

# 05 Olivet Discourse: Vision of the Future

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## Tagline

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." | Yeshua, Matthew 24:4-5

## Synopsis

One of the most comprehensive views of the time of the end from the mouth of Yeshua, the Olivet Discourse is a treasure of understanding and a jumping point to other prophets regarding this same time. It connects critical prophecies from Daniel to our future and gives us a timeline of events to watch for.

It's also given from three different Gospel accounts, which further provide some interesting and little discussed details such as the dual warning to flee Judea in 70 AD and the future or the meaning of one taken and the other left in context of the time of Jacob's trouble.

Most importantly, Yeshua makes clear a time of great deception related to false christs is coming. He gives us the true sign of His return, providing a protection against deception that will pull much of the world into eternal destruction. The coming times are full of signs and lying wonders, the supernatural invading the world we've become accustomed to being seeing through uniformitarian materialistic glasses. It's time to put on a new pair of glasses and begin the journey of discovery from the perspective given by Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit through His Word.

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## Details (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21)

- Introduction
  - This discourse by Yeshua on the Mount of Olives was given to His disciples after the triumphal entry and just days before the crucifixion. The disciples, admiring the temple, are talking about all the buildings when Yeshua interjects that not one stone would be left on another.
    - **Matthew 24:1-2** - "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to [him] for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left

- here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
- **Mark 13:1-2** - "And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings [are here]! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
  - **Luke 21:5-6** - "And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, [As for] these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."
- The disciples ask two important questions, when will the temple be thrown down and what will be the sign of Yeshua's coming.
    - **Matthew 24:3** - "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"
    - **Mark 13:3-4** - "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"
    - **Luke 21:7** - "And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign [will there be] when these things shall come to pass?"
  - Overview Timeline
    - The depiction of the signs of the end covers a period throughout the leadup to the 70th week of Daniel and the first half of it. For those who are unaware of the 70th week of Daniel, that will be covered in greater detail in the next study. It's a period of 7 years, which is split effectively into two halves, and in which the majority of Bible prophecy will come to pass. In this study the timeline will be less in focus, but where relevant, the time being discussed will be approximated in the timeline.
  - Yeshua foretells the signs of the end, but the first thing He warns against is deception in relation to false christs.
    - **Matthew 24:4-5** - "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."
    - **Mark 13:5-6** - "And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any [man] deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and shall deceive many."
    - **Luke 21:8** - "And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them."
    - Perhaps it's too obvious what the deception is that our preconceived notions cloud our vision of what Yeshua says here in all three accounts.
      - Many will come in my name saying I am Christ (or I am).
        - It doesn't have to be the literal name Yeshua, but could be His title as well the anointed one (Christ), or His identity as the Son of God (I AM). If Yeshua is associating the deception with one coming in His stead, Him being from the lineage of David, where would we expect to see a false christ arise from?
      - Related to this, don't let any man deceive you as many others will be deceived by this.
        - Israel is blind to Yeshua as their Messiah, they're still waiting, and could be fooled by a false one.
        - I watched a video of Messianic Jews speaking to Orthodox Jews on the street. One of the interviewees stated regarding Isaiah 53, "We don't learn Tanakh (comprised of Torah [Law], prophets, and writings) in our schools because it's very deep and things can be misinterpreted. So they don't teach us Tanakh. We learn Talmud (Rabbinic Commentary). We learn what we call the "Oral Law". So, if I want to go into "Isaiah" I would go to my Rabbi and I would ask him to teach it to me. Like everything I don't understand and I ask him to teach to me. But things that I wasn't taught in school because I was told that it's deep to understand, I for sure won't just read texts." [Orthodox Jews Confront Messianic](#)

