

Study of the Rapture

Assessment of Parallel Passages Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; and Luke 21

- **Three questions of the disciples:**

<p>Matthew 24:3 - And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what <i>shall be</i> the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?</p>	<p>Mark 13:3-4 - And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, (4) Tell us, when shall these things be? and what <i>shall be</i> the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?</p>	<p>Luke 21:7 - And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign <i>will there be</i> when these things shall come to pass?</p>
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- “when shall these things be”
- “what shall be the sign of thy coming”
- “what shall be the sign of the end of the world”

- Signs provided by Jesus to His disciples concerning their questions

- **Beginning of sorrows:**

<p>Matthew 24:8 - All these are the beginning of sorrows.</p>	<p>Mark 13:7-8c – “these <i>are</i> the beginnings of sorrows”</p>
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1. **False christ:**

<p>Matthew 24:5 - For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.</p>	<p>Mark 13:6 - For many shall come in my name, saying, I am <i>Christ</i>; and shall deceive many.</p>	<p>Luke 21:8 - And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am <i>Christ</i>; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.</p>
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Matthew 24:24 - For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (25) Behold, I have told you before.

Mark 13:22 - For **false** Christs and **false** prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

The Anti-christ is the true false christ: Revelation 13:1-8 - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months. (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

2. **Hear of wars and rumor of wars:**

<p>Matthew 24:6-7a - And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all <i>these things</i> must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (7a) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom</p>	<p>Mark13:7-8a - And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for <i>such things</i> must needs be; but the end <i>shall not be</i> yet. (8) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these <i>are</i> the beginnings of sorrows.</p>	<p>Luke 21:9-10 - But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end <i>is</i> not by and by. (10) Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:</p>
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- **Revelation 6:2-4** - And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. (3) And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. (4) And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

3. **Catastrophic events happened to the earth and its people during the Tribulation Period**

<p>Matthew 24:7b – “there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”</p>	<p>Mark13:7-8b – “there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and trouble”</p>	<p>Luke 21:11 - And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.</p>
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○ Famines and Pestilence

- **Revelation 6:5-8** - And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. (6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine. (7) And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. (8) And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.
- **Revelation 18:8** - Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong *is* the Lord God who judgeth her.

○ Earthquake

- **Revelation 6:12** - And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
- **Revelation 8:5** - And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
- **Revelation 11:13** - And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

- **Revelation 11:19** - And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
- **Revelation 16:18** - And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
- Trouble
 - **I Thessalonians 5:2-3** – For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. (3) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
- Fearful Sight and great signs from heaven
 - **6th Seal: Revelation 6:12-14** – And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; (13) and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
 - **1st Trumpet: Revelation 8:7** - The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
 - **3rd Trumpet: Revelation 8:10-11** - And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; ¹¹ and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
 - **4th Trumpet: Revelation 8:12** - And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.
 - **4th Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:8-9** - And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. (9) And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.
 - **5th Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:10** - And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, ¹¹ and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

- **Next sequence of events:**

<p>Matthew 24:9-14 - Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (10) And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. (11) And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (14) And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.</p>	<p>Mark 13:9-13 - But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. (10) And the gospel must first be published among all nations. (11) But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. (12) Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against <i>their</i> parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. (13) And ye shall be hated of all <i>men</i> for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.</p>	<p>Luke 21:12-19 - But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. (13) And it shall turn to you for a testimony. (14) Settle <i>it</i> therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: (15) For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. (16) And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and <i>some</i> of you shall they cause to be put to death. (17) And ye shall be hated of all <i>men</i> for my name's sake. (18) But there shall not an hair of your head perish. (19) In your patience possess ye your souls.</p>
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- List of occurrences

