

## Matthew 24:15-36 – The King’s Second Coming!

### Scriptures:

Luke 19:41-44 - Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

15 “Therefore when you see the **‘abomination**

G946 - what is detestable, something loathsome, horrible thing which defiles.

**of desolation,**’ spoken of by Daniel the

G2050 - devastation, destruction.

prophet, standing in the holy

place” (whoever reads, let him understand),

Some time after the Rapture of the church, a period known as the Tribulation will begin. The Tribulation is a seven-year period of unprecedented judgment as God pours out His accumulated wrath on this wicked, God-hating, Christ-rejecting world. During that time a man will come to power who is empowered by Satan to try to control the world and fight against God. Jesus is quoting out of Daniel 9 to describe something that will happen at the halfway point of the Tribulation. Three and one-half years into the Tribulation an image of the antichrist will be set up in the rebuilt Jewish temple in Jerusalem and the antichrist will demand that he is to be worshipped as god (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Jesus then tells them what they should do when they see this.

### Notes:

Eschatology is the study of end times things. It is based on the reality that all human history is moving toward a predetermined end. That end was determined by God and then shared with humanity through God’s messenger, the prophets.

Eschatology is an area where many people have differing opinions. One of the reasons for that is because God gives us enough information to know something is coming but not enough to be dogmatic about the details of how that prophecy is to be fulfilled. Sometimes the only way to fully understand a prophecy is to study it after it has been fulfilled.

Eschatology is a study in hope. Mankind was hopelessly lost in sin. Sin has ravaged humanity and this world since the Fall in the Garden of Eden. God established a plan to redeem mankind back to Him. He did that by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross to make a way for us to be saved from the eternal penalty for sin. God’s plan will not be complete until He has dealt with sin permanently. Most of unfulfilled prophecy is focused on that. Eschatology is a study in hope because through it we see God’s warnings to people to repent and be saved and to escape the coming judgment. The main message for believers is to be ready and help others get ready.

In the first fourteen verses of this chapter Jesus told His disciples that judgment was coming upon the nation of Israel including the destruction of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44). Most Jews, and especially the religious establishment, rejected Christ Jesus as their Messiah. The consequence of that rejection was going to be destruction. That happened in 70 AD. The disciples wanted more information about the coming of Christ’s kingdom on the earth. Jesus then told them what signs to watch out for.

We are going to put up a chart (**End Times Timeline**). We have some copies of this printed out in the back. We are in the period known as the church age. It began when Jesus ascended to heaven and will end when Jesus comes and raptures the church to be with Him in heaven. During the church age there will be war, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.

Scriptures:

16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Notes:

Drop everything and run. If you hesitate, unlikely to survive. There was a partial fulfillment of this right before temple destroyed in 70AD, though without the ‘Abomination’. Jewish Christians heeded Jesus’ warning and fled Jerusalem right before Titus showed up & besieged it. In the Tribulation Jews will rebuild Temple. Allowed to begin sacrificial system of worship. Antichrist will stop them – time to leave immediately. It will be a terrible time. You don’t want to be here then.

Scriptures:

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

Notes:

Scriptures:

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Notes:

Scriptures:

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to

Notes:

those who are nursing babies in those days!

Scriptures:

20 And pray that your flight may not be in

Notes:

winter or on the Sabbath.

Scriptures:

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such

G3173 - μέγας  
(megas), μεγάλη  
(megalē), μέγα  
(mega). G2347 -

Notes:

At some point during the early part of the Tribulation God begins to pour out His wrath upon a Christ-rejecting world. Disasters unlike anything we have ever seen. In just the first half of the seven years one-half of world population will die. That's about 4 billion people. That's like 9/11 happening every 2 minutes for 3 ½ years. As bad as the first half of the Tribulation will be, the last three and a half years will be far worse.

as has not been since the beginning of the

world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Scriptures:

22 And unless those days were shortened, no

G2856 -

Notes:

God, in His grace and mercy will shorten the time.

flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake

those days will be shortened.

Scriptures:

23 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is*

Notes:

Some will come pretending to be Jesus or one of His prophets. Their goal is to deceive. At this point in Tribulation – God’s people hiding from Antichrist. Purpose may be to lure them out of hiding.

the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*.

As church age believers, we must also be warned against the temptation of looking for a false Christ. We don’t need to go looking for Christ – He is going to come for us.

Scriptures:

24 For false christs and false prophets will

Notes:

Many assume all miracles are from God. Not true – Satan and his demons can do miracles, though only as God allows. In the first couple chapters of Job, the devil causes marauders to take Job’s stuff. Then he causes a storm to kill Job’s children. And then the devil causes Job to break out in boils from head to toe. And in the wilderness temptation of Jesus, the devil ‘teleported’ Jesus twice.

rise and show great signs and wonders to

G4592 - sign,  
either a normal  
signal or a  
miraculous sign.

