

# THE SECOND COMING

## Challenging Passages in Mathew 24 | 11.22.2020

### The Purpose for Studying Prophecy (Eschatology) | 2 Peter 3:10-14

1. To discourage us from living a materialistic lifestyle.
2. To encourage us to live a God-honoring lifestyle.
3. To develop in us an expectant lifestyle.

In the Rapture, Jesus **comes for** His believers who meet him in the air. In the Second Coming, Jesus **comes with** His believers to establish His kingdom on the earth.

“There are indeed many signs that must precede His final return with the saints in glory. But the aspect of Christ’s return we look for today is the Rapture. His coming for His saints.” J. MacArthur

### Matthew 24

Deception of false christs	vs. 4-5
Disputes and wars among Nations	vs. 6-7a
Devastations of natural disasters	v. 7b
Deliverance up of believers for persecution	vs. 8-10
Defection of false believers	vs. 11-13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The cost will be too high.</li><li>• The deception will be too convincing.</li><li>• Sin will be too attractive.</li></ul>	
Declaration of the gospel globally	v. 14
Daniel’s prophecy	vs. 15-22
Darkened skies	vs. 23-29
Descent of Jesus from Heaven in full glory	vs. 30-31

***Matthew 24:30*** *Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with **power and great glory.***

Jesus wants us alerted to the fact that Satan has nation deceiving capabilities.

***Ephesians 6:10-12, Revelation 20:3, 8, 10***

COVID has established a global platform for future issues to strengthen government authority and worldwide concern over health and economics. This platform lines up with Scripture. The Bible speaks of a Satanic supported world leader who will present himself as the one who can globally guide us to safety and security. **How welcoming would** it be to have someone show up with the ability to bring about healing for dying loved ones, financial stability, and worldwide peace to end all wars?

**Revelation 13:3-4** And all the world marveled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Satan is the anti-god, the Beast is the anti-christ, and the False Prophet is the anti-spirit. This unholy trinity will overwhelm the world with deceptive words and works.

1. "The one who endures unto the end will be saved." **Matthew 24:13**

- One verse can only say so much.
- Take Scripture into context.
- Compare Scripture with Scripture.

2. Abomination of desolation | **Matthew 24:15**

**Matthew 24:15-21** "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand)

**11.29.20 | A Study of Daniel 9:24-27**

3. Fig tree analogy | **Matthew 24:32-35**

**Matthew 24:32-35** "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

4. Only the Father knows (Mark writes "nor the Son.") | **Matthew 24:36**

**Mark 13:32** "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

**Philippians 2** is the *kenosis* teaching. (Greek word = emptying) How did the *kenosis* effect Jesus?

- The visible and full expression of His glory was not revealed.
- The acceptance of the limitations of a human nature was embraced.
- The voluntary surrender and independent use of some of His attributes.

5. As in the days of Noah (not in Luke) | **Matthew 24:36-39**

6. Apparent Rapture verses | **Matthew 24:40-41**

**Matthew 24:40-41** Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken. (re: **Matthew 25:31-40**)