### [Jews | Isaiah 53](#)

- Islam has the Mahdi and their version of Isa (Jesus), but these are just messengers sent by Allah and not really a messiah. They believe Allah has no son. God puts it in the hearts of the 10 horns/kings to give their power to the little horn/king. This would seem to point to them not giving their power to one they would naturally do, but only give it to this one supernaturally by the will of God.
- Christianity should know from scripture that Yeshua is returning with power and glory in the clouds, but many don't know their Bible or understand eschatology and could be deceived by a false christ claiming to be the Jewish Messiah defeating Israel's enemies and setting up a false messianic kingdom in Jerusalem.
- Setup for deception?
  - [Abraham Accords: The Beginning of Peace for Israel? | FULL EPISODE | Abraham Accords on TBN](#)
  - This will be covered more in the *Visions of Daniel and John* study, but of the 10 horns/kings who give their power over to the little horn, only 3 of them will be plucked up/fall before the little horn. This points to an alliance, but not unified. We see this forming in the Abrahamic Accords, contrasting nations like Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Qatar, that are openly hostile to Israel with nations signing onto the Abrahamic Accords taking a more cooperative stance looking to build alliance and profit over fighting and destruction.
  - Once the 3 fall before him and the world recognizes he can't be beat, the alliances being built today would help move toward cooperation vs. rebellion and we know the whole world will give over their power to the little horn.
- **The beginning of sorrows:** Wars and rumors of wars, nation and kingdom against each other, famines, earthquakes, pestilences, and fearful sights and signs from heaven. From the perspective of the disciples in 30 AD, these were yet to come and indeed these have all been a part of life since then. The context of the answer is to the question, which actually covered their immediate future (the prophesied destruction of the temple) and the end of the world (yet future to us).
  - Remember this is all intended for the followers of Christ, the church, and is meant to warn against deception and comfort in knowing what will happen. As this is focused on two periods of time for believers in 30 AD and future believers, there are elements that will be focused on both. As we will see there are markers that give us further clues.
  - **Matthew 24:6-8** - "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows."
  - **Mark 13:7-8** - "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for [such things] must needs be; but the end [shall] not [be] yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these [are] the beginnings of sorrows."
  - **Luke 21:9-11** - "But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end [is] not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."
- **Hatred and betrayal of Christians:** Once again Yeshua warns of deception and false christs. In the disciples day, this persecution began at the hands of their brothers and sisters, descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and spread as the Gospel spread. But over time, as prophesied in Daniel 2, the kingdom of God destroyed the nations represented in the statue and grew into the Gospel spread through all the world. Throughout that time until now, as the final corners of the

earth hear the good news, Christians continue to be hated and killed outside the Western world and the love of many has continued to grow colder as the day approaches and iniquity abounds. We can see the duality of the warning for both the first century and the future. As the Gospel accounts tend to do, we are provided with slightly different perspectives that give us expanded understanding.

- **Matthew 24:9-14** - "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."
  - **2 Peter 3:3** - "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,"
  - **2 Timothy 3:1-5** - "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."
- **Mark 13:9-13** - "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead [you], and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against [their] parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."
- **Luke's divergence:** The different perspectives is more clearly defined in how Luke's account diverges from that of Matthew and Mark. Note at this point when the first two Gospels are speaking of the time leading up to the end, Luke begins this section with the phrase, "but before all these..."
  - **Luke 21:12-24** - "But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute [you], delivering [you] up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle [it] therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and [some] of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all [men] for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls. And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."
  - We see a similar warning, yet this is stated to be before all the previous events. What does this mean? Here is where we see the more immediate fulfillment given to the first century. We know the other accounts similarly mirror the future in that a lot of

the similar warnings are there. There will be betrayal by family to deliver Christians to the synagogues and prison because of their testimony of Christ.

- Given we are pointed to a period before all these signs of the end, the surrounding of Jerusalem by armies is clearly pointing back to 70 AD and the destruction of Jerusalem. These are the days of vengeance and great wrath upon the people of Israel. This was the time prophesied by Yeshua against Israel for not recognizing the time of His visitation.
  - **Luke 19:41-44** - "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."
  - Indeed, 40 years after His crucifixion, Jerusalem was surrounded by Roman armies and for Christians of that time, they had been warned to flee to the mountains. Those who didn't were either killed by the sword or led captive into the nations and Jerusalem was left desolate and primarily occupied by Gentiles. Even after 1948 when Israel became a nation, it is a secular nation with traditional religious roots and Jerusalem is divided into quarters, one of which is the Jewish quarter.
  - Because the similar nature of Luke's wording of those in Judea fleeing to the mountains and woe to them with child, it is assumed Luke's account matches up in the timeline of events with Matthew and Mark's, but I think it's clear that Luke both indicates a divergence from the timeline by beginning this section with "but before all these," and ending the section with "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." As we will see, Matthew and Mark have very distinctive language that will be covered in greater detail in the *Great Tribulation* study.
- **Time of Jacob's Trouble:** This pivotal time in prophecy is echoed elsewhere and is the beginning of the end in terms of the bulk of prophecy about the end. From this point on, events will unfold very quickly.
  - Matthew 24:15-22 - "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."
  - Mark 13:14-20 - "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter [therein], to take any thing out of his house: And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. For [in] those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days."



regarding the time from the abomination of desolation to Christ's coming. It really clarifies that what was written down was the result of multiple conversations on these topics.

