

# Matthew 24 Revelation 6

Jesus

- After Rapture of Church/During our Seven Year Wedding w/Jesus **Tribulation begins**
  1. 3.5-year Tribulation/3.5 Great Tribulation
  2. Church gone from earth/Great Harlot remains the Religious System
  3. God pours out Judgment on unrepentant world. 3.5 Passive. 3.5 Active
  4. Same time drawing/calling **His people Israel to Himself**

**Mat 24,25 and Rev 6:** Seven Year Period w/Focus on **Israel not the Church**

**Revelation 6:1** Now I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out **conquering** and to conquer.

3 When He opened the **second seal**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to **take peace** from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

5 When He opened the **third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A **quart of wheat for a denarius**, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7 When He opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was **Death**, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

9 When He opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of **those who had been slain** for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

12 I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the **stars of heaven fell** to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves 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 who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- Overlay Rev 6 onto Mat 24 both dealing with...
- **Tribulation/Great Tribulation:** Primarily written instruct to Jews living at that time

## I. Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

**Matthew 23:37** [To Jews at Temple] "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! **Your**

house is left to you desolate...

1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, **not one stone shall be left here upon another**, that shall not be thrown down."

- Jesus leaves Temple/Disciples praise Temple buildings
- **I just told you...**This temple/city utterly destroyed/not one stone on another

## II. Beginning of Sorrows Tribulation

3 Now as [Jesus] sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, **when** will these things be? And **what** will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

- **Jesus does not address** when/how present Temple is destroyed [Titus 70 AD]
- **Jesus does answers** concerning the distant future Apostles would later write about

### They could not understand...

- If Jerusalem is destroyed how will God keep His promise to the Jews?

### They wanted to know...

- What events will usher in Your Second Coming and establishment of the Kingdom?

4 And **Jesus answered and said to them:** "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, '**I am the Christ,**' and will deceive many.

**Revelation 6:1** Now I saw when the **Lamb opened** one of the seals...2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. **He who sat on it had a bow;** and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

- Jesus begins popping 7 Seals of Judgment...
- **First Seal:** Anti-Christ

### From now till I come back...

**False-Christ**s will come one after another w/one rising to the top

1. Man of Sin/Son of Perdition
  2. Beast from the Sea
  3. **Anti-Christ:** Against Christ/**In Place of Christ**
- **After Rapture of the Church...**
    1. **Tribulation Begins:** Church in Heaven/Harlot and make-believers left on Earth
    2. **World in disarray:** Anti-Christ comes on scene as great savior

**AC Promises World Peace:** Instead stirs up World War; i.e. **2<sup>nd</sup> Seal...**

6 And you will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**. See that you are not

troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

- **Second Seal:** War
- Nation against Nation? No nation but Rome at time. Jesus foresees nations!

**Revelation 6:3** When [Jesus] opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to **take peace from the earth**, and that people should kill one another; and there was **given to him** a great sword.

- **Wars/Rumors of war:** If not in a war/worried about one. No Peace
- **Given to him** [AC] a great sword: **Given by God for His purpose**

### **War certainly leads to Famine; i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal...**

**7b...** And there will be **famines**, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the **beginning of sorrows**. [First 3.5 Years]

- **Third Seal:** Famine

**Revelation 6:5** When [Jesus] opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a **black horse**, and he who sat on it had a pair of **scales in his hand**. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

### **Famine certainly leads to Death; i.e. the 4<sup>th</sup> Seal**

- **Fourth Seal:** Death

**Revelation 6:7** When He opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was **Death, and Hades** followed with him. And **power was given to them** over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

### **Death leads to Power Grab by AC/Persecution of Saints i.e. the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal**

- **Fifth Seal:** Martyrs of Tribulation

**Revelation 6:9** When He opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of those who **had been slain for the word of God** and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation and kill you**, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

- Martyrdom of Saints/ People turning on one another

### 11 Then many **false prophets will rise up and deceive many.**

- False Prophets with one rising to the top
  1. **Beast from the Earth**
  2. False- Prophet or Pope

10/21/2020 ROME (AP) — Pope Francis endorsed same-sex civil unions for the first time as pope while being interviewed for the feature-length documentary “Francesco,” which had its premiere at the Rome Film Festival on Wednesday. “Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God,” Francis said in one of his sit-down interviews for the film. “What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered.”

- **Institutes destruction** on world religion he leads replaced with AC
- **Instituted Worship** of Beast
- **Institutes the Mark of Beast** ...leading to Martyr of Saints who refuse

### 12 And because **lawlessness** will abound, the love of many will **grow cold.**

### 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

- Lawlessness: Not God’s Law...just lawlessness
- Love will grow cold: No grace/mercy
- Instead perceived offences leading to unbridled/unrestrained revenge

He who endures is he who trusts in the Lord  
He who trusts in the Lord is he who will endure

### 14 And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**

- **Gospel Preached first 3.5 Years:** Revelation 11 by 2 Witnesses
- **Gospel Preached second 3.5 years...**
  1. **Revelation 7**           144,000 Jews raised up
  2. **Revelation 14**       Angel flying midst heaven...everyone chance unless Mark

