



Welcome to Ω mega 2

Where are we going?

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Revision test !!

Sources of uncertainty

PESTLIED ?

SHAPE ?

Why we can trust the Bible

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What do you believe?

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What's happened so far?

- *History*
 - Random series of unconnected events
- *His-Story*
 - Purpose and destiny
- Current events in eternal context?
 - Predicted in Bible = prophecy?


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History according to the Bible

- God has a plan
- Not entirely clear to us
- We are part of it
- Beginning, middle ...
- ... and another beginning!

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Where is history heading?

- We learn from history that we learn nothing from history
- Just because the **past past** was a reliable guide to the **past future** doesn't mean the **future past** will be a reliable guide to the **future future** (?!)

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What happens next?

- Random chance?
- Foreordained fate?
- Pace of history increasing, towards what?
 - Destruction (the end)?
 - Consummation (the beginning)?
- Any clues from the Bible?
 - There are **signs** :
 - Matthew 24:3-31
 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5

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Signs of the end? Matthew 24

- **Phase 1**
 - Popular pseudo-Christian cults
 - Wars & rumours of wars
 - “...not yet”
- **Phase 2**
 - Nation against nation (ethnos)
 - Kingdom against kingdom (basileia)
 - Famines
 - Earthquakes
 - “... beginning of the end”

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Signs of the end? Matthew 24

- **Phase 3**
 - Persecution of Christians
 - Loss of faith
 - False religions
 - Wickedness multiplied
 - Gospel preached throughout world
 - “... then the end will come”
- What is **“the end”** ?
 - Verses 29-31
 - **“The Son of Man will come”**

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More signs?
2 Timothy 3

- Times of stress
- Love of money & self
- Proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy ...
- Hedonists
- Religion as form without power
- **Sounds familiar ??**

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“Are we there yet?”



- We don't know (can't know)
 – Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 1 Thess 5:2
- But we shouldn't be surprised
 – Matthew 24:33, 43; 1 Thess 5:4
- Signs are there to be read

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So what?

- Be ready
- Look for the signs
- Watch & pray
- Have hope
- Keep perspective



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Any questions ???

- *That's all folks !!!*
- **Coming next week ...**
 - The church's best-kept secret

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