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#### Introduction

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3) Jesus tells his disciples the sequence of events that will occur before his return. The events cover a time span from His ascension into Heaven after his crucifixion, until His return. Described are prophecies currently being fulfilled, and prophecies in the future. This booklet will follow the sequence of events in Matthew 24, with detail scriptures from Revelations and 2 Thessalonians.

# **Prophecies Being Fulfilled Deception**

Jesus answered: Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. (Matthew 24:4-5) Satan's weapon is to deceive people with his lies. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the

devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Revelations 12:9) Satan's main purpose is to destroy God's people by his lies and deception. Today Satan is deceiving people, media, and governments, to oppose Christianity. His plan is to have laws that close churches and make it illegal to have a Bible.

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. (Revelation 6:2) The first horseman was riding a white horse carrying a bow, which implies deception. Satan has been deceiving people starting with Adam and Eve. Satan poses as the "angel of light" which has deceived Christians all through the ages. Satan's goal is to deceive Christians by using their own justification, so they aren't aware they have been deceived.

#### **World Conflict**

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Matthew 24:7-8) Wars and rumors of war have been happening since the Biblical ages and have continued into current times.

And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (Revelation 6:4) This horseman takes peace from the earth and have people kill each other. Satan's plan is to have people kill each other, filling hearts with fear and hate, causing them to walk away from God. Even God's people in the old testament had to fight with the power of God to live in the promised land.

We live in a world filled with deception and wars because we live in a fallen world; but the Lord protects the eternal souls of His people for eternal life in Heaven. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28) Christians live for eternal life, and will receive a perfect younger body that will last forever. When we know Heaven is our

eternal home, we can live on this earth reflecting God's love at all times without living in fear.

#### **Famine**

There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains. (Matthew 24:7-8) Many places in the world are living with little food and unclean water. People have been suffering from lack of food throughout the generations and continues today. https://ourworldindata.org/famines

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." (Revelation 6:5–6) Costs are increasing for most everything and many people throughout the world cannot afford to buy the essentials needed for life.

#### **Earthquakes**

Earthquakes are occurring everyday all over the world causing people to struggle for food and clean

water. Volcanos that have been inactive for many years are now active. Approximately fifty earthquakes are occurring every day throughout the world and will continue into the future. Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. (Revelation 16:18) This verse describes the last earthquake. https://www.emsc-csem.org/Earthquake/world

### **Future Prophecy**

Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. (Matthew 24:9-11) Today many Christians are being persecuted and killed; and Christian worship is starting to become illegal.

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

The man of lawlessness, (referred to as the beast in Revelations), will make war against Christians and he will claim to be God. The process of rebellion is currently in progress toward a one world government, which must be established before the beast can rule the world. Rebellion consists of making laws against worship, rewriting history, controlling the media, and teaching sinful topics to our children from grade school through college. Then the majority of the world will be deceived and will favor a one world government led by the beast, who will rule for forty-two months.

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have

not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. (Revelations 13:5-8)

A second beast, called the false prophet, will support the man of lawlessness. He will perform signs powered by Satan and he will erect an image of the first beast; and all who refused to worship the image are to be killed. The dragon (Satan), the Man of Lawlessness (first beast), and the false prophet (second beast) are called the unholy trinity. The unholy trinity will rule the world in an attempt to destroy God's people.

It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the

image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. (Revelations 13:11-17)

The events in the future will occur, but only God the Father knows the time. The Lord has given us these events so we can recognize when they occur, and be prepared. Christians living during the reign of the beast, will have to prepare by storing food and water for an extended period of time.

## Victory

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. (2 Thessalonians 2:8) When Christ returns, he will destroy the beast with the breath of his mouth. The unholy trinity is doomed to eternity in hell and also all the people that worship the image.

But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:13-14) Satan brings evil into the world for the purpose of destroying God's people. Today the world is turning against Christians and many Christians are being deceived. We maintain our faith in the Lord, and we know the Word so we can recognize Satan's deception.

The Lord gives us strength to stand firm, and to endure the coming events, just as the Father gave Jesus the strength to endure the cross for our sins. As we go through these difficult times, we have a golden opportunity to comfort people by telling them about Christ. Every Christian has the calling to bring the gospel of the kingdom to the world of lost souls, and there are many lost people on the broad road to destruction.

The Lord will return and take us to our Heavenly home to live with the Father and the Son with our new younger eternal bodies. Life will be perfect for eternity. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. (John 14:2-4)

The Lord will return and take us home, and all those who continue to walk with Christ will live in eternal victory. When Christ returns, heaven and earth will pass away.

Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken."

"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. (Matthew 24:29-31)

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Revelations 3:21)

Walk in the power of the Lord and you walk in victory. Heaven is your home.



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