

# Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD

April 3, 2019 Lesson #13 Events Surrounding 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

## D. Building Blocks: Conditions Surrounding The 2nd Coming

Matt. 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Note: It is a couple of days before the crucifixion.

Matt. 24:1-2 And Jesus went out and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. [Jesus told His disciples the Temple would be destroyed one day.]

This must have astonished the disciples. Over 500 years earlier the prophet Daniel had revealed that beginning with a decree authorizing the reconstruction of Jerusalem, Israel would be given 490 years during which all necessary preparations for the Messianic Kingdom would be made. They would finish transgression, put an end to sin, atone for wickedness, bring in everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, and anoint the most holy (place). Accomplishing this would require the Messiah to come and die for the sins of the people (Daniel 9:24-26).

He was holding the nation accountable for their failure to understand Daniel 9:24-27.

Gabriel told Daniel the Messiah would come 483 years into that period (Dan. 9:25).

Sure enough, here He was standing in their midst right on time.

The disciples knew the 483 year mark had been reached a few days earlier and that the Messiah was among them. He had explained to them that when they got to Jerusalem He would be executed but would come back from the grave three days later (Matt. 16:21, Luke 18:31-33).

So there were only 7 years left of the 490 years. The Temple had been undergoing a major reconstruction that so far had required 46 years (John 2:20) and wasn't complete yet.

But now Jesus was saying everything would be torn down.

Not one stone would be left standing on another. How could that be?

There's no indication from the Biblical record that Jesus ever spoke to the disciples about the fact that the coming Church Age would interrupt Daniel's prophecy and delay its completion by about 2,000 years. In fact from Acts 1:6 we learn that 40 days after the crucifixion they expected Him to restore the Kingdom to Israel at that time.

Then Jesus had a private conversation with 4 of His disciples, His inner circle.

Mark 13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately...

These were Jewish men speaking with the Jewish Messiah about the future of Israel and in His 2 chapter answer, Jesus referred to Israel repeatedly but never said a single word about the Church or the amount of time that would pass before the final seven years were completed.

Matt. 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 shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The purpose of the conversation was to answer questions they had asked Him about the 2nd Coming and the End of the Age.

His response to the disciples' questions is contained in Matt. 24-25, Mark 13, and Luke 21.

In Matthew's account, Jesus included several specific geographic and time references in His answer so His readers wouldn't get confused as to who and when He was talking about.

Keep In Mind: The Olivet Discourse is Jewish. Jesus talked about Judea [Matt. 24:16], the Sabbath, [v.20], the prophecies of Daniel and the Jewish people [v. 15].

Note: The truth of the rapture of the church had not yet been revealed; was a mystery.

#### Outline of Matt. 24

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| 1. Verses 4-8     | Beginning of Birth Pains - First 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years |
| 2. Verses 15-20   | Abomination of Desolation                              |
| 3. V. 9-14; 21-26 | Great Tribulation = Last 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years         |
| 4. V. 27-31       | Christ's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming                        |

Question 1: Matt. 24:3 Tell us, when shall these things be?

They were confused because according to the prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 these events were only seven years away, and yet Jesus had just told them the Temple and all the surrounding buildings would be torn down so completely that not one stone would be left standing on another. He had told the crowds the same thing on Palm Sunday; the city would be destroyed. Why? The nation hadn't recognized the time of His coming to them [Luke 19:41-44].

Answer 1: Luke 21:20-24 [This is the NEAR fulfillment.] And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that The Desolation Thereof Is Nigh. <sup>21</sup> 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.

When they saw the Roman Armies surrounding Jerusalem, it would mean Temple was about to be destroyed. The Jews mounted an unsuccessful revolt against Rome in 66 AD and by 70AD Jerusalem and the Temple lay in ruins.

<sup>22</sup> For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> 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.  
 [Times of the Gentiles: Began with Nebuchadnezzar and will end at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming]  
 [Compare with Matt. 24:15-16 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:)  
<sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:] [Far Fullfilment]

Question 3: What is the sign of the end of the age? Answer in Matt. 24:4-8

These events describe the first half of the Tribulation period and are parallel to the seal and trumpet judgments of Revelation 6, 8- 9.

