



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Patient Vigilance

Matthew 24:36-51



End Times Q&A Recap



The Disciples' Questions

Matthew 24:3

³ 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?"



Jesus' Answers Structure

Matthew 24

A | When will these things be (v. 3b)

B | What will be **the sign of your coming** (v. 3c)

C | . . . and [what will be the sign] of the end of the Age (v. 3d)

C' | General signs of the end of the Age (v. 4–11)

B' | Specific signs of Jesus' coming (v. 15–35)

A' | The question of timing (v. 36–51)

Disciples' Questions		Jesus' Answers (<i>in reverse order</i>)	
v3b	Question One	v36–51	Answer (16 verses)
v3c	Question Two	v15–35	Answer (21 verses)
v3d	Question Three	v4–14	Answer (11 verses)
v3b	“Tell us, when will be these things?”	v36 v44 v50	“But concerning that day and hour no one knows.” “Therefore, you also must be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ” “the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know.”



General Signs of End of Age

Sign #1 | Messianic Pretenders | v. 4–5

Sign #2 | Global Pain | v. 6–8

Sign #3 | Christian Persecution | v. 9–13

Sign #4 | Gospel Proclamation | v. 14



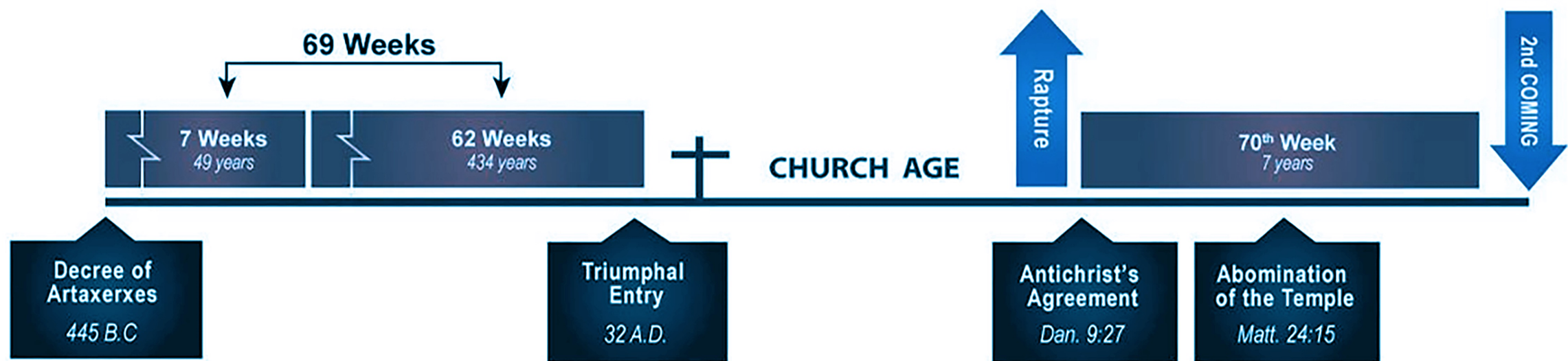
Specific Signs of Jesus' Return

The Signs | v. 15-28

The Event | v. 29-33

The Promise | v. 34-35

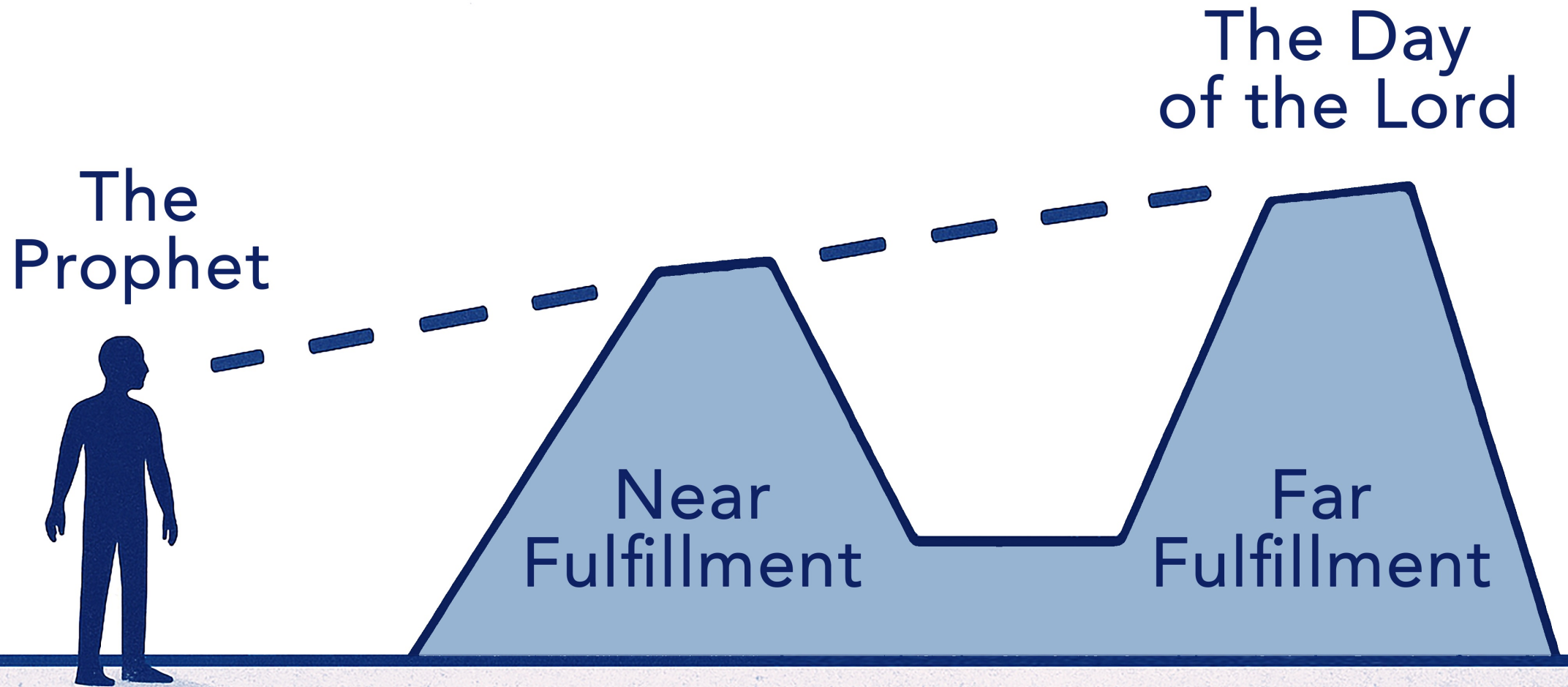
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NEAR AND FAR DUAL FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY





Something we need to:

- 1. Know**
- 2. Be**
- 3. Do**



KNOW:

No one Knows When Jesus Is Coming



Know

Matthew 24:36-41

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when



Know

Matthew 24:36-41

Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.



Know

2 Peter 3:3-7

³ knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”



Know

2 Peter 3:3-7

⁵ For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.



Know

2 Peter 3:3-7

⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.



Know

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.



Know

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in



Know

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the



Know

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,



Know

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Genesis 1–8

Genesis 8 –
Revelation 20

Revelation 21–22

**Original Heavens
and earth**

**Judged
by
Flood**

**Current Heavens
and earth**

**Judged
by
Fire**

**Future Heavens
and earth**

"The world at that time
was destroyed, being
flooded with water."
(2 Peter 3:6 NASB)

"The present heavens
and earth are being
reserved for fire."
(2 Peter 3:7 NASB)



BE:
Ready for Jesus' Coming



Be

Matthew 24:42-44

42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.



Be

Matthew 24:42-44

44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



DO:
Faithfully Serve until Jesus Comes



Do

Matthew 24:45-51

45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. **47** Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.



Do

Matthew 24:45-51

48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ **49** and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, **50** the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know



Do

Matthew 24:45-51

51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



The Question of Timing

Matthew 24:36-51

KNOW: No one Knows When Jesus Is Coming | v36–41

BE: Ready for Jesus' Coming | v42–44

DO: Faithfully Serve until Jesus Comes | v45–51



Concluding Challenge

We await Jesus' return
not with panicked vacillation
or with preoccupied vanity
but with patience vigilance.



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