

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 16
The Destruction of Temple, the Church Age, the Great Tribulation
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As Jesus left and was going out of the temple complex, His disciples came up and called His attention to the temple buildings. ² Then He replied to them, “Don’t you see all these things? I assure you: Not one stone will be left here on another that will not be thrown down!”

³ While He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached Him privately and said, “Tell us, when will **THESE THINGS HAPPEN?** And what is **THE SIGN** of Your coming and of **THE END OF THE AGE?**”

⁴ Then Jesus replied to them: “Watch out that **NO ONE DECEIVES** you. ⁵ For many will come in My Name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will **DECEIVE** many. ⁶ You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are **NOT** alarmed, because these things must take place, but the **END IS NOT YET.** ⁷ For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these events are the **BEGINNING OF BIRTH PAINS.**

⁹ “Then they will hand you over for persecution, and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of **My Name.** ¹⁰ Then many will take offense (i.e. will be **offended**), betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ Many false prophets will rise up and **deceive many.** ¹² Because **LAWLESSNESS** will multiply, the **LOVE OF MANY WILL GROW COLD.** ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be delivered.

¹⁴ **This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then THE END will come.**

¹⁵ “So when you see the **Abomination of Desolation**, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place” (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ “then those in Judea must flee to the mountains! ¹⁷ A man on the housetop must not come down to get things out of his house. ¹⁸ And a man in the field must not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your escape may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For at that time there will be **GREAT TRIBULATION**, the kind that hasn’t taken place **FROM THE BEGINNING** of the world until now and **NEVER WILL AGAIN!** ²² Unless those days were limited, **no one** would survive. But those days will be limited because of **THE ELECT.**

²³ “If anyone tells you then, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Over here!’ do not believe it! ²⁴ False messiahs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ **TAKE NOTE: I HAVE TOLD YOU IN ADVANCE.** ²⁶ So if they tell you, ‘Look, He’s in the wilderness!’ don’t go out; ‘Look, He’s in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days: The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the celestial powers will be shaken. ³⁰ “Then the **SIGN** of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will **MOURN**; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with **POWER** and **GREAT GLORY.** ³¹ He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather His **ELECT** from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

1. **The DAY of the LORD ... spoken of in the Old Testament ... The Great Tribulation**
The O.T. Prophets foretold of that End Time Period
 - Daniel 9:27 explains it will be for 7 years ... with 2 halves ... 1st and 2nd half.
 - Jesus talked about that time period (Matt. 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 17:22ff, 21:5ff)
 - Paul (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 & 5; 2 Thess. 2; 1 Cor. 15:51ff; Romans 11)
 - Peter (2 Peter 2)
 - John (Revelation)

2. **The Disciples asked Jesus a Question about the Future in 3 Parts ...**
 - a. **When will these Things Happen? (The Destruction of the Temple)**

 - b. **What is The Sign of Your Coming**

 - c. **When is The End of the Age**

3. **When will these things Happen?**
This relates to the Gospel Age, the Church Age ... (ref. Revelation chapters 1 thru 3)
which included the Destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D.
Matthew 24:4-14 → ends with the completion of the Spread of the Gospel to All Nations
 - Persecution because of the Name of Jesus, Famines, Earthquakes, Wars, Pestilences, the rise of many false prophets, false teachers and false religions, rampant lawlessness and sin, difficult times (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

vs. 14 is the Transition Verse, it completes one “age” and passes the baton onto the next.
(hint: “... then the End will come.” → “... then the End Time Period will begin.”)

4. **The End of the Age – The Great Tribulation ... the Final 7 Years (ref. Daniel 9:24-27)**
This section is **Matthew 24:15-28**
The Abomination of Desolation is key to unlocking this section ...
This references the time of the end, the final 7 Years (that is why Daniel is referenced)
Jesus is giving us Big Clues ...
The Rise of the AntiChrist will coincide with a False Messiah showing great signs & wonders
The AntiChrist will want to be worshipped as God, and will “Push” a false god upon the world
(ref. Revelation 13, 2 Thessalonians 2 & Daniel 11:21-45)

5. **The Sign of Your Coming (i.e. Your Return in Glory as Messiah & King) ... Matt. 24:29-31**
He flips the order of the 2nd and 3rd Questions and answers them in the correct order of sequence of how the events will really unfold.
This Parallels Revelation 16 & 19 (which is hinted at in Revelation 14, as well)