

It's The End Of The World As We Know It - Pt. 3

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Jesus is Returning – not for a coronation, but for a consummation. He is already seated on David's throne (Acts 2:29–36).

Matthew 24:1–3

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when **his disciples** came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ²“Do you see all these things?” he asked. “Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” ³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, **the disciples** came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

This is one, three-part question, not three separate questions.

Matthew 24:4–5

Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many.

Josephus mentions 11 men with messianic pretensions.

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| 1. Judas of Sepphoris (4 BC) | 6. Judas of Gamala (40s AD) |
| 2. Simon of Perea (4 BC) | 7. Unnamed Egyptian (50s AD) |
| 3. Athrongeus the Shepherd (4–2 BC) | 8. Jesus ben Ananias (AD 62) |
| 4. Samaritan Prophet (AD 35) | 9. Menachem of Gamala (AD 66) |
| 5. Theudas (AD 45) | 10. Simon bar Giora (late 60s AD) |
| | 11. <u>John of Gischala (late 60s AD)</u> |

Matthew 24:6–8

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:9–14

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in **the whole world** as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The disciples preached the gospel to the whole world before AD 70.

Romans 1:8 - First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported **all over the world**.

Colossians 1:6 - In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing **throughout the whole world**—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Luke 2:1 - In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of **the entire Roman world**.

Matthew 24:15 (Scripture Interprets Scripture!)

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand!

Compare to the parallel passage in Luke 21:20

"When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near."

Matthew 24:16–21

Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. ¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get his or her cloak. ¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in **those days** for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and **never to be equaled again**.

Matthew 24:22–25

"If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. ²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you ahead of time.

Matthew 24:26–28

"So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the wilderness,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Matthew 24:29

²⁹ "**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.'

Matthew 24:30–31

“**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. ³¹ 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 24:32–34

³² “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ³³ Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I tell you, **this generation [Greek *genea*] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.**