<p>Matthew 24:9 - “<u>Then</u> they deliver you up to be afflicted”</p>	<p>Mark 13:9 - But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.</p>	<p>Luke 21:12 - But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:9 - “shall kill you”</p>	<p>Mark 13:12b - shall cause them to be put to death.</p>	<p>Luke 21:16b - <i>some</i> of you shall they cause to be put to death.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:9 - “ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake”</p>	<p>Mark 13:13a - And ye shall be hated of all <i>men</i> for my name's sake:</p>	<p>Luke 21:17 - And ye shall be hated of all <i>men</i> for my name's sake.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:10 – “<u>then</u> shall many be offended”</p>		
<p>Matthew 24:10 – “shall betray one another”</p>	<p>Mark 13:12 - Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against <i>their</i> parents</p>	<p>Luke 21:16a - And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends;</p>
<p>Matthew 24:10 – “shall hate one another”</p>		

Matthew 24:11 – “many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many”		
Matthew 24:12 – “iniquity shall abound”		
Matthew 24:12 – “the love of many shall wax cold”		
Matthew 24:14 – “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations”	Mark 13:10 - And the gospel must first be published among all nations.	
Matthew 24:14 – “then shall the end come”		

- **Interpretation of the time for these events**

- Happens during the Church Age?
 - **Luke 21:12a** – “But before all these”
 - The Tribulation Period

- **Abomination of Desolations:**

Matthew 24:15-20 - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) (16) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (17) Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: (17) Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. (19) And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! (20) But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:	Mark 13:14-18 - But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: (15) And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter <i>therein</i> , to take any thing out of his house: (16) And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. (17) But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! (18) And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.	Luke 21:20-23 - And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. (21) Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. (22) For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. (23) But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.
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- **Time occurrence for this event: Matthew 24:15** - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
 - **Sign that the Abomination of Desolation is near: Luke 21:20** - And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.
 - **Midpoint of the Tribulation Period, called the Great Tribulation Period:**
 - **Daniel 9:27b** – “in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate”
 - **Matthew 24:21-29** - For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- **Daniel 9:24-28** - Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in

everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (25) Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

• **Exhortations to the Jews in Judaea during the Great Tribulation Period**

<u>Matthew 24:16</u> - Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:	<u>Mark 13:14b</u> – “then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains”	<u>Luke 21:21</u> - Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. (22) For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
<u>Matthew 24:17</u> - Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:	<u>Mark 13:15</u> - And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter <i>therein</i> , to take any thing out of his house:	
<u>Matthew 24:18</u> - Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.	<u>Mark 13:16</u> - And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.	
<u>Matthew 24:19</u> - And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!	<u>Mark 13:17</u> - But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!	<u>Luke 21:23a</u> - But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days!
<u>Matthew 24:20</u> - But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:	<u>Mark 13:18</u> - And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.	<u>Luke 21:23b</u> – “for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people”

• **Great Tribulation Period – Last Half of the Seven Year Tribulation Period**

- **How long until this period: Luke 21:24** - And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

<u>Matthew 24:21-29</u> - For <i>then</i> shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (22) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (23) Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo,	<u>Mark 13:19-25</u> - For <i>in</i> those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. (20) And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the	<u>Luke 21:25-26</u> - And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; (26) Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be
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<p>here <i>is</i> Christ, or there; believe <i>it</i> not. (24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if <i>it were</i> possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (25) Behold, I have told you before. (26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, <i>he is</i> in the secret chambers; believe <i>it</i> not. (27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (28) <u>For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.</u> (29) Immediately after the tribulation of those <u>days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:</u></p>	<p>days. (21) And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here <i>is</i> Christ; or, lo, <i>he is</i> there; believe <i>him</i> not: (22) For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if <i>it were</i> possible, even the elect. (23) But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. (24) But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, (25) And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.</p>	<p>shaken.</p>
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○ **Only happens once:**

<p><u>Matthew 24:21b</u> – “such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”</p>	<p><u>Mark 13:19</u> - For <i>in</i> those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.</p>
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○ **So severe those days are shortened for those alive to survive:**

<p><u>Matthew 24:22</u> - And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</p>	<p><u>Mark 13:20</u> - And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.</p>
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○ **False christs will be announced:**

