

# Matthew 24--The Signs of the End-Times

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*Look for the true subject of sentences and paragraphs.*

I cannot stress this admonition strongly enough. I have read commentaries by well educated people who seemed to forget this basic rule of English. Ignoring this rule carries the serious risk of misinterpretation and causing others to believe it as truth.

SCRIPTURES	COMMENTARY
<i>24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to [him] for to show him the buildings of the temple. 24:2 And Jesus said to them, See you not all these things? In truth, I say to you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.</i>	<b>The destruction of the temple</b> The common understanding of this statement is that the temple was, indeed, destroyed in A.D. 70. However, the context of the following verses indicates that this is really an end-time reference.
<i>24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what [shall be] the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?</i>	<b>The disciples question Jesus</b> Jesus and his disciples left the temple courts and proceeded up to the Mount of Olives. The question asked by Jesus' disciples was inspired by His statement concerning the destruction of the temple. Although it isn't stated here, the question indicated that they know he will go away and return to claim his kingdom. They want to know when the temple will be destroyed and what will be the signs of the end-time and his return.
<i>24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 24:5 For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 24:6 And you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that you be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. 24:8 All these [are] the beginning of sorrows.</i>	<b>Do Not Be Misled</b> There has been and will be wars and rumors of wars, nations against nations, leaders against leaders. These things must happen because it is human nature. Jesus also tells his disciples that there will be famines and earthquakes, but he tells them to not be alarmed at all of these things. They are only the beginning of birth pangs. Are these things the signs of the end? No! They are natural to this world, but the birth pangs will grow stronger and more frequent as the end grows nearer. When the end comes, these things will all pass away.
<i>24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all nations for My names sake. 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.</i>	<b>Signs of the Seventieth Week</b> Christians have suffered persecution from the beginning. The Romans used them for their entertainment while they were killed and torn apart in the arena. Atheists go out of their way to eradicate the name of YaHavah, prayer, and crosses from society. The persecution of Christians takes place all over the world. So what makes this persecution different?
<i>24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.</i>	<b>False Prophets</b> Lawlessness will increase. That means sin against YaHavah will increase. People will grow farther away from the love and laws of YaHavah. There will be more false prophets leading people away from the truth. Too many well meaning people who profess to believe in YaHavah get comfortable with wrong Scripture interpretations and foreign doctrines. They get side tracked by a "revelation" and close their minds to the Holy Spirit's admonition to keep searching and listening to YaHavah. They will appear to be righteous, but in truth they are going

	<p>far, far from YaHavah. Their love will grow cold because they are not on guard against the enemy of their souls. They have fallen out from under the protection of the Spirit of YaHavah and paid no attention to his prophecy parameters.</p>
<p><i>24:13 But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come.</i></p>	<p><b>Endure to the end</b>  Those who test all teachings by the Word of YaHavah and not the word of denominational teaching will endure to the end. They will be led by YaHavah through all of the persecution, famines and disasters. They will continue to preach the truth as it is in YaHavah's Word. Their testimony will endure to the end. These are the ones who will receive their reward.</p>
<p><i>24:15 When you therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso reads, let him understand:) 24:16 then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. 24:17 let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: 24:18 neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 24:19 And woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!</i></p>	<p><b>SIGNS OF MID-WEEK AND FOURTH BEAST</b>  <b>Abomination of Desolation</b>  At the end of Antichrist's reign he will be revealed for what he is when Jesus is seen on a cloud to lift the faithful and dead in Christ to a safe place (Isaiah 26:20-21--<i>Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. For behold, the Lord comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.</i>).  This is also in reference to Zechariah 14:5—The context in which the Hebrew word, <i>Azal</i>, is used may be associated with the Day of Atonement when sin will end. <i>Azal</i> has several meanings, one of which is <i>join</i>. In the context used in Zechariah, it means to “to go up.” This is the time of the resurrection when the saints and remnant will be called to meet Jesus in the air at the beginning of the Great Day of YHVH.</p>
<p><i>24:20 But pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: 24:21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.</i></p>	<p><b>Great Tribulation, aka., Wrath of YHVH</b>  The time of the Beast is 1,290 days. At the end of the 1,290 days, Jesus will deliver the seven vials of YaHavah's wrath) on unbelievers. There will be some who did not take the mark of the Beast and think they are sealed in the Spirit. They are not and will be left behind to endure to the end of the wrath. The time to the end of the pouring out of YaHavah's wrath is 1,335 days. It is YaHavah's wrath that is the Great Tribulation, aka, indignation, seven bowls, and Armageddon. After that Jesus will bring his faithful out from their safe place and begin his one thousand year reign on earth.</p>
<p><i>24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</i></p>	<p><b>Time Cut Short For The Elect</b>  What did Jesus mean when he said the days would be cut short? The faithful will endure until Jesus calls them out at the end of the Beast's 1,290 days, therefore their time will be cut short from the 1,335 days to the end of the wrath.</p>
<p><i>24:23 Then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not. 24:24 For there shall arise false Christ's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 24:25 Behold, I have told you before. 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say to you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not.</i></p>	<p><b>BE WATCHFUL OF WHAT YOU BELIEVE</b>   Again, we are warned against being misled.</p>
<p><i>24:27 For as the lightning comes out of the east, and shines even to the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 24:28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.</i></p>	<p><b>Coming of the Christ is sure</b>  The coming of Jesus Christ, also known as the Son of Man will occur just once and everyone will know it. It will not be in secret. Yes, people will disappear all over the world, but no one will have time to sit around and discuss it afterwards. Those who took the mark of the Beast 666 which means that are permanently marked as sons of Adam, are left to suffer</p>

unimaginable agonies and death. However, not all will be destroyed. There will be thousands who will not take the mark of the Beast, neither will they receive the truth of Jesus Christ to be sealed in the Spirit making them sons of YaHavah. They will believe after they see Him descending from heaven on a cloud. If they continue to believe they will survive this horrendous war and will replenish the human race during the millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The "raptured" will reign with him but cannot marry and procreate.

*<sup>24:29</sup> <sup>29</sup>—Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>24:30</sup> and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

*<sup>24:31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

**Signs of the End of the Tribulation, aka., Last Seven Years or Seventieth Week**

Finally, the answer to the disciples' question. These are the signs of Jesus return. Immediately after the suffering of the tribulation there will be signs in the heavens that will cause everyone to look up. Notice that Jesus did not say after the Great Tribulation of those days. The sun will go dark and what appears to be stars falling from heaven. When the sun goes dark, the twelve tribes will reunite to be sealed in the Spirit of YaHavah as described in seal six of the scroll. Then the sight that so many have not believed until they actually see it—the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, coming on the clouds of heaven with all power and glory. And here it is, the sound of the last (seventh) trumpet that will call the elect out of the way of the wrath. Jesus said it himself. I'll say it again, Jesus said the Son of Man would come on the clouds AFTER the tribulation of those days.