

What Happens During Tribulation (Matthew 24:1-31)

Matthew 23 (Background to Matthew 24-25)

<p>Matthew 24:1-3</p> <p>1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.</p> <p>2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”</p> <p>3 Now 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?”</p>	<p>The disciples posed 3 Questions to the Lord:</p> <p>Q1: When will these things be?</p> <p>Q2: What will be the sign of Your coming?</p> <p>Q3: (What will be the sign) of the end of the age?</p>
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Q2: What will be the sign of Your coming? Answer = Matthew 24:4-25:46

- I. 24:4-14 - Happenings during first 3-1/2 years of Tribulation
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I. Matthew 24:4-14 - Happenings during first 3-1/2 years of Tribulation

Matthew 24:4-14 refers to the first half of the Tribulation. There are parallels to the 6 Seal Judgments of Revelation 6.

Seal #1 - The Tribulation begins with the revealing of the anti-christ, whose primary purpose is to deceive.

<p>Matthew 24:4-5 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."</p>	<p>Revelation 6:1-2 1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals (#1); ... 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He (anti-christ) who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.</p> <p>1 John 4:1, 3 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the anti-christ, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.</p> <p>2 Thessalonians 2:3, 6-8 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day (Rapture) will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of</p>
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	<p>the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming (@2nd Coming).</p> <p>Daniel 9:26 And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah (Lord Jesus Christ) shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people (Romans) of the prince (anti-christ) who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.</p>
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Seal #2 - Wars and Rumours of Wars!

<p>Matthew 24:6-7a 6 And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7a For nation (ethnos) will rise against nation, and kingdom (basileia) against kingdom ...</p>	<p>Revelation 6:3-4 3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.</p>
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Seal #3 & #4 - Famines, Pestilences, Sword, Earthquakes, Death.

<p>Matthew 24:7-8 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.</p>	<p>Revelation 6:5-6 5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." Revelation 6:7-8 7 ... the fourth seal ... 8 ... a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.</p>
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Seal #5 - Persecution & Martyrdom of believers up to first half of Tribulation.

<p>Matthew 24:9-11 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My Name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.</p>	<p>Revelation 6:9-10 9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"</p>
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Seal #6 - Lawlessness, anarchy, EQ, cosmic signs, chaos, disasters – all worsening – **trumpet and bowl judgments to follow!**

<p>Matthew 24:7b-8, 12-13 7 ... And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.</p>	<p>Revelation 6:12-17 12 ... sixth seal, ... a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded ... and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"</p>
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The fulfilment of **Matthew 24:14** is in the future, not in the current church age, but **during the Tribulation**.

Throughout the 7 Tribulation Years, the Gospel is continuously preached:

- A. In the first 3-1/2 years by the **144,000 Evangelists and the 2 Witnesses**.
- B. In the last 3-1/2 years by the **2 angels** with the everlasting Gospel.

II. Matthew 24:14-20 - Happenings at Mid-Tribulation

<p>Matthew 24:15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand).</p>	<p>Daniel 9:27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”</p> <p>Daniel 11:31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.</p> <p>Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:15-20 15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand). 16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. (no relevance to the Church) 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. (urgency) 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes (urgency). 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter (difficult travel) or on the Sabbath.</p>	<p>Revelation 12:6, 12-17 6 Then the woman (remnant believing Jews) fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.</p> <p>(last 3-½ years of the Tribulation)</p> <p>12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” (3-½ years before the 2nd Coming of Christ). 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth (first cast down from 3rd heavens to 2nd heavens - John 12:31), he persecuted the woman (Israel - remnant Jews) who gave birth to the male Child. (the Lord Jesus). 14 But the woman (Israel - remnant Jews) was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, (Petra region in Jordan) where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, (3-½ years) from the presence of the serpent. (specially protected by God</p>

	<p>from satan). 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood (satan's attempt to kill the remnant Jews). 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. (supernatural protection from God). 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, (devil was unsuccessful to kill remnant Jews) and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (remaining believers in the last 3-½ years of the Tribulation)</p>
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III. Matthew 24:21-31 - Happenings during last 3-1/2 years of Tribulation

<p>Matthew 24:21-27 21 For then there will be great tribulation (last 3-½ years) such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (anti-christ rise from dead, false prophet, etc.) 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. (devil has limited time left to destroy remnant Jews and is desperate) 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.</p>	
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<p>Matthew 24:28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.</p>	<p>Revelation 19:17-18, 21 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. 18 Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great." 21 Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:27-29 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together (Armageddon). 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p>	<p>Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord (2nd Coming of Christ). Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord (2nd Coming of Christ).</p>
<p>Matthew 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (2nd Coming of Christ at the end of the Tribulation period)</p>	

<p>Matthew 24:31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 30:1-4 1 “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, (Jews scattered among the nations) 2 and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you. 4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.</p> <p>Isaiah 65:9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah an heir of My mountains; My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.</p> <p>Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.</p>
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Matthew 24:35

Romans 11:25-27