

MATTHEW 24

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

PART 1

Do you long for what He longed for?

' "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 23:37-39

' Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." '

Matthew 24:1-2

'As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 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.' Matthew 24:3-5 ESV

'For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,
and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All
these are but the beginning of the birth pains. And you will hear of
wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this
must take place, but the end is not yet. '

Matthew 24:6-8

'And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.'

Matthew 24:9-14

Endure to the end—hupomenō 5278

'Rejoice in hope, **be patient** in tribulation, be constant in prayer.'

Romans 12:12

'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, **endures** all things.' 1 Corinthians 13:7

'if we **endure**, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.' 2 Timothy 2:12-13

' "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. '

Matthew 24:15-18

'And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ' Matthew 24:19-22

'Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. ' Matthew 24:23-28

' "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will **gather his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ' Matthew 24:29-31

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Matthew 24:31

‘Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered ἐπισυναγωγῆ (epísunagōgē 1997 noun form) together to him, we ask you, brothers, ‘

2 Thessalonians 2:1

The 6th Seal — Cosmic Disturbances

'When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.'

Revelation 6:12-14

Cosmic Disturbances **before** Day of the LORD

'And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, **before** the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.'

Acts 2:19-20

The 6th Seal — Mourning, Wrath

'Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for **the great day of their wrath has come**, and who can stand?"' Revelation 6:15-17

What can we know for sure?

- ◆ Before His Kingdom is established on earth will be times of greatest deception under the antichrist.
- ◆ Greatest tribulation ever under the antichrist. God will cut it short.
- ◆ Many will fall away. Jesus warns his followers to stay faithful. He promises rewards to those who are faithful and consequences to those who are not.
- ◆ Jesus confirms the authority of Daniel's prophecy.
- ◆ There is a gathering event after the 6th seal. The Rapture?