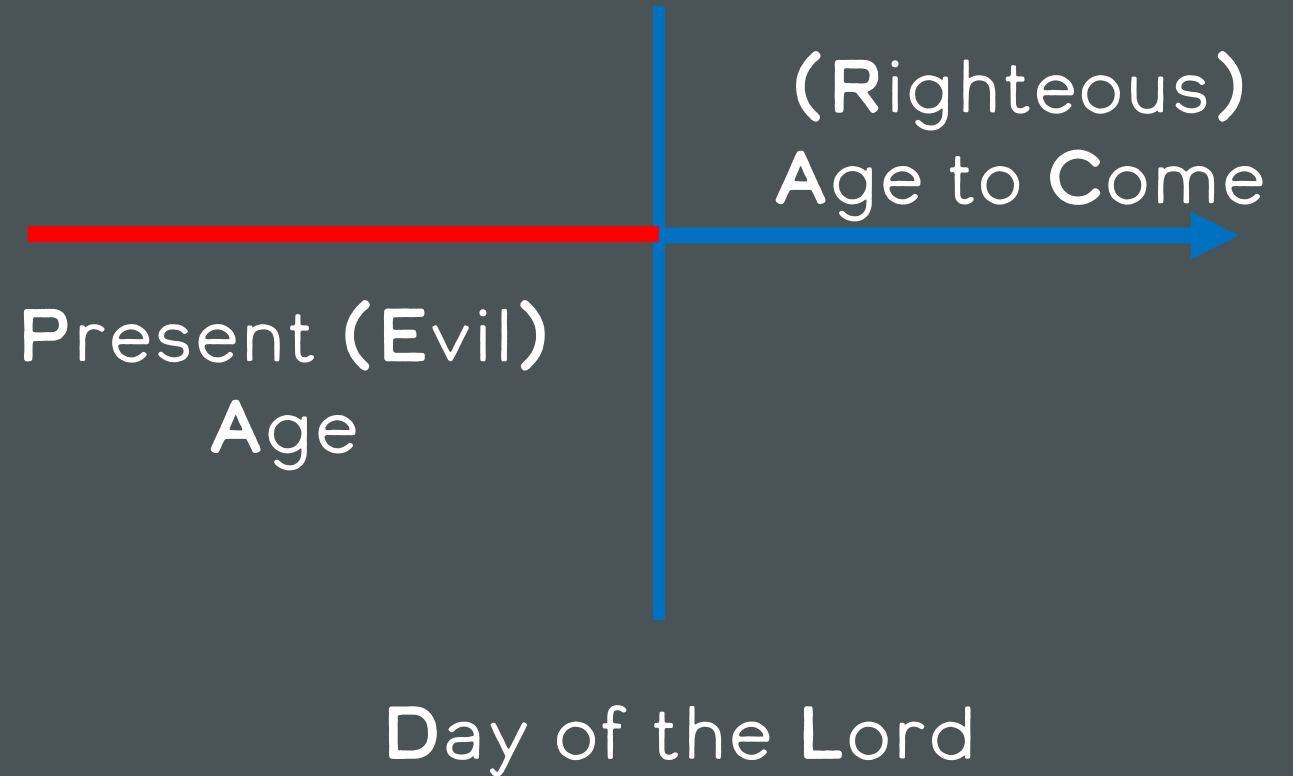




RECAP

- **Exiles** - temporary residents in a foreign land
- **Expect to suffer** -
 - **Be encouraged by Jesus** - He suffered too
 - **Follow Jesus' example** - accept suffering as a byproduct of obedience to the **Father**

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1st Coming; beginning of The End 2nd Coming; ending of The End



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The End is near

Near in terms of God's time - He works on *kairos* time (the right time) not *chronos* time (calendar time)

- **2Peter 3.8:** With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

Near sequentially - next event in God's Plan of Redemption is Jesus' return

- **Philippians 4.5:** The Lord is

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Be alert and sober-minded so you can pray

- **Alert-** level-headed; in right mind
- **Sober-minded-** clear-headed
- **Pray-**
 - **To avoid temptation-** Last Days will be marked by tribulation, deception, and worldliness
 - **For Kingdom to come on earth as in heaven-** this is what God is currently doing in world; Gospel must first be preached to all

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Above all else love one other deeply
for love covers over a multitude of
sins

- Love deeply- maintain love; don't waver in expression of love
- Last days- marked by:
 - Great responsibility - Gospel will be preached to the nations
 - Great difficulty - wars, natural disasters, false Messiahs, persecution
- We look over some sins, we confront

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Offer hospitality without grumbling

- **Hospitality**- welcoming strangers into your home
 - **Missional component** - providing food/lodging to teachers, prophets, apostles etc. sent out by the Church
- **Grumbling** - mummering, complaining
- **We live in different context** - how could you be missional in yours

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Each of you should use what gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace

- **Each of you-** implies *every* Christian has been given at least one gift
- **Spiritual gifts-** expressions of God's grace given to His people to enable them to bless others
- **Steward-** manager of someone else's resources

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Speaking Gifts	Serving Gifts
Message of Knowledge	Faith
Message of Wisdom	Gifts of healing
Prophecy	Miracles
Distinguishing btwn spirits (discernment)	Guidance/ administration
Tongues	Serving/helping
Interpretation of tongues	Showing mercy
Teaching	Leadership
Encouraging	Giving

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Father, I acknowledge that the end of all things is near.

Forgive me for not always living in light of this reality.

Father, I acknowledge that if You are for me, no one can stand against me. Thank you for not sparing Your own Son Jesus but for sending Him to die in my place.

Alongside the gift of Your Son, help me to receive all of the good gifts You desire to give to me.