### **Summary:** First Five Seals of **Revelation 6** parallel first 15 vv of **Matthew 24**

- Both passages speak of first 3.5 Years after the Rapture of Church
  1. Tribulation
  2. AKA The Beginning of Sorrows

**Mid Trib:** Abomination Desolation

### **SUMMARY Beginning of Sorrows** Tribulation

## **III. Time of Jacob’s Trouble** Great Tribulation

15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Therefore? Since the AC is coming for you look for this sign

- **Abomination of Desolation begins Great Tribulation**

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| 1. <b>Beginning of Sorrows</b>      | Tribulation | God's Passive Wrath/HS restraint no more |
| 2. <b>Abomination of Desolation</b> | Mid Trib    | AC demands worship/possessed             |
| 3. <b>Time of Jacob's Trouble</b>   | Great Trib  | God's Active Wrath/Satan's rage Jews     |

- Instruction to the Jews in Israel? Run!!!
- Those that listen and run will live and be saved...

**Romans 11:26** And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob..."

- **AC heading to Jerusalem. Run...**

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or **on the Sabbath**. 21 For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

- **All Jewish:** Nothing to do with the Church in Heaven

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

- **Holocaust** 2/3rds of all Jews will die in second half of Tribulation

**Zechariah 13:8** And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the Lord, "That **two-thirds** in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the **one-third through the fire**, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, '**The Lord is my God.**'

- Jews flee to place prepared by the Lord as **possessed AC pursues...**

**Revelation 12:14** But the woman was given **two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place**, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Instructions for Jews hiding during Great Tribulation? Don't come out!

23 "Then if anyone says to you, '**Look, here is the Christ!**' or '**There!**' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

- False prophets will try to lure Trib Jews out. **Jesus warns future generations...**

25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

- **When I come back...you'll know it!**

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

**Luke 21:28** ...when these things begin to happen, **look up and lift up your heads,** because your redemption draws near."

- Like lightning flashing sideways along horizon, you will see Me

**SUMMARY Time of Jacob's Trouble Great Tribulation**

#### **IV. Second Coming of Jesus**

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 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.

**Persecution of God's People leads to Cosmic Disturbances; i.e. the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal**

- **Sixth Seal:** Cosmic Disturbances

**Revelation 6:12** I looked when He **opened the sixth seal**, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves 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 who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the **great day of His wrath has come**, and who is able to stand?"

- **Great Earthquake...really great earthquake**

**Isaiah 24:20** The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut;

- **Reaping the Righteous...**

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- **Horizontal Rapture to Zion waiting for the Lord to finish cleaning up...**

**Revelation 14:1** Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

**Isaiah 63:1** [Those waiting] Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?— "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

## SUMMARY Second Coming of Jesus

### V. Parable of the Fig Tree

32 "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. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

**The generation that sees Israel bloom...** will see the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

- 1948 Israel once again became a Nation. He is near/At the doors
- **How long is a generation?**

1.	30	No	1978	
2.	35	No	1983	
3.	70	No	2018	
4.	100	?	2048	85 yrs. old

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but **My words will by no means pass away.**

- **Context:** Boys asked Jesus what's going to become of us Jews?
- **Jesus reassures them:** After destruction in 70 AD and 2000+ years desolate...

**I will keep my promise to the Jews.**

Israel is My timepiece and Jerusalem My second hand. Check the Clock!

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

- **Those in Tribulation will know:** 3.5 Years after Abomination of Desolation

## SUMMARY Parable of the Fig Tree

### VI. Faithful vs Evil Servant

37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

- **Normalcy in Tribulation?** Humanity adapts
  1. Eating/Drinking
  2. Marrying until the day Noah entered Ark

- First: Reaping of Righteous to Zion
- **Next: Reaping of Wicked to Hades awaiting final judgment...**

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

- Context? **Not Rapture:** Here wicked taken that the Kingdom may be established

42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, **for the Son of Man** is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- **Wicked will be removed from earth to usher in the Kingdom**

**Revelation 14:19** ... the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the **great winepress of the wrath of God**. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs. [Judged outside city/Jesus crucified outside city]

**Zechariah 13:1** "In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. 2 "It shall be in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "that **I will cut off the names of the idols from the land**, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

- **Watch:** Said to those in Tribulation and applied to all...

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to **give them food in due season**? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

- **Faithful/Wise Servant?** One who selflessly giving/found serving while waiting

48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to **beat his fellow servants**, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

- **Faithful Wait for Jesus**      Evil become impatient
- **Faithful Serve others**      Evil Fall Away/attack God's people

**50** ... the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that **he is not aware of**, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and



gnashing of teeth.

Those left in Tribulation will have to make a choice: **Salvation/Damnation**  
Litmus Test? Faith in Jesus **exemplified in how they treat His *Brethren*** [Ch. 25]

- **Those on Gods side**            Treat Jews/God's people well
- **Those on AC side**            Beat them/Starve them/hunt them

**Same** Salvation litmus test today...Faith in Jesus exemplified in how we treat one another  
**How are we doing with that?**

**1 John 4:20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, **he is a liar**; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

**SUMMARY Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant**