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## The Gospel According To MATTHEW

### Chapter 24:21-31

#### *“The Great Tribulation & The Second Coming of Christ!”*

> Let's observe the chronological Events Before the “Second Coming of Christ”:

#1- Jesus atones for sin on the cross, resurrects on the third day, ascends after 40 days, 10 days later is the “*Day of Pentecost*” the Church Age begins; and the Church Age will end at the “rapture” of the “bride of Christ,” all born-again believers! That could happen today, are you READY!!! (John 14:1-3; 1Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9; 2 Cor. 15:51-53; Rev. 3:7-13).

- Insight of “latter days” events – The Bible declares that Gog and Magog (Russia), Persia (Iran), Gomer and Togarmah (Turkey), along with other Islamic nations (Middle-east/North Africa) will invade from the north (Ezekiel Ch. 38) and will be destroyed on the northern hills of Israel. In fact, specially trained people will mark the dead and burn their warfare weapons for 7 years.

- The city of Damascus will be destroyed, as described in Isaiah 17:1, 14 - *“The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.... And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.”*

Jeremiah 49:24-25 - *“Damascus is waxed feeble, and turns herself to flee, and fear has seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail. How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!”*

- Damascus, the capital of Syria, is known as *the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world!* It has never yet been taken away from being a city.

#2- After the rapture, the “70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel” (the final 7-year period is determined upon Israel and the holy city, Jerusalem) will take place (Dan. 9:24-27; Rev. Ch. 6—19). When this seven-year period begins the *Antichrist* will be revealed, he will make a covenant with Israel and the nations (Dan. 9:27), through his New World Order of saving humanity and the planet. The Antichrist will implement a global economic, political, military, and religious order. The Antichrist will make a phony 7-year covenant with Israel.

#3- The Jewish people will be allowed to rebuild their Temple in Jerusalem (Rev. 11:1-2). After the completion of the Temple, three and a half years into this tribulation period (that is the seven years) the Antichrist will go into the Holiest of Holies in the Temple and commit the abomination of desolation (Mt. 24:15); there will be “Great Tribulation” (Mt. 24:21-22); also known as “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7). The mark of the beast (666) will be established throughout the whole world, this will represent humanity’s allegiance and worship of the Antichrist. No one will be able to buy or sell without the “MARK OF THE BEAST!” (Rev. 13:11-18).

#4- During the “Great Tribulation” catastrophic cataclysmic events occur as a judgment of God against a God and Christ rejecting world (Rev. Ch. 6—19).

#5- At the end of this seven-year period Jesus will return with His saints (Rev. 19); Jesus will reign on earth from Jerusalem for 1000 years, after this all saints (believers in Christ) will go to the “New Heavens, New Earth, New Jerusalem,” whereas, all non-believers will cast into the “Lake of Fire” (Hell).

> (v21-22) THE GREAT TRIBULATION! (Insight from REVELATION)

## **THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (OUTLINE)**

### **1 The Revelation of Christ (Revelation 1-5)**

#### **> PROLOGUE**

The book's own introduction to itself (Revelation 1:1-7)

First vision —a vision of Christ (Revelation 1:8-20)

#### **> SEVEN CHURCHES**

(1st) Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)

(2nd) Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)

(3rd) Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17)

(4th) Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29)

(5th) Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)

(6th) Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)

(7th) Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22)

#### **> SEVEN SCENES IN HEAVEN**

(1st) The elders around the throne (Revelation 4:1-5)

(2nd) The four living creatures (Revelation 4:6-11)

(3rd) The sealed scroll (Revelation 5:1-4)

(4th) The worthy Lamb (Revelation 5:5-7)

(5th) Song of the creatures & elders (Revelation 5:8-10)

(6th) Song of the angels (Revelation 5:11-12)

(7th) Song of the universe (Revelation 5:13-14)

### **2 Times of Tribulation (Revelation 6-11)**

#### **> SEVEN SEALS**

(1st) White horse of earthly conquest and dominion (Revelation 6:1-2)

(2nd) Red horse of slaughter and bloodshed (Revelation 6:3-4)

(3rd) Black horse of commerce and economic crisis (Revelation 6:5-6)

(4th) Pale horse of death (Revelation 6:7-8)

(5th) The little while (Revelation 6:9-11)

(6th) The day of God's wrath (Revelation 6:12-17)

~ The multitudes of saved (Revelation 7:1-17)

(7th) Seventh Seal Broken (Revelation 8:1-5)

## **> SEVEN TRUMPETS AND SCOURGES**

**(1st) Scourge of earth (Revelation 8:6-7)**

**(2nd) Scourge of sea (Revelation 8:8-9)**

**(3rd) Scourge of rivers (Revelation 8:10-11)**

**(4th) Scourge of the heavens (Revelation 8:12)**

~ Eagle announces three woes (Revelation 8:13)

~ The bottomless pit (Revelation 9:1-2)

**(5th) 1st woe, Plague of locusts (Revelation 9:3-12)**

**(6th) 2nd woe, The killing horses (Revelation 9:12-21)**

~ The little book (Revelation 10:1-11)

~ The two witnesses prophesy (Revelation 11:1-6)

~ The two witnesses killed (Revelation 11:7-13)