- **Coming of the Son of man:** All three Gospels sync back up to describe the second coming of Christ.
  - Matthew 24:29-31 - "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."
  - Mark 13:24-27 - "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven."
  - Luke 21:25-28 - "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."
  - There are some important things to note.
    - In Matthew and Mark, this is immediately after the tribulation of those days. What tribulation, the whole 3.5 years of tribulation when the dragon gives his power to the false christ and false prophet? No, just the period of great tribulation described in Judea for Israel and Jerusalem from which they are saved out of when its cut short. Revelation 12:13-17 is critical in understanding the two phases of the great tribulation.
    - The sixth seal is a pivotal point in the end time narrative. It is the sudden and unexpected event that the world can't ignore and heralds the day of the Lord and the wrath of God. This is also described in several places in the Old Testament related to the day of the Lord.
      - ◆ Revelation 6:12-17 - "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"
    - The Son of man comes in the clouds with great power and glory, and with the sound of a great trumpet, sends His angels to gather His elect from the earth.
      - ◆ Revelation 14:14-20 - "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden

crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs."

- While Matthew and Mark depict the catching away of the bride of Christ, Luke puts it a different way, "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."
- **Generation of the end:**
  - Several times Israel is referred to as a fig tree, in fact it was during the time of the Olivet Discourse just before His crucifixion that Yeshua cursed a fig tree because it was not producing fruit and so it withered and died. This was symbolic of Israel not recognizing their Messiah's arrival to bear the fruit that Israel was intended to bear, being a kingdom of priests ministering to God and being His people among the nations.
    - **Song of Songs 2:13-16** - "The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines [with] the tender grape give a [good] smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, [that art] in the clefts of the rock, in the secret [places] of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet [is] thy voice, and thy countenance [is] comely. Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines [have] tender grapes. My beloved [is] mine, and I [am] his: he feedeth among the lilies."
    - **Hosea 9:7-10** - "The days of visitation are come, the days of recompence are come; Israel shall know [it]: the prophet [is] a fool, the spiritual man [is] mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred. The watchman of Ephraim [was] with my God: [but] the prophet [is] a snare of a fowler in all his ways, [and] hatred in the house of his God. They have deeply corrupted [themselves], as in the days of Gibeah: [therefore] he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins. I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: [but] they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto [that] shame; and [their] abominations were according as they loved."
    - **Luke 13:6-9** - "He spake also this parable; A certain [man] had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung [it]: And if it bear fruit, [well]: and if not, [then] after that thou shalt cut it down."
      - ◇ During Yeshua's ministry He searched for the fruit of the fig tree in Israel, and found none.
    - **Mark 11:12-14, 20-21** - "And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found



nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not [yet]. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard [it]. ... And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away."

- **Luke 19:41-44** - "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; **because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**"
  - ◇ 40 years later the Roman armies lay siege on Jerusalem and it was utterly destroyed, the temple not having one stone left on another, cut to the ground.
- **Jeremiah 8:12-13** - "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: **in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.** I will surely consume them, saith the LORD: [there shall be] no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and [the things that] I have given them shall pass away from them."
- **Matthew 24:32-35** - "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer [is] nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."
- **Mark 13:28-31** - "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, [even] at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."
- **Luke 21:29-33** - "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."
- The tender branch of the fig tree putting forth leaves meaning summer is near is associated with seeing all the things Yeshua just told them about being at the doors. This is something that wouldn't make sense before May 14, 1948 as Israel didn't exist. In that context, the generation that saw that putting forth of the leaves is nearing its end. As the rest of this collection of studies will show, that is not the only sign. The WWII generation is quickly disappearing and with it those who followed in 1948.
  - It should be noted in Luke's divergence back to 70 AD and the warning for the Christians of that time was the cutting down of the fig tree producing no fruit, not the putting forth of the leaves. From 70 AD to 1948, there was no figurative fig tree because there was no Israel. They were led captive into the nations to be regathered later. The 70 weeks of Daniel was for Israel and Jerusalem, so for any of it to come to pass, Israel must be in Jerusalem again as a nation.
- The completion of these things that come to pass is tied to the final event given in the Olivet Discourse, which isn't the completion of the 70th week of Daniel. The last event given to us in this vision of the future is the sixth seal, the return of Christ, and our

gathering to Him, our redemption, the blessed hope. This is covered in greater detail in the *Seals, Trumpets, Bowls, Harpazo: The Blessed Hope* and *First Resurrection* studies. It is this event that the generation that sees the putting forth of the leaves of the fig tree will not pass before it comes.

