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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**) (along with **JUDE**)
- John (**Revelation**)
Matthew 24:1-31
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?”
2. The Disciples asked Jesus a Question about the Future in 3 Parts …

a. When will these Things Happen? (i.e.: The Destruction of the Temple)

b. What is The Sign of Your Coming

c. When is The End of the Age
Matthew 24:4-14 → Jesus Answers the 1st Question:

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. (hint: read Luke 21:28 … )

From the Day of Pentecost and onward ... is the Gospel Age, the Church Age ... (Acts 2, and onward – until the Rapture)

(verses 4 & 5) Deceivers with will Preach and Teach a False Gospel – and Point to the Real Jesus Christ, but will Deceive the Many with their FALSE Teachings.

(verse 8) → The Beginnings ... these are those things which will lead UP to the END Time Period
Matthew 24:4-14 → Jesus Answers the 1st Question:
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.

- The Time of the Gospel Age will not be easy, but will have many difficulties, with much persecution, all the way until the Rapture.
- As we get closer to the End of the Gospel Age it will be Marked by an Exponential Increase in people being Offended about everything
- Lawlessness will increase ... have you noticed how many folks have been using the word “Lawless” about certain politicians in the last few years. This is more so than at any time in our history, that I know of. Folks will become more hardened toward God, toward each other and have an increase in the lack of compassion. This is what we are seeing today
- Enduring to the End, will be Saved or Delivered ... just means that it will be so very difficult to stay true to God, it will be a miracle ... but those who are Truly Born Again will endure ... this is the Doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints...
→ What marks the End of the Gospel Age is that All Peoples, Nations, Tongues, and Tribes have, in some way, been reached with the true, Biblical Gospel through the Body of Christ.
This then will mark the time of the Rapture, and then subsequent to that event, will start the Great Tribulation, which is seen in verses 15 through 31.
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.”)
Matthew 24:15-28 → Jesus Answers the 3rd Question:

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.
Matthew 24:15-28 → Jesus Answers the 3rd Question:
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.

These are pointing to the TIME of the Great Tribulation in which there will be Great Deception and Great Strong Delusions ... so as, it possible, to even deceive the Elect (which means ... it will not happen, but almost, but those who are truly born again, during the tribulation will be able to withstand Satan’s Deceptions)
Revelation 12 → and they overcame Satan with the Blood of the Lamb and Word of their Testimony in Christ ...
The False Christ, the False Prophet who works with the AntiChrist (the Beast) in Revelation 13, is prophecies here, by Christ.
He is warning His People, Israel, here ... don’t look believe this lie of the AntiChrist, during the Great Tribulation

Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will gather ... this in reference to Revelation 16 (the Frog Demons ... gathering the rebellious unrepentant sinners to Armageddon ... parallels Revelation 19, the last battle at the End of the Great Tribulation ...
Remember we’ve been talking about this for the last 4 weeks, now ... the Dragon, that Old Serpent, Satan, and the Devil ... He will work through the AntiChrist and the False Prophet to deceive the whole world, with Strongest Influence ever, up that point in history. No one on the planet will have any excuse ... The 144,000 Israeli Missionaries and the Two Witnesses (live on Satellite TV and the Internet) ... the Gospel will saturate the world ... for the 1st Half of the Tribulation. That will be God’s Last Big Push of the Gospel ... But, then no one else will Repent from the Nations ... So, God will pour out His Spirit upon Israel and they will Repent as the AntiChrist shows his true colors when he kills the Two Witnesses in Jerusalem ... that is when Israel will Repent and Turn to their Messiah ... At that Same Time, that starts the Beginning of the 2nd Half of the Great Tribulation in which The AntiChrist and the False Prophet become very very powerful and prevail against the saints, massive persecution, etc. (Revelation 13 & 14 ... compare with Daniel 7, 8, 11:21-45)
Matthew 24:29-31 → Jesus Answers the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Question:

29 “Immediately \textbf{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 \textbf{SIGN} of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then \textbf{ALL} the peoples of the earth will \textbf{MOURN}; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with \textbf{POWER} and \textbf{GREAT GLORY}. 31 He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather His \textbf{ELECT} from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Verse 30 – relates to → The realization by all those who followed the antichrist that the Bible was correct, that those crazy Christians, the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses were all correct, and that Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel – is God, King, Lord, and Savior and every knew will bow to Him, whether willingly or not ... Here comes the Judge ...

\textbf{Shocker Realization:} Jesus will come back as the LION of the Tribe of Judah (the Holy One of Israel) – as God, as the Judge of the Universe.

\textbf{NOTE:} Verse 31 – Relate to Israel, the ELECT ... this parallels the Prophecies Ingathering of the Scattered Sheep of Israel in all the nations of the World and bring them home to the Land of Israel ... there are Many Passages in the Old Testament that talk about the Ingathering of all the remaining Israelis that will remain in the various nations all over the world, God will bring them back to the Land of Israel and then set up the David, Messianic Millennium (parallels with Revelation 20).

Remember, that the church and those who are saved during the Tribulation are all in heaven by the time Jesus gets on His horse in Revelation 19 (after the Marriage Supper of the Lamb) and we, all together, with Jesus, also get on our horses and follow Christ into the Final Battle (ref. Revelation 19, Zechariah 14, Jude)
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The REALIZATION that Christ will come back as the Judge of the Universe ... The LION of the Tribe of Judah ...
As God, as the Holy One of Israel ...
He will not be some meek Lamb or a baby in a manger

Every Knee will Bow ... willingly or not ...

He will Rule with a ROD of IRON ... no exceptions
We need to Let people know, NOW, that He is coming soon and unless they REPENT and Trust in Christ, now, there will be a Day of Reckoning that will have ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES ... this is the Gospel!!!
Let’s Worship God … Because of Who He is, For What He has done, and What He is Yet to do → He is the GREAT ALMIGHTY GOD WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME…

ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL

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