

SESSION 2: TENT TALKS

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I. DAY OF THE LORD

For the LORD OF HOSTS HAS A DAY against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low; (Isa. 2:12)

Wail, for the DAY OF THE LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come... Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. (Isa. 13:6;9)

For the day is near, THE DAY OF THE LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. (Ezk. 30:3)

Alas for the day! For THE DAY OF THE LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. (Joel 1:15)

Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for THE DAY OF THE LORD is coming; it is near (Joel 2:1)

For the day of the Lord is great and very awesome; who can endure it? (Joel 2:11)

Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For THE DAY OF THE LORD is near in the valley of decision. (Joel 3:14)

Is NOT THE DAY OF THE LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? (Amos 5:20)

For THE DAY OF THE LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. (Obadiah verse 15)

The great DAY OF THE LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. (Zeph. 1:14)

For you yourselves are fully aware that THE DAY OF THE LORD will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thes. 5:2)

But THE DAY OF THE LORD will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (2 Peter 3:10)

II. COSMIC DISTURBANCES

Behold, THE DAY OF THE LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. 10 FOR THE STARS OF HEAVEN AND THEIR CONSTELLATIONS WILL NOT GIVE THEIR LIGHT; THE SUN WILL BE

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DARKENED IN ITS GOING FORTH, AND THE MOON WILL NOT CAUSE ITS LIGHT TO SHINE. (Isa. 13:9-10)

It shall come to pass IN THAT DAY That the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth....THEN THE MOON WILL BE DISGRACED AND THE SUN ASHAMED; For the Lord of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously. (Isa. 24:21-23)

THE SUN AND MOON GROW DARK, AND THE STARS DIMINISH THEIR BRIGHTNESS. ...For THE DAY OF THE LORD is great and very terrible; (Joel 2:10-11)

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE the coming of the great and awesome DAY OF THE LORD." (Joel 2:30-31)

"And it shall come to pass IN THAT DAY," says the Lord God, "That I will make THE SUN GO DOWN AT NOON, AND I WILL DARKEN THE EARTH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT;" (Amos 8:9)

III. 3 SIGNS OF BIRTH PANGS/ 2 SIGNS OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Now as He 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?" (Mat. 24:3)

[1] For many will come IN MY NAME, SAYING, 'I AM THE CHRIST,' and will deceive many. [2] 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. And there will be [3] FAMINE, PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES [Sicmos: a shaking, a commotion; root word Seio: an agitation of the mind] in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of BIRTH PANGS. (Mat. 24:5-8)

[4] "Then they [Tote: at that time] will deliver [Paradidomi: permit, allow, presents itself] you up TO TRIBULATION [Thlipsis: pressing together, pressure] and [5] KILL YOU, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (Mat. 24:9-10)

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" whoever reads, let him understand... ²¹ FOR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this

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time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² *And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED.* (Mat. 24:15-22)

IV. THE RAPTURE/PAROUSIA/CATCHING AWAY

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the seas and the waves roaring men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR." (Luke 21:25-28)

"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. 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. (Mat. 24:29-31)

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL, and with THE TRUMPET OF GOD. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER with them in the clouds to meet the lord in the air. (1 Thess. 4:15-17)

V. THE TIMING

"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 door...But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. (Mat. 24:32;36)

Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. (Luke 21:29-31)

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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. (Matt. 24:37-39)

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom [then] it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (Luke 17:26-30)

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God...(2 Thess. 2:1-4)

VI. THE JUXTAPOSITION OF REVELATION 6 AND MATTHEW 24

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. (Rev. 6:1-2)

[1] For many will come IN MY NAME [authority], SAYING, 'I AM THE CHRIST [anointed],' and will deceive many. (Mat. 24:5)

When He opened the second seal... 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.

[2] And you will hear of WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS. (Mat. 24:6)

When He opened the third seal... 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 [1 days pay], and three quarts of barley for a denarius..." (Rev. 6:5-6)

[3] FAMINE, PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES [Sicmos: a shaking, a commotion; root word Seio: an agitation of the mind] in various places. (Mat. 24:7)

When He opened the fourth seal,... 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

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a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, by the Beasts of the earth.
(Rev. 6:7-8)

[4] “Then they [Tote: at that time] will deliver [Paradidomi: permit, allow, presents itself] you up TO TRIBULATION...(Mat 24:9a)

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?” (Rev. 6:9-11)

[5] ...and KILL YOU, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. (Mat. 24:9-10)

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?” (Rev. 6:12-17)

“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. (Mat. 24:29-30)

VII. THE RESULT

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. ² Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed... After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the

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Lamb!... “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
(Rev. 7:1-17)