	Matt.	Luke	Rev.
False Christs	24:4-5	21:4	6:1-2
Wars	24:6	21:9-10	6:3-4
Famines	24:7a	21:11	6:5-6
Death	24:7b-8	21:12	6:7-8
Martyrs	24:9	21:24	6:9-11
Global Chaos; last 3 1/2	24:10-13	21:25	6:12-17

Note: Events in this passage are "the beginning of birth-pangs or sorrows" [Matt. 24:8]

The image of a woman in travail is a picture of the Tribulation Period. [Isa. 13:6-8]

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

<sup>8</sup> And they shall be afraid: Pangs And Sorrows Shall Take Hold Of Them; They Shall Be In Pain As A Woman That Travaieth; they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

### Matt. 24:4-5 Religious Deception

Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

1. False Messiahs would deceive many.

2. The Jews have often been led away by false prophets and false christs.

Compare Rev. 6:1-2: The rider on the white horse is the Antichrist, the final world dictator who will lead the nations astray. He will begin his career as a peacemaker, signing a covenant with Israel to protect her from her enemies. [Dan. 9:27 = beginning of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week]

Israel will welcome him as their great benefactor. [John 5:43]

Matt. 24:6-8 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

❖ There would be wars and rumors of war, but they wouldn't be signaling the end.

He characterized them, along with famines and earthquakes in various places, as the beginning of birth pangs.

- ❖ Birth pangs tell an expectant mother the labor and delivery are coming, but don't say exactly when they'll take place.

Matt. 24:9-14 Tell of the last 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years of the 7 year period.

Then shall they deliver YOU [JEWS] up to be afflicted and shall kill you: and YOU shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

<sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

- He said they (the Jews) would be persecuted and put to death and hated by all nations, causing many to turn away from the faith and even betray each other, but those who stand firm to the end would be saved. [Red Flag???

- ❖ Believers who endure in their faith will be saved when the Lord comes at the end.

Caution: Stay in context! Jesus is answering questions about His Coming and the end of the Age. He is talking about the believers in the Tribulation Period under the Old Covenant!

Matt. 24:13 The one who stands firm [endures] to the end shall be saved.

Endure = #5278= hupomeno = bear up against, remain under the load, perseveres, absolutely under misfortune and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ

Saved = #4982 =sózó = save, heal, preserve, rescue; properly, *deliver* out of danger and *into safety*; to save, i.e. Deliver or protect (literally or figuratively)

Then He finished His summary in Matt. 24:14, saying the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached in all nations, and then the end would come.

Rev. 7:4 The 144,000 sealed by God. Their mission seems to be to evangelize the post-rapture world and proclaim the gospel during the tribulation period. As a result of their ministry, millions—"a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9)—will come to faith in Christ.

- Rev. 14:6-7, this prophecy will also be fulfilled by an angel during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

<sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

In Matthew 24:4-14, at least nine major characteristics of this general period are described. These characteristics may be itemized as follows: (1) false Christs, 24:4-5; (2) wars and rumors of wars, 24:6-7; (3) famines, 24:7; (4) pestilence, 24:7; (5) earthquakes, 24:7; (6) many martyrs, 24:8-10; (7) false prophets, 24:11; (8) increasing evil and loss of fervent love, 24:12; and (9) worldwide preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, 24:13-14.

In general, these signs have been at least partially fulfilled in the present age and have characterized the period between the first and second coming of Christ. They should be understood as general signs rather than specific signs that the end is near.

Matt. 24:15-22 Middle Of Tribulation: Fulfillment of Daniel's Prophecy

Judgments will now be supernatural and devastating.

Jesus gives His 1<sup>st</sup> specific sign in answer to their question.

They could all recognize this sign because of Antiochus Epiphanes in 168 BC.

Matt. 24:15-16 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:) <sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

- The first specific clue as to both the intended audience and the timing of His answer.
  - The Holy Place is the Jewish Temple.
  - The abomination that causes desolation is a specific defilement that makes it unfit for further use.
  - The last Temple to stand in Israel was destroyed in 70 AD before this prophecy could be fulfilled.
  - The nation itself ceased to exist about 135 AD and didn't reappear until 1948.
  - Because there's still no Temple there, the prophecy remains unfulfilled.
  - The Lord was warning people in Israel who will be alive when a Temple is being built there to watch for this, and when they see it to flee immediately.

Matt. 24:20-21 Pray that your flight will not take place in Winter or on the Sabbath.

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

- Jews are forbidden under the Law to travel more than 1000 paces on the Sabbath for any reason. This confirms that the warning is intended for latter-day Israel, back in its Old Covenant relationship at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, 3½ years from the Second Coming. The Church will already be gone.

Matt. 24:21-26 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Greek word translated elect means chosen. In Matt. 24:22 the Lord promised to bring the Great Tribulation to a close "for the sake of the elect."

Remember: He intends to completely destroy the nations among which His people have been scattered. He will not destroy Israel but will only discipline them. [Jer. 30:11]

<sup>24</sup> 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.

➤ The fact that a religious leader can perform miracles is NO ASSURANCE they are from God.