<p><u>Matthew 24:23-26</u> - Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here <i>is</i> Christ, or there; believe <i>it</i> not. (24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if <i>it were</i> possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (25) Behold, I have told you before. (26) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, <i>he is</i> in the secret chambers; believe <i>it</i> not.</p>	<p><u>Mark 13:21-23</u> - And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here <i>is</i> Christ; or, lo, <i>he is</i> there; believe <i>him</i> not: (22) For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if <i>it were</i> possible, even the elect. (23) But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.</p>
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- **The approach of the Messiah: Matthew 24:27** - For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
 - **The second coming will not be hidden.**
 - **I Thessalonians 5:1-4** - But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. (3) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (4) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
 - **II Peter 3:10** - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
 - **Revelation 3:3** - Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
 - **Revelation 16:12-16** - And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (15) Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
 - Based upon the aspect that the “thief” is implied at the six vial which is just before the second coming in Revelation 19, then this could be evidence support a Post Tribulation Rapture.
- **Sign of the meat-eating birds: Matthew 24:28** - For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
 - **Revelation 19:17-21** - And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; (18) That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great. (19) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (21) And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.
- **More signs with the sun, moon and stars**

<p><u>Matthew 24:29</u> - <u>Immediately after the tribulation of those days</u> shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the</p>	<p><u>Mark 13:24-25</u> - (24) But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, (25) And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in</p>	<p><u>Luke 21:25-26</u> - And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; (26) Men's hearts failing</p>
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powers of the heavens shall be shaken:	heaven shall be shaken.	them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
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- **Note:** it does not state “Great Tribulation” so does this imply “immediately after” at the mid-point of the Tribulation prior to the Great Tribulation.
- **Six Seal Broken: Revelation 6:12-14** - And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; (13) And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
 - **Must be this event, see comments with Matthew 24:30**
- **Fourth Trumpet Sounded: Revelation 8:12** - And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

• **Second Coming of the Messiah Beginning the Millennium Reign**

Matthew 24:30 - And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.	Mark 13:26 - And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.	Luke 21:27-28 - And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (28) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
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- **When? Matthew 24:30a** – “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven”
 - **The sign could be:** the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven bowls of wrath
 - **If the point focused upon is the beginning of the Great Tribulation Period, then the sign would be the opening of the sixth seal: Revelation 6:12-14** - And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; (13) And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- **Reaction of the Earth: Matthew 24:30b** – “then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn”
 - **Seems early however: Revelation 6:12-17** - And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; (13) And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. (15) And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; (16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; (17) For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?
 - **This would be the start of the Great Tribulation Period at the midpoint of the Tribulation Period**

- **Coming of the Messiah: Matthew 24:30c** – “they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory”
 - **Revelation 19:11-15** - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **Revelation 19:11-15** - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

- **Angels gathering the elect:**

<p>Matthew 24:31 - And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>Mark 21:27 - And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.</p>
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- **Sound of the Trumpet: Matthew 24:31a** – “And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet”
 - **I Corinthians 15:51-53** - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
 - **Note:** Matthew’ reference implies that it is at the end of either the Tribulation Period or Millennium Reign while the I Corinthians reference would imply before the rapture.
 - **Note:** Unfortunately the I Corinthians reference uses the term, “last trumpet”. For this to be true that there could not be another trumpet at the end of the Tribulation Period or Millennium Reign.
 - **Note:** Conclusion must be that this must be at the rapture of the saints. Question is when the rapture takes place.
 - **Note:** With this logic and the context of Matthew 24:31 following verse 30, a clear Second coming event in Revelation 19, then this support a Post Tribulation Rapture.

- **Harvest of the Saved:**

<p>Matthew 24:31b – “they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>Mark 21:27 - And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.</p>
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- **Parable Concerning the Harvest: Matthew 13:24-30** - Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: (25) But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. (26) But when the blade was sprung up, and brought

forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. (27) So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? (28) He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? (29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. (30) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

