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Dr. David Cooper serves as the Lead Pastor of Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta, Georgia, with 13,000 members. He is a noted author, therapist and recording musician. He serves as adjunct instructor for Southeastern University, Richmond University, and other institutions on leadership, Christian counseling, preaching and pastoral ministry. His lectures are featured on the Church of God ministerial training program for licensed and ordained ministers. He holds a graduate degree in Counseling from the University of Georgia and a doctoral degree from Erskine Seminary. He is a licensed professional counseling with the state of Georgia. He is registered Civil and Domestic Relations Mediator in Georgia. His books include *Discipleship Now*, *Destiny, Every Day with God* authored his wife Barbie, *Unfinished Business*, *World Religions and Jesus*, *Super Self*, *Seven Stepping Stones to Success*, *I'm Spiritual Not Religious*, *Get Well Soon* and *Apocalypse: A New Look at the Revelation* and other publications. His music is available on major music platforms. He is a featured speaker for churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations.

CREDENTIALS

- Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Masters Degree in Counseling, and a Doctoral degree in Ministry
- Lead Pastor at Mount Paran for over 25 years (13K+ membership), Church planter in Athens, Georgia and Member of Executive Council of Church of God
- Licensed Therapist for 25+ years
- Author of nearly 20 books and publications
- Adjunct professor of psychology and theology at SE University, teaching graduate courses in preaching, public speaking and leadership
- Guest instructor at Point University for Church Administration
- Registered Civil and Domestic Relations Mediator in Georgia

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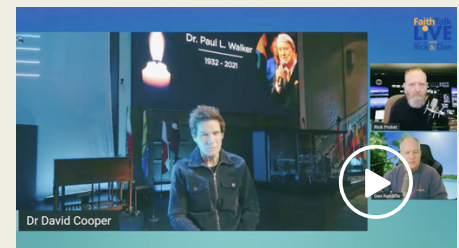
- Widely available Mondays - Fridays
- Available to travel or via phone, Zoom
- Eastern Time (Atlanta, GA)

MOUNT PARAN

Mount Paran Church traces its roots back to the first Church of God established in Atlanta in 1917. Today, the Mount Paran family has over 13,000 excited and passionate members committed to the cause of Christ. Mount Paran believes in biblical inerrancy, one God in three persons, Jesus, new birth, divine healing, the Holy Spirit and eternal life. [Explore the Mount Paran website here.](#)

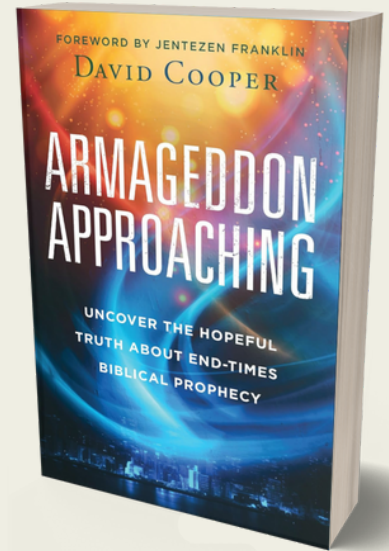
MEDIA

Watch David discuss his work, influences and leadership of Mount Paran Church in appearances on radio and television.



ABOUT THE BOOK

- Available July 29, 2025
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We live in an unprecedented time, when biblical prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes! So why, as the return of Christ draws ever nearer, does talk of the end times among Christians cause fear?

Unraveling the complexities of Revelation and biblical prophecies, Pastor David Cooper offers an accessible, down-to-earth explanation of what the Bible actually says about the return of Christ and current world events, helping you:

- recognize the rise of globalism and political shifts that are setting the stage for the coming Antichrist
- understand how current wars and conflicts are leading toward Armageddon
- outline the time frame and world conditions that will usher in Jesus' return
- interpret biblical symbols of end-times prophecy
- replace fear with peace

The good news is that the end of this age is the beginning of a new age as God unfolds his eternal plans for the world. We can witness with hope to a frightened world that the future destiny of this world is not termination—but transformation at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WHY IS IT RELEVANT?

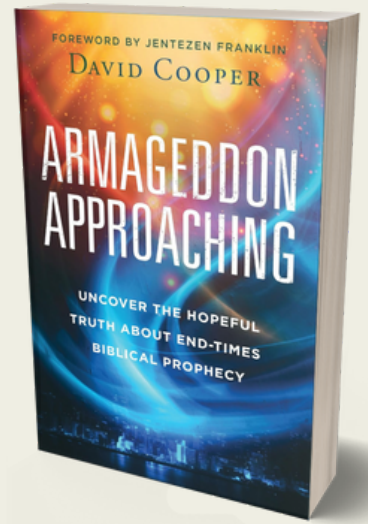
- **The end** is nigh. As Christians, we have to wrestle with this aspect of our faith, because it's tied up with our **greatest hope**, Christ's return.
- Through war, states are making claims on **Jerusalem**. As the future of this historic holy land develops, some Christians are looking to prophecy to understand it's roles, symbolic or otherwise, in what's next. David Cooper puts this political moment in perspective.
- It's no secret that **anxiety** is rampant in contemporary life, including among young people. Yet David Copper argues, he purpose of end-time prophecy and the promise of Jesus' return is to *lower* people's anxiety about the future knowing that God is in control. The purpose of Bible prophecy is *not to tell us when things will happen* but to teach us *how to live with purpose and peace* regardless of what will happen because God is sovereign.
- The world feels upside down. Right is wrong and wrong is right. People are searching for meaning and purpose and the assurance that God is at work in the world and is in control over the present and the future. We want to be reassured that we are not cosmic orphans abandoned by God but that God is watching over us and working for our good. Prophecy reminds us how.

