



CELL GUIDE

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| TOPIC | What Happens During Tribulation (Matthew 24:1-31) | SPEAKER | SP Daniel Foo |
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

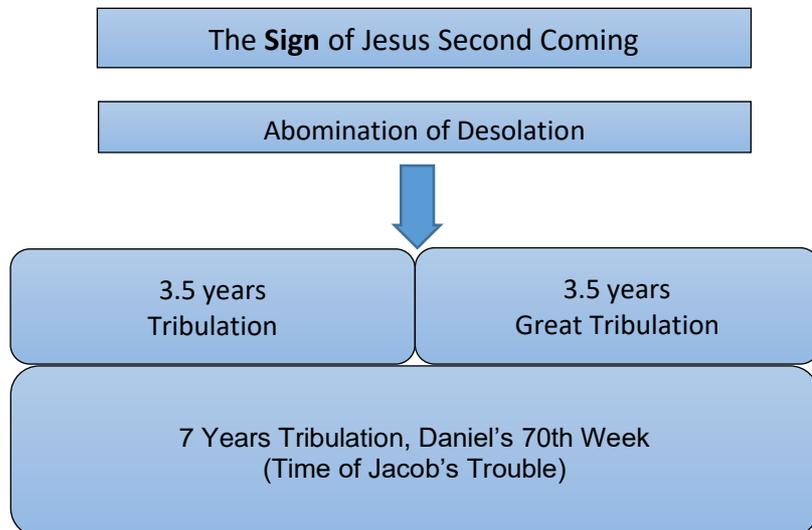
INTRODUCTION

This is the seventh sermon in the series on the end-times. SP began by emphasising all scriptures are profitable. Yet throughout the Bible, there are specific messages meant for the Jews, the Gentiles and the Church. Matthew 24 is meant for the Jews. However, the Church can learn useful lessons too.

In the preceding chapter, The Lord has been sparring with the religious leaders. At the end, He delivered a scathing rebuke in Chapter 23 pronouncing seven woes on them, judging them for their hypocrisy and for leading Israel into her own judgment. The chapter concludes with the Lord making one last public statement lamenting Israel's decision and making a prophetic proclamation that Israel will not see him again until Israel says, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Matthew 24: 1-31

| Verse | Main Ideas | Explanation |
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| 1-3 | Three Questions | The disciples asked the Lord three questions in private. When will the temple be destroyed? What will be the sign of His coming? What will be the sign of the end of the age? There will be one Sign which the Jews will be alert to for the second coming of the Lord. |



- 4-14 Happenings during the first 3-1/2 years of Tribulation
- The Gospel is continuously preached by the 144 000 evangelists and the 2 witnesses.
- There are parallels to the 6 Seal Judgements in Revelation 6. The first seal unveils the anti-christ which marks the start of the Tribulation. His primary objective is to **deceive** and promised a false peace. Many will be deceived. (Revelation 6:1-2, 1 John 4:1, 3, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 6-8, Daniel 9:26). Then the second seal opens, there will be wars and rumours of wars. Nations will rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom. (Revelations 6:3-4). After that, the third and fourth seals opens. There will be famines, pestilences, sword, earthquakes and death. (Revelations 6:5-8) The fifth seal unveils intense persecution and martyrdom of believers up to the first half of the Tribulation. (Revelation 6: 9-10) Finally the sixth seal releases lawlessness, anarchy, earthquakes, cosmic signs, chaos and disasters with the trumpet and bowl judgements to follow!
- 14-20 Happenings at Mid-Tribulation
- In the middle of the 7 years of Tribulation, the antichrist will stop the animal sacrifices. He will set up a statue image of himself to be worshipped This results in the cessation of the regular sacrifices. ((Daniel 11:31, 12:11) When the Jews saw this sign, they are instructed to flee to the mountains. God will supernaturally protect and provide for the remnant Jews. With limited time of 3.5 years, Satan will attempt to kill all remaining remnant Jews to disprove prophetic scriptures that Israel will be saved and there will be a Millennial Messianic Kingdom.
- 21-31 Happenings during the last 3-1/2 years of Tribulation
- The tribulation will become great tribulation, increasing in intensity. The world has never experienced such horrific judgement since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. God, in His mercy, shortened it to 3.5 years. There will be great deception with signs and wonders. It will culminate with the armies of the world gathering at Armageddon. Then the Son of Man (The Lord) will come on the clouds of heaven and defeat the earthly armies by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the Lord who was riding on the white horse. (Revelation 19: 17-18, 21). It is a time of mourning for the unbelievers. It is a time of celebration for the believers- Jews and Gentiles!

CONCLUSION

BOTTOM LINE - Take heed that no one deceives you. God already told us what is to come in the scriptures.

Let us study and apply His word. Be alert that there will be false christs out there deceiving people. Develop a close relationship with the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and gives us understanding. Cultivate a seeking open heart towards Holy Spirit of Truth.

QUESTIONS

1. Disciples of Christ would be raptured before the Tribulation. How is your walk with the Lord and how do you prioritise a close relationship with the Lord as the No 1 priority in your life?

2. The rapture is imminent followed by the tribulation. How do we inform pre-believing family or friends of this teaching? How do we share our “blessed hope”?

3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:10. How do we keep ourselves from being deceived and sharpen our discernment? Share examples on practical ways on what can we do regularly to achieve this.