

# “Latter Days” vs. Present Days

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Isaiah 2–4

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Present days (2:5–4:1) sandwiched  
between latter days (2:1–4; 4:2–6)

# When are these “last days?”

- “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these **last days** spoken to us by His Son...” (Hebrews 1:1–2).
- “But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the **last days**...’” (Acts 2:16–17).
- “Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, have also foretold **these days**” (Acts 3:24).

# Take Your Pick

## “Last days”

- “He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths” (2:3).
- “He who is left in Zion will be holy...when the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion...” (4:3–4).

## Present

- “You have forsaken Your people...because they are filled with eastern ways...” (2:6).
- “O My people! Those who guide you lead you astray and confuse the direction of your paths” (3:12, NAS).

# Hearts Poisoned with Pride

- “Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty. The **lofty** looks of man shall be humbled, the **haughtiness** of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the LORD of hosts shall come upon everything **proud** and **lofty**, upon everything **lifted up**—and it shall be brought low” (2:10–12).

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- “The **loftiness** of man shall be bowed down, and the **haughtiness** of men shall be brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day” (2:17).
- “Because the daughters of Zion are **haughty**, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, making a jingling with their feet, therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will uncover their secret parts” (3:16).

# Pride in...

- Their possessions (2:7).
- Their forests, fortifications, fleet of ships, false gods (2:8–9, 12–18).
- Men, various leaders (3:1–8).
- Their sinful ways (“declare their sin as Sodom; they do not hide it”—3:9).
- Their appearance, their “strut” (3:18–24).