



# ARE YOU READY?

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## PSALM 16:11

11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## MATTHEW 24:1-8

**24** Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. <sup>2</sup> “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.”

## MATTHEW 24:1-8

<sup>3</sup> As 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?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

## MATTHEW 24:1-8

<sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains.

## **MATTHEW 24:9-14**

**9** “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **10** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other

## **MATTHEW 24:9-14**

<sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



# ESCHATOLOGY

The doctrine of  
the last things



## MATTHEW 24:36-44

**36** “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

## MATTHEW 24:36-44

<sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

## MATTHEW 24:36-44

<sup>42</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

## QUOTE

"Many of us came into 2020 looking for what we could get or obtain but instead we learn how to appreciate what we already have."

# OLD TESTAMENT

Ended with the coming  
of Jesus and the  
destruction of the  
Temple.

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

Ends with the  
second coming of  
Jesus Christ.

# **BIRTH PAINS**

Deception, heresy, blasphemy,  
war, rumors of war, physical  
famine, spiritual famine,  
earthquakes, natural disasters,  
persecution and imprisonment.



## AMOS 8:11

11 “The days are coming,” declares the  
Sovereign LORD,  
“when I will send a famine through  
the land—  
not a famine of food or a thirst for  
water,  
but a famine of hearing the words  
of the LORD.

## QUESTION

Are you ready  
even if hardship  
comes your way?

## **I WISH WE'D ALL BEEN READY**

There's no time to change your mind. How could you have been so blind. The father spoke the demons dined. The Son has come and you've been left behind.



\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU  
READY?

**TWITTER**

Pray for us. My step daughter was killed by drunk driver this week and she was two weeks away from giving birth. 2020 \_\_\_\_

## LUKE 21:25-26

**25** “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26** People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

## GALATIANS 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup> which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!



## 2 CORINTHIANS 11:14

14 And no wonder, for  
Satan himself  
masquerades as an  
angel of light.

## MATTHEW 24:12-13

- <sup>12</sup> Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

## ROMANS 8:18

**18** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

## COMMENTARY

There is no suffering whatsoever that should be considered random or pointless. You must share in Christ's sufferings in order to share in his glory.

## LUKE 12:16-21

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

## LUKE 12:16-21

<sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"<sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

## LUKE 12:22-23

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.



## LUKE 12:31

**31** But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

## GET READY

- by focusing on God's kingdom
- by focusing on eternal things  
not several things
- by focusing on living for God  
now

## PSALM 16:11

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path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your  
presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your  
right hand.

# HEAVEN

- For the saved
- Place of eternal joy
- No more pain
- No more crying
- Eternal life (Rev 22:3-5)
- Beautiful (New Jerusalem)
- Place of peace

# HELL

For the unsaved  
Place of eternal suffering  
Eternal pain – physical and spiritual  
A place of tears  
Eternal death (Rev 20:14-15)  
Awful (lake of fire)  
Place of torment and chaos

# HEAVEN

# HELL

- Place of light (Is 60; Rev 21:23-25)
- Populated by the righteous (2 Pet:3:13-14; Cor 6:9)
- Past sins forgotten (Is 65:17; Rev 21:4)
- No more tears (Rev 21:4; 13:42)
- Drink from river of life (Rev 22:11)
- God and angels there (Rev 5:11, 21:3; Jude 1:6)
- Our eternal home (John 14:1-3)

Place of darkness (Matt 25:30; Jude 1:13)

Populated by sinners (Rev 21:8; 1

Sins forever remembered (Mark 9:44)

Wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matt

Unquenchable thirst (Luke 16:24)

Devil and demons there (Matt 25:41;

No home

## ACTS 16:30-31

**30** He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” **31** They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

## 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 21-24

<sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.