jesus rules in Heaven with all things under his feet. Jesus is the head over all things for the church, which is his body.

1. Today Jesus rules in Heaven with all things under his feet.

Ephesians 1: 20-23 (NIV)

20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 **And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,** 23 **which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.**

Scripture from 2nd Timothy

Summary of 2nd Timothy

In the last days distressing times will come.

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power.

1. Godlessness in the Last Days.

2nd Timothy 3: 1-7 (NIV)

1 You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come. 2 For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them!

6 For among them are those who make their way into households and captivate silly women, overwhelmed by their sins and swayed by all kinds of desires, 7 who are always being instructed and can never arrive at a knowledge of the truth.