- The timing of a generation has varied over time, but [based on United Nations Population Division estimates](#) in 2023 for both sexes in Israel was 83.39 years. A [2020 estimate](#) of people born in 1948 still alive is 73.8%, a [2021 estimate](#) was 70.2%. Those numbers will decrease exponentially each year and as a sort of clock, it brings the possible nearness of the end quite close. As we go through the rest of the studies, I believe Bible prophecy will show exactly that. There is not much time left.
  - **Psalm 90:9-10** - "For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale [that is told]. The days of our years [are] threescore years and ten [70]; and if by reason of strength [they be] fourscore years [80], yet [is] their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."
- It is also interesting that Yeshua's second Parousia is tied to the fall moedim, or appointed times, which revolved around the fruit harvest. Events of the end that will be covered in detail later in *The Moedim: Appointed Times* study are very much tied to the appointed times when prophecy and space-time will finally converge in fulfillment.
  - **Revelation 14:14-16** - "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud [one] sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."
    - ◇ This reaping is the harvest of the earth that is ripe. We see this represented in two parts in Revelation 7, which follows the sixth seal in Revelation 6 and comes before the wrath in Revelation 8. An innumerable multitude stands before the throne in heaven and 144,000 are sealed on earth of the 12 tribes of Israel. The fulness of the Gentiles is harvested into God's storehouse and the ripe and good figs of Israel are gathered together and protected in the wilderness.
  - **Revelation 14:17-20** - "And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast [it] into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand [and] six hundred furlongs."
    - ◇ This reaping is of the grapes of the vine of the earth that are cast into the winepress of the wrath of God. It is Yeshua who carries out the wrath of God as evidenced by several scriptures that will be covered more in the Day of the Lord study as well as the fact that before Armageddon, Yeshua's garments are already covered in blood before the battle.
    - ◇ **Revelation 19:13** - "And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."
    - ◇ **Isaiah 63:1-4** - "Who [is] this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this [that is] glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore [art thou] red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the

people [there was] none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance [is] in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

- The placement of the days of Noah in this passage cause immediate association to the one taken being the caught up believers. As will be covered in a moment and in the *Great Tribulation* studies, there is another event happening just before His coming that this may be talking about.
- **Day and Hour no man knows:**
  - **Matthew 24:36-41** - "But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."
  - **Mark 13:32** - "But of that day and [that] hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."
- **One Taken, the Other Left**
  - **Luke 17:26-37** - "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together."
    - **Luke's Divergence:** While Luke 21 focused on 70 AD and Jerusalem surrounded by armies in that day, he did write about this time of Jacob's trouble in chapter 17 and clarifies an odd verse in **Matthew 24:28** that seems out of place.
    - **Matthew 24:27-29** - "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. **For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"
      - ◇ Note that Matthew 24:15-28 is focused on the unparalleled tribulation between the abomination of desolation and Christ's coming in verse 29, which states it is "immediately after the tribulation of those days."
      - ◇ While verse 27 tells us how Christ's coming will be in response to the warning not to go look for him in the desert or secret chambers, it is not depicting the second coming as verse 29 does. As we will see, this is the same case in Luke 17.
    - Luke's account places this in a place that makes sense with the context around

it, and in so doing, clarifies its placement in Matthew.

- **Luke 17:22-37** - "And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see [it]. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after [them], nor follow [them]. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one [part] under heaven, shineth unto the other [part] under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together."

- ◇ Note that verse 24 speaks of the lightning shining across the sky at Christ's coming, but just like Matthew 24, it's immediately followed by a statement that he must first suffer in that generation in 30 AD. So just like Matthew, the statement isn't a vision of it while it's happening, but rather a key warning that Yeshua will come from heaven, not be on the earth and not to be deceived by false christs on the earth. As we will see, this is probably the most important warning and key we can understand about the coming deception.
- ◇ Then we see the similar Noah reference with one taken and the other left, but we get the added story of Lot and Sodom. Note what we are to take from this, sudden destruction after exiting the destination of destruction, it comes suddenly.
- ◇ However, in the day the Son of man is revealed immediately follows the time of Jacob's trouble, covered more in the Great Tribulation study. That time starts with the warning to flee and not turn back. Lot's wife is an example of why they should not, because those who seek to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life will save it. I believe the term "life," while literally meaning mortal life, is used in two different ways here. Clearly Lot and his family were seeking to save their mortal lives and did not lose their mortal lives, with one exception. One definition of one's life being the "life" they have built for themselves, their possessions, friends, etc. while the other is their mortal life. Lot's family left everything they had behind to flee, they left their home and possessions behind and in so doing they saved their mortal lives. Lot's wife looked back to the end of their home and possessions left behind and lost her mortal life. This is why Yeshua said for people who see Jerusalem surrounded by armies or the abomination of desolation to flee to the mountains, not going back to collect their possessions.
- ◇ This warning is followed by the same one taken and one left.

