

The Worlds of Lewis and Tolkien: Christian Imagery in Narnia and Middle Earth

#7: Eschatology of Middle Earth: The "End Times" in Lord of the Rings

I. The Power of Evil: Darkness Seems to be Winning

- A. In What ways does Darkness/Evil seem to be winning in our day?
- B. In What Ways does Darkness/Evil seem to be winning in LOTR?

II. The Power of Hope: There is Faith that Goodness will Prevail

- A. What Gives us Hope in the midst of seeing such a dark/evil world?
- B. What gave the characters in LOTR hope when they faced evil?

III. A Final Battle: There is a Great and Triumphant Victory

- A. There will be a "final battle" between God and Satan (Rev 19)
- B. Where do we see similar images in the LOTR?

IV. Consumation and Redemption: All Things are Set Right

- A. The Curse is Rolled Back and Sin/Darkness Removed (Rev 21:5)
 - Where do we see this happen in the LOTR?
- B. People are Judged and Rewarded (Rev 20:11-15)
 - Where do we see this happen in LOTR?
- C. There is a new heavens and new earth
 - What is the final resting place in the LOTR?