- **Interpretation of the Parable: Matthew 24:36-43** - Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. (37) He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; (38) The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; (39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. (40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. (41) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; (42) And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (43) Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- **Note:** “end of this world” – does it imply
 - **End of Church Age**
 - **Note:** Satan is full at work during the church age. This would fit with a Pre-tribulation rapture.
 - **End of Tribulation Period**
 - **Note:** Too short of a time span, plus there is no statement to support in other tribulation texts.
 - **Note:** Possible with a Mid-tribulation or Post-tribulation rapture
 - **End of the Millennial Reign of Christ**
 - **Note:** During the reign those that are born will be either saved or lost. The question comes concerning Satan sowing the seed of the tares which are the lost. During the reign, Satan will be bound.
- **Mark 4:26-30** - And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; (27) And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. (28) For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. (29) But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (30) And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?
 - **Note:** This parable has no specific information to lead the reader to know if the harvest is after the Church Age, during or after the Tribulation Period or after the Millennium Reign of the Messiah.
- **Revelation 14:14-16** - And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. (15) And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. (16) And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

- **Truths Concerning the Second Coming of the Messiah**

- **Fig Tree as a Sign Reveals the Second Coming is Near:**

<p>Matthew 24:32-33 - Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer <i>is</i> nigh: (33) <u>So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.</u></p>	<p>Mark 13:28-29 - Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: (29) So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, <i>even</i> at the doors.</p>	<p>Luke 21:29-31 - And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; (30) When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. (31) So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.</p>
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- **Same Generation as the Signs will see the Second Coming:**

<p>Matthew 24:34-35 - Verily I say unto you, <u>This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.</u> (35) Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.</p>	<p>Mark 13:30-31 - Verily I say unto you, that <u>this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.</u> (31) Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.</p>	<p>Luke 21:32-33 - Verily I say unto you, <u>This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.</u> (33) Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.</p>
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- **The main question is how long a generation is.** 40 years; 70 years; 100 years

- **Second Coming will not be Expectant, Matthew 24:36-41** - But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. (37) But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, (39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (40) Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (41) Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

- **Note:** The coming of the Son of man according to this text implies that life is going on as normal. How would this apply to the middle or end of the Tribulation Period or at the end of the Millennium Reign since once the Tribulation starts everything has a time schedule of seven years and 1000 years. It must then apply to be beginning of the Tribulation Period. If this be so, then this implies the coming of the Son of man as being the rapture at the beginning of the Tribulation Period.

- **Exhortation to watch for the Second Coming:**

<p>Matthew 24:42-44 - Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. (43) But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. (44) Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.</p>	<p>Mark 13:32-37 - But of that day and <i>that</i> hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. (33) Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. (34) <i>For the Son of man is</i> 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. (35) Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the</p>	<p>Luke 21:34-36 - And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and <i>so</i> that day come upon you unawares. (35) For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. (36) Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.</p>
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	house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: (36) Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. (37) And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.	
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- **I Thessalonians 5:1-4** - But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. (3) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. (4) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
- **II Peter 3:10** - But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- **Revelation 3:3** - Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
- **Revelation 16:12-16** - And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (15) Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
- **Judgment based upon being watchful concerning the Second Coming: Matthew 24:45-51** - Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? (46) Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. (47) Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. (48) But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; (49) And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; (50) The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, (51) And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 - **Romans 14:10** - But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
 - **II Corinthians 5:10** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.
 - **Matthew 24:50-51** - The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, (51) And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 - This verse implies that there will be mourning at the judgment seat of Christ.
- **Parable concerning being ready for the coming of the Messiah: Matthew 25:1-13** - Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. (2) And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. (3) They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: (4) But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. (5) While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. (6) And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. (7) Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. (8) And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. (9) But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. (10) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. (11) Afterward came also the other

virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. (12) But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

- **Exhortation concerning watching for the second coming of the Messiah: Matthew 25:13** - Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
- **Parable concerning being productive while waiting for the coming of the Messiah: Matthew 25:14-30** – For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far country, *who* called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. (15) And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. (16) Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made *them* other five talents. (17) And likewise he that *had received* two, he also gained other two. (18) But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. (19) After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. (20) And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. (21) His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (22) He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. (23) His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (24) Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: (25) And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine. (26) His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: (27) Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. (28) Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents. (29) For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. (30) And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- **The Judgment of the Nations: Matthew 25:31-46** - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: (32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: (33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. (34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: (36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. (37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? (38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? (39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? (40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me. (41) Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (42) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: (43) I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. (44) Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? (45) Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me. (46) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.
 - **Revelation 20:4-6** - And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his*

mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Assessment of Passages I Thessalonian 4:15 – 5:10; II Thessalonians 2:1-12; I Corinthians 15:21-54