- Often the one taken and one left is used to describe the catching away of the bride, this is what I always took it to mean. However, taking **Luke 17:22-37**, **Matthew 24:23-28**, and **Mark 13:21-23** together, a different picture may be painted. One that reveals that the one taken is killed and their bodies given to vultures. The placement of this during the time of Jacob's trouble between the abomination of desolation and the return of Christ gives the prophecy of Joel a scary and supernatural view of this time in Judea. It explains why Jeremiah asks of this time, "wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?" Just as there is an unparalleled time, so too now do we see an unparalleled people.
- ★ □ Notice there are distinct major events tied together in Luke 17:26-31 as being "in the day of the Son of man." This means the day of the Son of man is not just the literal day at His return in glory, but the period of time in which all these associated events take place. I believe the "coming of the Son of man" should be taken literally as the arrival of Yeshua. Let's look at the word hemera, or day.
  - [G2250](#) matches the Greek ἡμέρα (*hēmera*), which occurs 389 times in 366 verses
    - (literally) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours (but several days were usually reckoned by the Jews as inclusive of the parts of both extremes.
    - (figuratively) a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context):—age, + alway, (mid-)day (by day, (-ly)), + for ever, judgment, (day) time, while, years.
  - ◇ Matthew 24:22 "And except those '**days**'([G2250](#)) should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those '**days**'([G2250](#)) shall be shortened."
    - Context makes this plural, the abomination of desolation and what follows is more than 24 hours.
  - ◇ Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those '**days**'([G2250](#)) shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"
    - Context makes this plural, the time of Jacob's trouble is over a period of about 30 days, as covered in greater detail in the *Framework of the End* study.
  - ◇ Matthew 24:36 "But of that '**day**'([G2250](#)) and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the '**days**'([G2250](#)) of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the '**days**'([G2250](#)) that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the '**day**'([G2250](#)) that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."
    - So the coming of the Son of man will be like the days of Noah, which didn't start in this narrative with the sudden destruction, but with the days just before it. So too just before the second coming, the world will be oblivious to it, yet as we saw just before it is also the time of Jacob's trouble, the start of the great tribulation.
    - This context is the same for Luke 17:26-30 regarding the days of Noah and Lot.
  - ◇ Luke 17:24 "For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one [part] under heaven, shineth unto the other [part] under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his '**day**'([G2250](#))."

- Context is singular as it refers to the signs of His actual arrival.
- ◇ Luke 17:30 "Even thus shall it be "***in the day***"([G3739](#) - who, which, what, that) when the Son of man is revealed."
  - What is translated as in the day should actually be that, but contextually translators decided it should be related to the day.
- ◇ Luke 17:31-33 "In that '***day***'([G2250](#)), he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."
  - Now we just saw the days of Noah and Lot and the revealing of the Son of man, but now it is in that day we also jump back to the abomination of desolation and with it a warning to look at Lot's wife. This is followed up
- ◇ Luke 17:34 "I tell you, in that '***night***'([G3571](#)) there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left."
  - Immediately following the reference back to fleeing the abomination of desolation we arrive at the one taken and one left. Only instead of in that day, we are now in that night.
- ◇ I think it's important to understand, as will be covered in greater detail in the *Great Tribulation, Day of the Lord, and Framework of the End* studies, that the time from the abomination of desolation to the day of the Lord is a period of about 40 days called the season of teshuvah, or repentance. In the scope of prophetic fulfillment, it's not a long time.
- If we take the three accounts together, the following themes are clear about the days, or period of time, in which the Son of man is revealed. Every one of these events is referred to in context of these days and I've grouped them together based on context of the definitions that will be covered in this collection of studies.
  - ◇ Abomination of desolation & Jacob's trouble
    - Those in Judea should flee to the mountains at the abomination of desolation (**Matthew 24:15-16,21-22 | Luke 17:31**)
      - They should not take anything from home or go back home to get anything, just run. (**Matthew 24:17-20 | Luke 17:32-33 ["in that day" when Son of man revealed and Lot's wife recalled]**)
    - Don't believe anyone saying Christ (anointed one) is on earth in the desert or secret chambers. (**Matthew 24:23-26 | Luke 17:23**)
      - There will be false christ's and false prophets with great signs and wonders meant to deceive even the elect (**Matthew 24:24**)
    - One taken, other left (**Matthew 24:40-41 | Luke 17:34-36 ["in that night" when Son of man revealed and Lot's wife recalled]**)
    - Wherever the carcass is, the eagles (carrion/vultures) will be gathered. (**Matthew 24:28 | Luke 17:37 [where will the one taken go?]**)
  - ◇ Sixth Seal (**Revelation 6:12-17**)
    - Immediately after tribulation of those days above, sun darkened, moon dark, stars fall, powers of heaven shaken (**Matthew 24:29 | Luke 21:25-26**)
  - ◇ Second coming
    - Of the day and hour no man knows (**Matthew 24:36, 42-44**)

