

JESUS'S OLIVET DISCOURSE

PART 2

JESUS TELLS US TO WATCH

'in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.' ' Daniel 9:2-3,19



Olivet Discourse - Part 1

First 3 1/2 Years - beginning of birth pangs

- ◆ See that no one leads you astray.
- ◆ Wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes (1st Four Seals)
- ◆ Tribulation, martyrdom (5th Seal)
- ◆ Deception, falling away and betrayal - Apostasy
- ◆ Gospel of the kingdom proclaimed to all nations

After the Abomination of Desolation

Second 3 1/2 Years

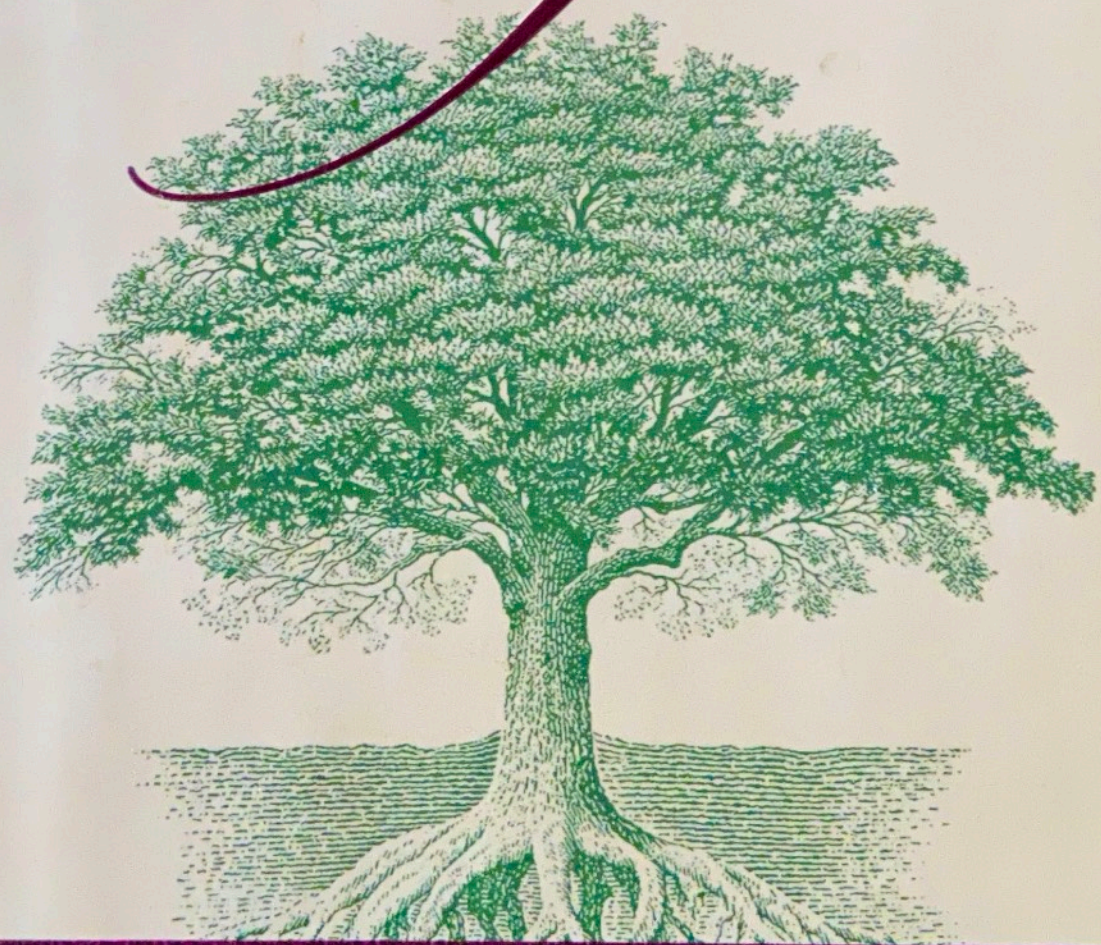
- ◆ Great tribulation like never before or after 24:21, as antichrist attacks Jews and Christians
- ◆ Will be cut short for the elect 24:22
- ◆ Lying signs and wonders
- ◆ Cosmic disturbances of sun, moon and stars - 6th Seal
- ◆ Messiah, clouds, angels to gather his elect - the Rapture

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WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

*Character is both developed
and revealed by tests,
and all of life is a test.*

'When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ' Luke 19:15-20

'Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?'

1 Peter 4:12-17

' Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to
a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being
guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the
last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if
necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the
tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that
perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in
praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. '

1 Peter 1:3-7

' Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. '

James 1:2-4,12

'For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.'

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Flunking the test - apostasy

'And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many [most] will grow cold.'

Matthew 24:4-5,10,12

Flunking the test - apostasy

'Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ' 1 Timothy 4:1 ESV

'Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ' 2 Thessalonians 2:3 NASB

Antídote to apostasy - WATCH!

' But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.'

Mark 13:32-37 KJV

IMMINENCE AND THE RAPTURE

“That the New Testament teaches Christ could return at any moment is a strong doctrine supporting the pre-trib rapture doctrine...

Imminence in relation to the rapture has been defined as consisting of three elements: “the certainty that He may come at any moment, the uncertainty of the time of that arrival, and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.””

- Thomas D. Ice, Director,
- Pre-Tribulation Research Center

Problems with Imminence

- ◆ The context of Jesus's statement that no one knows the day or hour is his appearing and the gathering of 24:31, after many prophesied events.
- ◆ If that statement applies to the rapture of the church, then Matt 24:31 is the rapture.
- ◆ The scriptures they to "prove" imminence only seem to say the rapture could be anytime if you already assume that. In other words, "eagerly waiting", "looking for", "come, Lord" does not mean there are no prior prophesied events.
- ◆ Ice's list 1 Cor. 1:7; 16:22; Phil. 3:20; 4:5; 1 Thess. 1:10; Tit. 2:13; Heb. 9:28; Jam. 5:7-9; 1 Pet. 1:13; Jude 21; Rev. 3:11; 22:7, 12, 17, 20



Parable of the Fig Tree

' "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see **all these things**, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. '

Matthew 24:32-35

The Day of the Lord in the Book of Revelation

Anti-Christ makes a covenant with many
Dan 9:27

Anti-Christ is revealed
Dan 9:27; 2 Thes 2:4

Every eye sees Jesus
Matt 24:30-31; Rev 1:7

Daniel's 70th Week Fulfilled
Dan 9:24-27

The Battle of Armageddon
Rev 19:1-19