I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:10 - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. (16) **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** (Chapter 5:1) But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. (2) **For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.** (3) **For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.** (4) But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. (5) Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. (6) Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober. (7) For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. (8) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. (9) **For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,** (10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

- **I Thessalonians 4:13-15** - But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. (15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
 - Verse 13; The desire of Paul for believers not to be ignorant.
 - **“concerning them which are asleep”** – Sleep those who physically died as believers
 - Verse 13; The desire of Paul for believers not to sorrow.
 - **“even as others which have no hope”** – Who have no hope? Non-believers
 - Verse 14; **“if we believe”** – What
 - **“Jesus died”**
 - **“rose again”**
 - Result for believing
 - **“even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him”**
 - **“them also which sleep in Jesus”** – Sleep those who physically died as believers
 - **“will God bring with him”** – “him”: Jesus during the second coming
 - Verse 15; **“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord”**
 - **“we”** – Paul and those with him
 - **I Thessalonian 1:1a** - Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians
 - **“by the word of the Lord”** – proof text of inspiration of the Word of the God
 - **“we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord”** – Who are these? Those just before the rapture or the millennium reign.
 - **“shall not prevent them which are asleep”**

- **Definition of “shall not prevent”** - to come before, precede, anticipate, to come to, arrive at, to reach, attain to
- **I Corinthians 15:51-52** - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

II Thessalonian 2:1-12 - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him, (2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. (3) **Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** (4) **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** (5) Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? (6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. (7) **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.** (8) **And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:** (9) **Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,** (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** (12) **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

- **Exhortation to be trouble because of the 2nd Coming of the Messiah: II Thessalonians 2:1-2** - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him, (2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- **A falling away will occur prior to coming of the Lord: II Thessalonians 2:3a** – “Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first”
 - **Why? II Thessalonians 2:3b** – “that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition”
 - **Who is the Son of Perdition?**
 - **II Thessalonians 2:4a** – “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped”
 - **II Thessalonians 2:4b** – “so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God”
 - **Daniel 9:27** - And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.
 - **Judas Iscariot: John 17:12** - While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
 - **Definition for “perdition”** - destroying, utter destruction; a perishing, ruin, destruction; the destruction which consists of eternal misery in hell
 - **The antichrist as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: Revelation 6:1-8** - And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. (2) And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. (3) And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. (4) And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (5) And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. (6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine. (7) And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. (8) And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat

on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

- **The antichrist as the Beast: Revelation 13:1-6** - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months. (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- **The antichrist shown to be in perdition: Revelation 17: 3-11** - So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (5) And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. (8) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (9) And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (10) And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. (11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
- **The triune headship of Satan: Revelation 20:10** - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- **II Thessalonians 2:5-6** - Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? (6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
 - **“he”** – son of Perdition: The Antichrist
 - **“what withholdeth”** – unknown
 - **“he might be revealed in his time”** – Midpoint of the tribulation period at the beginning of the Great Tribulation as the Beast on which the Great Harlot rode.
- **II Thessalonians 2:7-9** - For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. (8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (9) *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
 - **II Thessalonians 2:7a** – “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work”

- **I John 2:18** - Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, even now are there many **antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.
- **I John 2:22** - Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that denieth the Father and the Son.
- **I John 4:3** - And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of **antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
- **II John 1:7** - For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an **antichrist**.
- **II Thessalonians 2:7b** – “only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way”
 - Who is “he”?
 - Could be the Holy Spirit being taken out with the Church at the rapture?
 - Could be the “Wicked” in verse 8, who is the Antichrist?
- **II Thessalonians 2:8-9** – And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (9) *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
 - **Who is this “Wicked” one? II Thessalonians 2:9** - *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
 - **Revelation 13:1-4** - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?
 - **Revelation 13:11-15** - And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. (12) And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (13) And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, (14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means of* those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. (15) And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
- **II Thessalonians 2:8b** – “whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”
 - **The War of Armageddon: Revelation 19:11-20** - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. (12) His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. (13) And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (15) And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of

the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. (17) And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; (18) That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great. (19) And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