- Take heed so this day doesn't come on you unaware (**Luke 21:34**)
- is as lightning from east to west. (**Matthew 24:27 | Luke 17:24**)
  - Sign of the Son of man in heaven, coming in great power and glory (**Matthew 24:30 | Luke 21:27**)
  - When these things happen look up, redemption draws nigh (**Luke 21:28**)
  - Sends angels to gather elect (**Matthew 24:31**)
  - Watch and pray that you escape these things and stand before the Son of man (**Luke 21:36**)
- DOTL = sudden destruction because His coming is immediately followed by the wrath of God that He carries out.
  - As a snare it will come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth (**Luke 21:34-35**)
  - Will be as the days of Noah [when Son of man revealed/coming of the Son of man] (**Matthew 24:37-39 | Luke 17:26-27**)
  - Will be as the days of Lot [when Son of man revealed] (**Luke 17:28-30**)
- **Joel 2:1-11** - "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land [is] as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them [is] as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and [when] they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp [is] very great: for [he is] strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD [is] great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"
  - We saw a similar event happen at Jericho.
    - ◆ Joshua 6:20-21 - "So the people shouted when [the priests] blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that **the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. And they utterly destroyed all that [was] in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.**"
    - ◆ We see an image before the sixth seal and the day of the Lord of a supernatural army that is unstoppable. They are described in the same

kind of way as the time of Jacob's trouble is, unparalleled in history or future. They are entering into windows like thieves at a time when any who reject the false christ are killed. And when Yeshua says one is taken and the disciples ask where they are taken, He says, "wheresoever the body (carcase) is, thither will the eagles (carrion) be gathered together." Then the day of the Lord arrives. This fits within the narrative Yeshua gives. It describes the same period after the abomination of desolation during an unparalleled time with an unparalleled army. As covered in greater detail in the *Great Tribulation* and *Framework of the End* studies, there is some nuance to the great tribulation I have not heard spoken of before that defines this unparalleled time for Israel that they are saved out of as a very short first of two phases of the great tribulation. The dividing of these two phases is because of the return of Christ at the day of the Lord.

- Regarding the day and hour no man knows, this is often used to negate the importance of watching. If we can't know the time, is it really important to focus on it? I think taking Yeshua at His Word with what He says next answers this question, but there are some important things to consider.
  - 2 Timothy 3:16 - "All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"
    - ◆ First things first, what does the Bible say regarding the coming of the Son of man?
    - ◆ Won't know the day: Matthew 24:36, 42, Mark 13:32
    - ◆ Won't know the hour: Matthew 24:36, 44, Mark 13:32, Revelation 3:3
    - ◆ **Acts 1:6-8** - "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."
      - Who was Yeshua speaking to? The disciples were to fulfill their role at that time of spreading the Gospel, it wasn't something they would need to worry about.
      - What was the context? The question was about restoring the kingdom to Israel, not the return of Christ.
    - ◆ **Mark 13:32-37** - "But of that day and [that] hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, **watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.** [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for **ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.** And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."
      - The idea of time generically is mentioned, but continue to the context and you have the same idea of not knowing the hour.
    - ◆ Can we not know the year? Can we not know the month? Can we not know the season? Not adding anything to scripture, it is the day and hour we don't know, that's all. If we are to have no clue at all, then why are we told time and again to watch and pray?
    - ◆ **Daniel 12:4** - "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge



shall be increased."

- The understanding of Daniel 12 is sealed to the time of the end when knowledge will be increased.
- The context of not knowing the day or hour is present tense, in 30 AD when Yeshua was speaking to them. There are several indications in scripture that as the day approaches we will not be in darkness like the rest of the world. These were covered in the *Introduction: WATCH! Study*.
  - ◆ **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** - "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."
  - ◆ **Matthew 24:48-50** - "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of,"
    - ◇ It follows that if understanding of when Yeshua is coming is taken from those who stop watching, then those who continue watching will understand the season of His coming.
- Assuming it was intended for us as well, not knowing the day or hour says nothing about not understanding the appointed times or signs of the times. In 30 AD, they wanted a sign that Yeshua was the Messiah. They had the prophecies from Daniel and the prophets, yet they were chastised for not seeing the signs of the times. We too have prophecies about the coming end times, let us not be hypocritical and ignorant to what God has revealed to us through His servants the prophets.
  - ◆ **Matthew 16:1-3** - "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, [It will be] fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, [It will be] foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O [ye] hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not [discern] the signs of the times?"
- **Watch therefore:** For those that watch and pray, they are not caught unawares at this time
  - **Matthew 24:42-51** - "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite [his] fellowservants, and to eat and

drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for [him], and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- **Mark 13:33-37** - "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. [For the Son of man is] as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."
  - **Luke 21:34-36** - "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and [so] that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."
  - **Luke 12:35-40** - "Let your loins be girded about, and [your] lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find [them] so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."
- Conclusion
    - From the mouth of Yeshua our Lord, we are given an order of events related to the end of the age, which is associated with the day of the Lord. As we will see in that study and elsewhere, the Sabbath millennium marks the end of 6,000 years of Biblical history and the Sabbath day of rest will be the Messianic Kingdom, where Christ will rule the world for 1,000 years in righteousness. There are other events that happen after His coming that will be covered in the *Seals, Trumpets, Bowls* study and various other places, but the event that marks the end of the age is the return of Christ, and it is after that the bride of Christ will be changed into her immortal bodies and caught up to Him.
    - We can expect from this, continued wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, pestilence, much of this we have been seeing even in the recent past. I would expect as the continued push to consolidate global governance under the various tools of fear from disease control, financial collapse, climate crisis, terrorism to bring about increases in much of this.
    - But the message from God to His people is not to fear, but know and trust in His Word. Understand He has already told us beforehand. Rely on what He told us and know it because perfect love casts out all fear and deception can only work on those who don't already know the truth. We have been given that truth, if we accept it.
    - God is in control of all things and knows what men in their insignificant plans are going to do. They have no real power, even though they wield temporary power in the moment. When we see good called evil and evil good, when we see injustice for justice let us not get angry. We are told these things will happen. We are not told to fix all the problems, we are told to watch in light of what God said would happen. If you think you can fix the world, you are deluding yourself. What we can do is preach the Word, share the Gospel with those who have ears to hear, and when that day of our redemption comes let us not look back as Lot's wife longingly on the life we built here to survive. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the Creator who died to save us and bring us to Him face to face in eternal relationship.

May God continue to bless you as you remain in Him.

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### One Taken One Left

The focus of the more precise depictions of events of the future begins at the abomination of desolation and ends with the sudden destruction. If you examine all the references to day or days in the Olivet Discourse, the majority of them are [G2250](#) ἡμέρα (*hēmera*), which means literally the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours, and figuratively a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context).

Matthew 24:22 "And except those '**days**'([G2250](#)) should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those '**days**'([G2250](#)) shall be shortened."

Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those '**days**'([G2250](#)) shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

These are referring to the unparalleled time of Jacob's trouble that starts at the abomination of desolation, see also Jeremiah 30:4-7 and Daniel 12:1. It is more than one day so it's interpreted as plural, not a single day.

Matthew 24:36 "But of that '**day**'([G2250](#)) and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the '**days**'([G2250](#)) of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the '**days**'([G2250](#)) that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the '**day**'([G2250](#)) that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

The day and hour known only to the Father is the coming of Christ, which will happen in a day, it's just not known which one. But note that the days of Noah is plural and we know this because it's talking about the period of time before the flood and the day of the flood. This is how the coming of the Son of man will be. There will be a period of days leading up to His day of arrival and then that day will arrive. The same is said of Lot, and Luke says it more directly associated to the days before.

Luke 17:26-33 - "And as it was in the '**days**'([G2250](#)) of Noe, so shall it be also in the '**days**'([G2250](#))

of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the '**day**'(G2250) that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the '**days**'(G2250) of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same '**day**'(G2250) that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the '**day**'(G2250) when the Son of man is revealed. In that '**day**'(G2250), he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."

Did you catch that? There were days of ignorance of the sudden destruction that came on a day in the case of Noah and Lot. That day is the revealing and coming of the Son of man and in the days before that revealing people will be oblivious. But the real important thing is to recognize that Luke 17:31 connects that day (singular) to that day (singular) when those on their housetops should leave it all behind and flee. That's not the revealing of the Son of man, that's the days before it after the abomination of desolation, the tribulation of those days. The day of the revealing of the Son of man is preceded not only by ignorance, but the time of Jacob's trouble. And the next verse?

Luke 17:34-37 - "I tell you, in that '**night**'(G3571) there shall be two [men] in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two [women] shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [men] shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body [is], thither will the eagles be gathered together."

That night, presumably following the previous day that I think should be plural (in those days) based on the context personally, is when one is taken and one is left. I see this as a symbolic pattern since the time of Jacob's trouble is not one literal day. So either the ones taken are only in the nighttime or it's saying that the ones taken are after the time they are told to run to the mountains. When asked where they are taken, Yeshua says where the bodies are the eagles gather. If we took at where Matthew puts that when understanding this context, it still fits.