WHO IT'S FOR:

- People searching for purpose in their life
- Who want a realistic honest explanation to end time prophecy.
- Who want to get a better understanding of what God has planned for the future.
- Who need peace of mind in a world of great anxiety.
- Who want a simple explanation of end time prophecy.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- We are commanded to keep watch, but also advised that no one knows the day or hour of Christ's return. Should we be looking for the end times, or not?
- How does what's happening right now in Israel tie into what we're told will happen in the end times?
- Is God concerned with earthly politics?
- How can we trust God during times of strife?
- How does destruction fit into God's plan?
- What does it mean for the world to be transformed?
- What symbols does the Bible use to refer to the end times?
- Should we try to hasten / delay the end times? Is that even possible?
- What sections of the Bible describe these events?
- How can an awareness of Armageddon bring peace?
- How is God's Armageddon different from notions of the end of the world shaped by nuclear fears?
- How does God want us to respond to chaos?
- How can we reverently fear God, without dreading the day he demonstrates his power?
- The word "rapture" never appears in the book of Revelation, but scholars have identified references to events from the reign of Domitian in the text. Is it a misreading of scripture to assume Revelation speaks about a coming Armageddon?
- What is the purpose of bible prophecy as originally intended in the biblical books?
- How can we interpret the symbols of end time bible prophecy?
- What does the term Antichrist mean as used in scripture?
- Why does Christ delay his return?
- What does the bible really say about the rapture of the church?
- Is the Millennium literal or figurative?
- What can we do to get ready for the Lord's return?
- What will the final judgement really be like?



The Rapture

Jesus' return is the main event of the future. His return will take place in two phases. First He will take His people out of the world in the Rapture. Then, at the end of the age, He will return to the earth to set up His Kingdom and to rule and reign in righteousness. Some scholars deduce from Scripture that the Rapture will happen at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, and that Jesus will return at the battle of Armageddon to defeat the Antichrist. Other scholars view the Rapture and return of Christ as the same event occurring at the end of the Tribulation.

The term Rapture simply means to take away or to catch away suddenly:

The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–18

While the word Rapture does not appear in the Bible, the concept certainly does. Paul said we will be “caught up” or snatched away suddenly. Let's look more closely at this amazing passage about the Lord's return.

Personal Touch

The Lord himself. Jesus will not send a representative or angel to get us. He said, “I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” (John 14:3). Jesus' return is a personal visit to this world to save His people from the final hour of judgment. The angels told the disciples, as they stood on the Mount of Olives gazing into the sky while Jesus ascended to heaven out of their sight: “This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

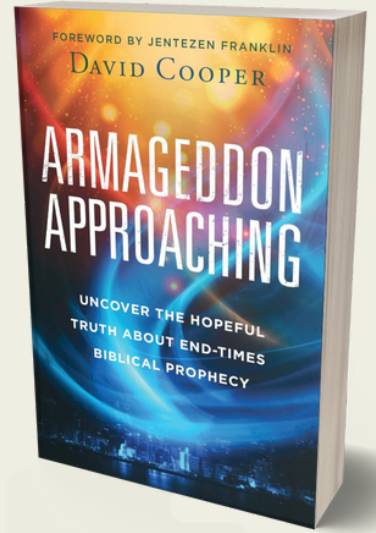
Some people think the return of Christ is only a metaphor about death, when the soul goes to heaven. Certainly when we die, we will go to heaven: “To be absent from the body [is] to be present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8 nkjv). And: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. . . . They will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them” (Revelation 14:13). But natural death is not the return of Jesus, as foretold in Scripture.

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No, the Lord Himself will descend from heaven. Paul told us clearly, “We will not all sleep” (1 Corinthians 15:51). Sleep is the biblical term for death. That means that some people will not die a natural death. Instead they will be alive to see Jesus' return. I hope I am part of the generation that sees Him coming in the clouds of heaven! John the Revelator writes, “‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him’” (Revelation 1:7). The return of Jesus is not a symbolic metaphor; it is a spiritual mystery bringing wonder and awe.



ENDORSEMENTS



“Armageddon Approaching will walk you through every aspect of end- times theology in a way that both scholars and the average man or woman in the pew can understand and apply to their lives.”

**Jentezen Franklin, Senior Pastor,
Free Chapel, Gainesville, Georgia**

“That history and geopolitics are plunging toward some kind of finish line is hardly even controversial. The question is how? When? What will it mean for believers and nonbelievers? I heartily recommend Dr. David Cooper’s newest book, *Armageddon Approaching*. Avoiding both shrill hysteria and smug academics, Dr. Cooper’s book is timely, readable, and important.”

**Mark Rutland,
Executive Director, National Institute of Christian Leadership**

“For Christians and others seeking guidance about the end times, my friend Dr. David Cooper’s book is indispensable. *Armageddon Approaching* faithfully adheres to biblical truth and is a welcome antidote to fear and falsehood. Dr. Cooper conveys the good news that God holds the world and humanity in His hands, and the final chapter ends with victory and eternity in the presence of Jesus Christ. I highly recommend this book for anyone else seeking to separate fact from fiction when it comes to the future. A must-read!”

**Dr. Ralph Reed,
Founder and Chairman, Faith & Freedom Coalition**

“Out of the dark abyss of uncertainty, my friend Dr. David Cooper offers a bright spark of hope that the believer can stand firm on the conviction that Bible prophecy was meant to stir faith in God’s promises. God is still in control and will return for His Church in His own time. A timely and encouraging manuscript.”

**Dr. R. C. Hugh Nelson,
Lead pastor, Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center, Brooklyn, New York**