- **II Thessalonians 2:10** - And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

I Corinthians 15:21-28 - For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. (23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. (24) Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. (25) For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. (26) The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. (27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. (28) And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

- **I Corinthians 15:21-22** - For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
 - Verse 22 explains verse 21 concerning whom the men are.
- **I Corinthians 15:23** - But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
 - Elaborates on the firstfruits. Context reveals it has to do with the resurrection and glorification based upon Christ doing it first.
- **I Corinthians 15:24-28** - Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. (25) For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. (26) The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. (27) For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. (28) And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
 - **Verse 24a: "Then *cometh* the end"** - Connotes the end of times.
 - **What will occur with Christ when the end of times comes?**
 - **Verse 24b: "when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father"**
 - **Rephrased for clarification:** At the end Jesus will deliver the kingdom to his Father, God
 - **I Corinthians 15:28** - And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
 - **Verse 24c: "when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power"**
 - **Elaboration of Christ rule: I Corinthians 15:27-28** - For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
 - **Philippians 2:9-11** - Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 - **Antichrist and False Prophet: Revelation 19:19-21** - And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. (20) And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (21) And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

- **Satan: Revelation 20:10** - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- **Death: I Corinthians 15:26** – The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.
 - **Revelation 20:14** - And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

I Corinthians 15:35-38 - But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? (36) *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: (38) But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

- **Doubter questions? I Corinthians 15:35** - But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
- **Paul's Response: I Corinthians 15:36-38** - *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: (38) But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.
 - **Process to getting a resurrected body is through death: I Corinthians 15:36-37** - *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: (37) And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*:
 - **Sovereign God will give us a resurrected body as He pleases: I Corinthians 15:38** - But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

Process of the Resurrection Body: I Corinthians 15:51-54 - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. (54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- **I Corinthians 15:51a** – “Behold, I shew you a mystery” – Refers to the resurrection of believers both after death and prior to death.
- **I Corinthians 15:51b** – “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed” – Refers that not all believers will see death prior to the resurrection of their bodies, however all believers will be changed being given new resurrected bodies.
- **The process for the resurrection of believers' new bodies: I Corinthians 15:52** – In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
 - **“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye”** – implies quickly
 - **“at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound”** – When?
 - **Sound of the Trumpet: Matthew 24:31a** – “And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet”
 - **Note:** Matthew' reference implies that it is at the end of either the Tribulation Period or Millennium Reign while the I Corinthians reference would imply before the rapture.
 - **Note:** Unfortunately the I Corinthians reference uses the term, “last trumpet”. For this to be true that there could not be another trumpet at the end of the Tribulation Period or Millennium Reign.
 - **Note:** Conclusion must be that this must be at the rapture of the saints. Question is when the rapture takes place.

- **Note:** With this logic and the context of Matthew 24:31 following verse 30, a clear Second coming event in Revelation 19, then this support a Post Tribulation Rapture.
- **“the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”**
 - Both resurrections will happen at the same time with the sequence being that dead first and then alive next.
- **Reason for the resurrection of believers’ bodies: I Corinthians 15:53** - For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.
- **Outcome of the resurrection of believers’ bodies: I Corinthians 15:54** - So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Daniel 9:24-27 - Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (25) Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- **God’s Timeline concerning the Jews and Jerusalem: Daniel 9:24a** – “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city”
 - **“Seventy weeks”** – seventy weeks of years = 7 X 70 = 490 years
- **Six things God plans to complete at the end of Seventy Weeks of Years: Daniel 9:24b** – “to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy”
 - “to finish the transgression”
 - To finalize the judgment for Israel’s sin
 - “to make an end of sins”
 - Implies no more sinning that could only happen in the Eternal State or possibly the Millennium Reign of the Messiah
 - “to make reconciliation for iniquity”
 - Reconciliation based upon the finished work of the Messiah on the cross
 - “to bring in everlasting righteousness”
 - Implies no more sinning and only righteousness will exist that could only happen in the Eternal State or possibly the Millennium Reign of the Messiah
 - “to seal up the vision and prophecy”
 - There will not be necessary since all will be fulfilled
 - “to anoint the most Holy”
 - **“most Holy”** – either the Messiah, Jerusalem or the Temple
- **Daniel 9:25** - Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
 - The time span from the decree of Cyrus to rebuild the Jerusalem to include “the street shall be built again, and the wall” to “Messiah the Prince” will be 69 weeks of years equaling 483 years.
 - Computation shows that the Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem is to the day of 483 years after the decree of Cyrus to rebuild Jerusalem.
 - “in troublous times”
 - Starting with the conflict of those who were opposed to the building of the Temple by Ezra and the building of walls by Nehemiah, the troublous times continued under the reign of the Greek Empire and the Roman Empire even when Herod the Great built up Jerusalem and the Temple during his reign.
 - After the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Roman Empire, there has been no peace there even through this time.