Matthew 24:26-31 - "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, [he is] in the secret chambers; believe [it] not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Note that from verse 15-22 is the unparalleled tribulation that is shortened for the sake of the elect and 23-26 is the warning of false christs on the earth. And the reason not to look for them is because Christ's coming will be as lightning from east to west. This isn't a depiction of it occurring, it's a statement to warn against deception. (I believe the apostasy and revealing of the man of sin that must come before the coming of our Lord and our gathering to Him will be centered around the deception of the dragon that starts with the premise of turning Israel back to God, but then slowly inserts his false christ in as the Messiah they've been looking for until he's revealed. Then some of Israel will see through it and flee while others will turn on their own like happened in Yeshua's day. I think the two witnesses will have a big part to play in the 1/3 that stay true to God. It's focused first in Judea and that's why I think it's called the time of Jacob's trouble, because it's a family affair to start with.)

He then puts that statement about the bodies and eagles. Note that it is still within the days of tribulation that will be cut short for those in Judea. We know this because the depiction of the coming of Christ immediately follows the statement of the bodies and eagles.

I think it's important to understand, as will be covered in greater detail in the *Great Tribulation, Day of the Lord*, and *Framework of the End* studies, that the time from the abomination of desolation to the day of the Lord is a period of about 40 days, the season of teshuvah, or repentance, that Messiah 2030 spoke of. In the scope of prophetic fulfillment, it's not a long time. If we take the three accounts together, the following themes are clear about the days, or period of time, in which the Son of man is revealed. Every one of these events is referred to in context of these days and I've grouped them together based on context of the definitions that will be covered in this collection of studies.

- Abomination of desolation & Jacob's trouble
  - Those in Judea should flee to the mountains at the abomination of desolation (**Matthew 24:15-16,21-22 | Luke 17:31**)
    - They should not take anything from home or go back home to get anything, just run. (**Matthew 24:17-20 | Luke 17:32-33 ["in that day" when Son of man revealed and Lot's wife recalled]**)
  - Don't believe anyone saying Christ (anointed one) is on earth in the desert or secret chambers. (**Matthew 24:23-26 | Luke 17:23**)
    - There will be false christ's and false prophets with great signs and wonders meant to deceive even the elect (**Matthew 24:24**)
  - One taken, other left (**Matthew 24:40-41 | Luke 17:34-36 ["in that night" when Son of man revealed and Lot's wife recalled]**)
  - Wherever the carcass is, the eagles (carrion/vultures) will be gathered. (**Matthew 24:28 | Luke 17:37 [where will the one taken go?]**)
- Sixth Seal (**Revelation 6:12-17**)
  - Immediately after tribulation of those days above, sun darkened, moon dark, stars fall, powers of heaven shaken (**Matthew 24:29 | Luke 21:25-26**)
- Second coming
  - Of the day and hour no man knows (**Matthew 24:36, 42-44**)
    - Take heed so this day doesn't come on you unaware (**Luke 21:34**)
  - is as lightning from east to west. (**Matthew 24:27 | Luke 17:24**)
    - Sign of the Son of man in heaven, coming in great power and glory (**Matthew 24:30 | Luke 21:27**)
    - When these things happen look up, redemption draws nigh (**Luke 21:28**)
    - Sends angels to gather elect (**Matthew 24:31**)
    - Watch and pray that you escape these things and stand before the Son of man (**Luke 21:36**)
  - DOTL = sudden destruction because His coming is immediately followed by the wrath of God that He carries out.
    - As a snare it will come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth (**Luke 21:34-35**)
    - Will be as the days of Noah [when Son of man revealed/coming of the Son of man] (**Matthew 24:37-39 | Luke 17:26-27**)
    - Will be as the days of Lot [when Son of man revealed] (**Luke 17:28-30**)

I still need to figure out how to best word it to make sense. I also want to touch on Joel 2, but will probably leave that for the day of the Lord study that will cover it in more detail. We see an image before the sixth seal and the day of the Lord of a supernatural army that is unstoppable. They are described in the same kind of way as the time of Jacob's trouble is, unparalleled in both history and future. They are entering into windows like thieves at a time when any who reject the false christ are killed. And when Yeshua says one is taken and the disciples ask where they are taken, He says,

"wheresoever the body (carcase) is, thither will the eagles (carrion) be gathered together." Then the day of the Lord arrives.

This fits within the narrative Yeshua gives. It describes the same period after the abomination of desolation during an unparalleled time with an unparalleled army. As covered in greater detail in the *Great Tribulation* and *Framework of the End* studies, there is some nuance to the great tribulation I have not heard spoken of before that defines this unparalleled time for Israel that they are saved out of as a very short first of two phases of the great tribulation. The dividing of these two phases is because of the return of Christ at the day of the Lord.