

# Ready for Tribulation? (Matthew

24:1-31)

## 1) "Mid-Tribulation" View:

➤ "Immediately after the distress of those days

"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."

<sup>30</sup> "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew 24:29-31)

## 11) Pre-Tribulation View:

- “After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” (Revelation 4:1)
- “I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” <sup>16</sup> So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.” (Revelation 14:14-16)

## III) Signs of the End Times and Events of the End Times!

- For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. <sup>22</sup> Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. <sup>24</sup> For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. (Matthew 24:21-24)

- “When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; <sup>10</sup> and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” <sup>11</sup> And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.” (Revelation 6:9-11)
- Reference: (Revelation 12:11-12)

- “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup> then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. (Matthew 24:15-16)
- “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.” (Daniel 9:27)
- Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. <sup>32</sup> By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action. (Daniel 11:31-32)

## IV) "A time, times, and a dividing of time"!

- "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time." (Daniel 7:25)
  - "nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days""(Revelation 11:9)
  - "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. <sup>12</sup> How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! (Daniel 12:11-12)
  - "for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. (Revelation 11:2)
  - "There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him." (Revelation 13:5)
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## ✓) How should we get ready?

- 1) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3)
- 2) "Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. (Revelation 3:10)
- 3) "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death." (Revelation 12:11)
- 4) (Matthew 24:42-43), 5) (Matthew 24:45-46),  
6) (Matthew 24:1-4)