**(7th) 3rd woe, God's wrath and the Eternal Kingdom (Revelation 11:14-19)**

## **3 The Judgment of the Beasts (Revelation 12-20)**

### **> SEVEN SIGNS**

**(1st) A splendid woman gives birth to a man child (Revelation 12:1-4)**

**(2nd) The dragon appears from the sky (Revelation 12:4)**

~ The man child's ascension (Revelation 12:5-6)

~ The dragon's defeat in heaven (Revelation 12:7-9)

~ Heaven's victory song (Revelation 12:10-12)

~ The woman's escape (Revelation 12:13-17)

**(3rd) The Beast**

~ Appears from the sea (Revelation 13:1-2)

~ Has dragon's authority (Revelation 13:3-10)

**(4th) The False prophet**

~ Appears from the earth (Revelation 13:11)

~ Has beast's authority (Revelation 13:12)

~ His great deception (Revelation 13:13-14)

~ The image he made live (Revelation 13:15)

~ The mark of the beast (Revelation 13:16-17)

~ The number of the beast (Revelation 13:18)

**(5th) The Lamb on Mount Zion (Revelation 14:1-5)**

(6th) Three angelic messengers (Revelation 14:6-13)

(7th) The two reapers (Revelation 14:14-20)

### > SEVEN PLAGUES

The heavenly singers (Revelation 15:1-8)

The bowls of God's wrath (Revelation 16:1-21)

### > SEVEN FINAL VISIONS

(1st) The atrocious woman, Mother of Harlots (Revelation 17:1-6)

~ An angel explains (Revelation 17:11-18)

(2nd) Seven songs of woe to "Babylon"

~ The angel from heaven (Revelation 18:1-3)

~ Second voice from heaven (Revelation 18:4-9)

~ Kings of earth (Revelation 18:9-10)

~ The merchants (Revelation 18:11-16)

~ The sailors (Revelation 18:17-20)

~ A mighty angel (Revelation 18:21-24)

~ Multitude in heaven (Revelation 19:1-6)

(3rd) The wedding supper announced (Revelation 19:7-10)

(4th) King on a white horse (Revelation 19:11-21)

(5th) The Abyss and thousand years (Revelation 20:1-10)

(6th) The dead are judged (Revelation 20:11-15)

## **4 The Beauty of Heaven (Revelation 21-22)**

(7th) Heaven for the Saved

~ New heavens and new earth (Revelation 21:1-8)

~ The heavenly city (Revelation 21:9-27)

~ The heavenly Eden (Revelation 22:1-5)

### > EPILOGUE

The last words of Jesus (Revelation 22:6-21)

#### > (v23-26) Beware of False Christs & False Prophets!

The Bible declares that there will be false christs and prophets, and ultimately one known as the Antichrist and he will be worshipped through the guidance of a false prophet, both creating a one world false religion.

- **Who is this Antichrist?** The Antichrist will unite all cultures and religions of the world, appearing to the Buddhists as the Compassionate (**Maitreya**) Buddha or Bodhisattva, to Hindus as

the Kalki Avatar, to the Moslems as Mahdi (Mohammed), to the Baha'is as the One Whom God Shall Make Manifest, even deceiving the Jews and the false church as their Messiah. **(Paul, the apostle gives an end times view of the church and the Antichrist in 2 Thess. Ch. 2)**

**> (v27-31) Let's observe the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!**

(v27) Jesus says His return will be like lighting flashing for all to see! Turn to Acts 1:9-11; in Rev 1:7 - *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

(v28) **Flesh eating birds will have a feast** - Turn to Rev. 19:11-21, here we see the final battle commonly called *Armageddon*, which means "mountain of Megiddo," this area is a valley (200 miles long from Bozrah, Edom—which is modern day Petra in Jordan to the hills of Lebanon), this will be the site of the final battle at the return of Christ. Armageddon has become known as the battle in which God will intervene and destroy the armies of the antichrist (Revelation 16:16; 20:1-3, 7-10).

- **The word "Armageddon" only occurs in Revelation 16:16, "Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon."** This speaks of the kings who are loyal to the antichrist gathering for a final assault on Israel. In the Book of Revelation, at Armageddon *"the cup of the wine of the fierceness of God's wrath"* (Revelation 16:19) will be delivered, and the antichrist and his followers will be overthrown and defeated.

**(v29) Let's see how Isaiah describes this time of great judgment:**

- Isaiah 13:6-11 - *Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames. 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. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. "I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

- Isaiah 34:1-5 - *Come near, you nations, to hear; and heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it. For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, and His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. Also their slain shall be thrown out; their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; all their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree. "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment."*

(v30) This mourning is also found in Zechariah 12:10-11 - *"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem"*

(v31) **At Christ's return there will be a separating of sheep and goats** (Mt. 25:31-46), sheep will enter into the millennial kingdom, and the goats, those who took the mark of the beast will be cast to judgment (Hades), waiting for the "Great White Throne Judgment of God;" once judged for all their sins they will be cast to Hell! **There are no second chances!**

**- What will like the millennial kingdom be like? Here's a glimpse, Isaiah 11:6-9 - *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.***

**ARE YOU SAVED? ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?**