G5059 - portent,  
wonder, miracle.

deceive, if possible, even the elect.

G1588 – chosen.

Scriptures:

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

Notes:

26 “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in

the desert!’ do not go out; *or* ‘Look, *He is* in

the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*.

Scriptures:

27 For as the lightning comes from the east

and flashes to the west, so also will the

coming of the Son of Man be.

Notes:

There are some who suggest that it wasn't until the advent of global communication that this became possible. We must be so careful that we don't try to force a human explanation on something that is likely to be supernatural. God is not waiting for everyone on earth to have a Tik Tok account before Jesus comes back. Though it wouldn't surprise if Tik Tok was not one of the tools the Antichrist uses to deceive the world into following him.

I am convinced this is a supernatural event. Everyone instantaneously will know when Jesus comes back. When Jesus came the first time – humbly to a poor virgin – very few people on earth were aware of it. Suffered as a servant of God in relatively obscurity. 2nd time – come as a conquering King. Whole world will know it and know what it means to them. He has come to judge the wicked for their sin. And they will realize that it is too late.

Scriptures:

28 For wherever the carcass is, there the

eagles will be gathered together.

Notes:

This is a difficult verse to interpret and there is not much agreement on what it means.

Scriptures:

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those

Notes:

According to Google the sun will burn out in 5 billion years. This will not be a natural event.

days the sun will be darkened, and the moon

will not give its light; the stars will fall from

heaven, and the powers of the heavens will

be shaken.



Scriptures:

Revelation 19:11-16 -

Now I saw heaven opened,  
and behold, a white horse.  
And He who sat on him was  
called Faithful and True,  
and in righteousness He  
judges and makes war.

12 His eyes were like a  
flame of fire, and on His  
head were many crowns.  
He had a name written that  
no one knew except  
Himself. 13 He was clothed  
with a robe dipped in  
blood, and His name is  
called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in  
heaven, clothed in fine  
linen, white and clean,  
followed Him on white  
horses. 15 Now out of His  
mouth goes a sharp sword,  
that with it He should strike  
the nations. And He Himself  
will rule them with a rod of  
iron. He Himself treads the  
winepress of the fierceness  
and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe  
and on His thigh a name  
written: KING OF KINGS  
AND LORD OF LORDS

<sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear

Notes:

The Apostle John was given a vision  
of this event ([Revelation 19:11-16](#)).  
This is the Second Coming of Christ  
Jesus! It is good news for God's  
people but very bad news for  
unbelievers.

in heaven, 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.

Scriptures:

31 And He will send His angels with a great

Notes:  
'His elect' is usually interpreted as the Jews. They are currently scattered all around the world. This may also include everyone who puts their trust in Christ during the Tribulation Period.

sound of a trumpet, and they will gather

together His elect from the four winds, from

one end of heaven to the other.

Scriptures:

32 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree:

When its branch has already become tender

and puts forth leaves, you know that summer

*is* near.

Notes:

The primary audience of this parable are those who will witness the events of the Tribulation. Millions of people will come to faith in Jesus Christ after the church is raptured and the Tribulation period begins. They will read the Bibles we leave behind and maybe even watch sermons like this one. Some of them might be people we have faithfully shared the gospel with.

Even so, we also need to be alert and watching for the Lord's return.

Scriptures:

33 So you also, when you see all these things,

know that it is near—at the doors!

Notes:

Jesus gave us signs to watch for so that we would remain alert. In the next chapter Jesus will give two parables meant to teach us how to live while we wait for His Second Coming. To summarize them – stay ready and stay busy.

Scriptures:

<sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will

by no means pass away till all these things

take place.

Notes:

Who is 'this generation'? One interpretation of this is the generation that first heard these words. Many of His disciples would live to the time of the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.

Another interpretation is that Jesus is referring to the future generation who would witness the signs of His second Coming. Once they started seeing them, they could understand that Jesus would come back in their generation.

Because Jesus said it would happen, it will happen and precisely the way He said it would.

Scriptures:

<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My

words will by no means pass away.

Notes:

God's Word is more stable and sure than the whole universe.

Scriptures:

<sup>36</sup> “But of that day and hour no one knows,

not even the angels of heaven, but My Father

only.

Notes:

In Christ's humanity, He did not know when God was planning to send Him back for the Second Coming.

Anyone who tries to convince us that they know the day or hour of Christ's return is a false messiah or false prophe and should be rejected and ignored.

[Top of section](#) [Top of chapter](#)