What will the end of the world be like when Jesus comes again? This is a subject most of us have considered.

Parable: Danish philosopher, Kierkegaard

We do not have to guess about the end times. Jesus tells each generation about the end times using the example of Noah.

II [Timothy 3:1–4](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim%203.1%E2%80%934) adds further detail: *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.* ***2****For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,* ***3****heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,* ***4****treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*

* The world at the time of Noah and Paul, now, and when Jesus comes again – a mess.
* In our Gospel; Jesus teaches about the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, then the end of the world and the final judgment

The temple: Jerusalem and Jesus

* Since the virgin birth of Christ in the womb of Mary – the second temple of Herod is obsolete
* Jesus is the presence and temple of God

The presence of God is not in the physical temple of Jerusalem but in the incarnate flesh and body of Jesus

* The temple is destroyed
* The shift in the presence of God – is what Christmas and the new church year is about

Jesus is addressed as teacher – the people trust him to predict when these things will happen

* Jesus deflects with two imperative warnings - beware of false prophets and false gospels
* There will be earthquakes, famines, and plaques on the earth
* The heavens will be filled with terrible events and great signs

Betrayal and persecution are signs of the end

The final discourse of Jesus about the end of the world is remarkable for two reasons

* There is no temporal reference or time-table
* The second striking feature is the attention that Jesus gives to moral exhortation and spiritual readiness

The words of the angels at the ascension come true – *this Jesus taken into heaven will come in the same way as you saw him go* [Acts 1:11]

* On the last day – those steeped in grace and mercy will look up and see the Christ of God
* In this Advent and Christmas Season look into the manger and see the Christ of God