

At the **End**
of **T**ime

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This booklet is part of a series based on the six foundation doctrines of Hebrews 6:1–2, which follow:

- Repentance from dead works
- Faith toward God
- The doctrine of baptisms
- Laying on of hands
- Resurrection of the dead
- Eternal judgment

Thus far in our studies, we have dealt with the first four doctrines which are within our present Christian experience. However, the two doctrines that remain move us out of the present and into eternity: “the resurrection of the dead” and “eternal judgment.” The study of these two truths should challenge and excite our hearts as we consider what awaits us in the future. By way of introduction to these doctrines, we will explore a theme in this booklet entitled *At the End of Time*.

As we approach the final two doctrines, we are being taken out of time and focused on eternity. One of the important functions of these last two doctrines is to teach us that we should not focus on this life only. Many Christians today think only in terms of what God will do for them in this life. However, this life is just a tiny fraction of all that God has for us.

Brought Out of Time

We begin with a Scripture from Revelation 10 which speaks about an angel:

The angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him [God] that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 10:5–7 KJV

Almost all translations of the Bible say at the end of verse 6, “there will be no more delay,” which may be the correct meaning. But what the Scripture actually says is “there shall be no more time.” With my background in philosophy, I find this concept most compelling. We are coming to a point in every one of our lives when, sooner or later, there will be no more time. Somebody has said, “The clock behind all clocks is the human heart, and when the human heart ceases to beat, all clocks cease to tick.” Each of us will individually pass out of time into a new, eternal realm.

Eternity is not just a very long period of time. It is a totally different realm of being, one that we can scarcely comprehend.

Time Is a Mystery

I appreciate the statement, “the mystery of God should be finished” (Revelation 10:7), because time is a mystery.

I was deeply involved with the topic of time as a philosopher more than fifty years ago. But this subject appeals to me now because the Bible says so clearly that time is part of the mystery which is now finished at this point in Revelation. Physicists tell us that if someone could board a spaceship that travels at near the

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