➤ Many Jews will be deceived for "the Jews require a sign." [I Cor. 1:22]

<sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you before. <sup>26</sup> Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Rev. 19:17 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; <sup>18</sup> 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.

Question 2: What is the sign of Christ's return? Answer in Matt. 24:29-44

Matt 24:29 He said that immediately after the tribulation ends, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. When they see these signs, they'll know that The Great Tribulation has ended.

Remember: Feast of Trumpets is on Tishri 1, New Moon [Look for 1<sup>st</sup> sliver of moon]

Matt 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.

Rev. 1:7 Every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.

Matt. 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.

❖ God used the silver trumpets were to be used for:

Num. 10:2 A Calling of The Assembly To God's Presence [Where He Was = Tabernacle]  
The Journeyings of the Camps

When You Are In Conflict With the Oppressor - Num. 10:9

10:9 And IF ye go to war IN YOUR LAND against the enemy that oppresses you, THEN ye shall blow an alarm [#7321 = rua = to raise a shout, give a blast, cry out] with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and Ye Shall Be Saved From Your Enemies. [Hallelujah!]

Ps. 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Matt. 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.

- ❖ In Matt. 23:37 Jesus wept over Jerusalem as He pronounced the 70 AD judgment.
  - I wanted to GATHER your children together, the way a hen GATHERS her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling.
- ❖ Matt. 24: Jesus returns when Jerusalem is again in peril, but now the Jews respond positively to His Messiahship so...
  - The Lord sends out his angels to GATHER His elect, Jews at the end of the Tribulation, from around the world to bring them to Jerusalem instead of scattering them as in 70 AD.

Matt. 24:31 is based on Isa. 27:12-13

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Note: Emphasizes a regathering of the Jewish remnant that is not in the land of Israel and restoring them back to their homeland. A global regathering of the Jews.

Mark 13:27 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.

Isa. 11:12 He will lift up a standard for the nations and will assemble the banished ones of Israel and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the 4 corners of the earth.

Consider: Interesting Possibility

Dan. 12:1-3 is set within the context of the Tribulation Period.

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

- Many = a great multitude will awaken at that time

Note: This is the Bible's first clear mention of a resurrection for unbelievers.

- Daniel was told that after the Great Tribulation, OT believers will be raised to everlasting life while unbelievers will awaken to shame and everlasting contempt.
- In Rev. 20:5, we are told the awakening of UNBELIEVERS comes at the end of the Millennial Kingdom which is 1000 years after the BELIEVERS.
- This is called the second resurrection and is explained in Rev. 20:11-15.

Consider:

- Throughout the Old Testament, Israel was called God's elect

- The context is clearly Jewish people.
- He gathers them to return to Israel to prepare to dwell there during the Millennium.
- This is the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection of Israel at Christ's Second Coming:
- Old Testament saints are being rounded up to receive their resurrection bodies.

Remember: Israel's destiny is to be purified through the end times judgments and become the premier nation on earth during the 1,000 year Kingdom Age. Jesus Christ will be King ruling from the Temple in Jerusalem.

### The Feast of Trumpets: Dr. Renald Showers

1. Because of Israel's persistent rebellion against God, he declared He would scatter the Jews "into all the winds." Ezek. 5:10, 12 or "toward all winds," Ezek. 17:21.
  - Zech. 2:6 God stated He did scatter them abroad "as 4 winds of the heavens."
2. God declared that in the future Israel would be gathered from the east, west, north and south, "from the ends of the earth." Isa. 43:5-7
  - Context of this promise: God called Israel His "chosen." Isa. 43:10, 20

Isa. 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen:

- Servant = #5650 = ebed = having a mission to the nations and chosen as witness of and a light to the nations
  - Isa. 27:13 teaches that the scattered children of Israel will be gathered to their home
  - and in conjunction with the blowing of "a great trumpet."

Recall: Trumpets used to call the assembly, movement of the camp, saved from the enemies  
Shofar: Call To Battle, Shouts of war, alarm or joy, proclaim victory

Fulfilling The Feast of Trumpets: When Jesus returns with the trumpets and the shofar, He is coming to assemble His people, do battle, put down all enemies, proclaim victory

Recall: Theme of events on New Moon or 1<sup>st</sup> day of month = restore, renew, refresh, rebuild  
Repent, Return, Restore, Rebuild

Deut. 30:1-6 So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind [REPENT] in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, <sup>2</sup> and you RETURN to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, <sup>3</sup> then the LORD your God will RESTORE you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will GATHER you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup> If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.<sup>5</sup> The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers [REBUILD]. Moreover, the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.