- **Daniel 9:26** - And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.
 - “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself” – Prophecy concerning the rejection of the Jews concerning their Messiah and His crucifixion.
 - “and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”
 - “the prince” – a type of the anti-christ seen as the beast in Revelation
 - **Revelation 13:1-7** - And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? (5) And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months. (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.
 - **Revelation 14:18-20** - And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. (19) And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. (20) And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.
 - **Revelation 16:12-16** - And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (15) Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
 - **Zechariah 14:1-12** - Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. (2) For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (3) Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. (4) And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. (5) And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee. (6) And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: (7) But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall

come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. (8) And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. (9) And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. (10) All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. (11) And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. (12) And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

- “and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined”
- **Daniel 9:27** - And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.
 - “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week”
 - “one week” - week of years: seven years
 - The antichrist will make a covenant with Israel and the rest of the world at the beginning of the Tribulation Period for seven years.
 - “and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” - mid-point of the Tribulation Period, the antichrist will break his agreement and stop the sacrifices in the Jewish Temple to cease.
 - The mid-point of the Tribulation is known as the Great Tribulation Period where God begins to pour His wrath out on the earth and the antichrist for 3.5 years
 - This is where the seventh seal is broken encompassing the seven Trumpet judgments, in which the seventh Trumpet encompasses the seven Bowls of Wrath being poured out.
 - At this time the antichrist will be slain and then resurrected by Satan to become the Beast. The first destruction of the antichrist’s world capital, Babylon occurs also.

Daniel 12:1-13 - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (2) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. (3) And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. (4) But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (5) Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. (6) And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders? (7) And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. (8) And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? (9) And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end. (10) Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. (11) And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (12) Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. (13) But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

- **Promise that Israel will be delivered at the End of Times: Daniel 12:1-3** - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (2) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. (3) And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
 - **Who is Michael? Daniel 12:1a** – “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people”
 - **A Time of Trouble? Daniel 12:1b** – “and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time”
 - **Tribulation Period?**
 - **Promise of Israel’s Deliverance at that time: Daniel 12:1c -3** - and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (2) And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. (3) And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
 - **Who should be delivered?**
 - **Verse 1:** “thy people” – Daniel’s people, Israel
 - **Verse 1:** : “every one that shall be found in the book”
 - **Book? Revelation 20:12-13** - And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
 - **Verse 2** - And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
 - Implies that many of the delivered Jews will be dead and will be resurrected.

- Implies that some of the delivered Jews will be saved and others will be condemned.
- **Verse 3** - And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
 - Implies that those saved will be very wise.
 - Implies that they will be evangelist to “turn many to righteousness”
 - Implies that those are turned will be as the stars forever.
- **Daniel directed to seal the book: Daniel 12:4** - But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
 - **What book? Daniel 12:1** - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
 - **Who are the people? Revelation 7:2-8** - And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, (3) Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. (4) And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and forty and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (5) Of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand. (6) Of the tribe of Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses *were* sealed twelve thousand. (7) Of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand. (8) Of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.
 - **Until when? Daniel 12:4b** – “*even* to the time of the end”
 - **What occurs during the end of time? Revelation 12:4c** – “: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased”
 - **“run”** – fast transportation
 - **“to and fro”** – anywhere
 - **“knowledge will be increased”** – knowledge is easily accessed
 - **II Timothy 3:1-7** - This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. (2) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, (4) Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (6) For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, (7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.