

BBC - 9/15/24-PM Home-Study Sermon Outline - “The 2 Final Signs: Jesus’ Coming & End of Age”

Mt 24:3 - *And as he (Jesus) 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 (age)?*

The Church has interpreted prophecy of Jesus’ 2nd Coming in **four** main ways: **1)** Symbolic (of spiritual conflict); **2)** Preterist (past events of AD70); **3)** Historical (allegory of 7 church-age eras); **4)** Futuristic (yet to come at end).

The Disciples were confused (*2 days before Passover/Crucifixion*): In response to their 2-prong question, Jesus gave a comprehensive explanation in what’s called the “Olivet Discourse” (**Mt 24; Mk 13; Lk 21**). John was given a further description of these end-time events, and **Rev ch. 6-7** is a **parallel** to what Jesus taught in **Matt 24**. In both, the Lord gave a clear chronology of events within the 70th Week, as they relate to the end-time Church:

“The Beginning of Sorrows”

24:5 “For many shall come in my name, Saying, I am the Christ, and shall deceive many”

24:6-7a “And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye not be 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”

24:7b “And there shall be famines...”

24:7c-8 “...and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the **beginning of sorrows**.”

6:1-2 (1st Seal) White horse & rider = False religion imposters; personified in the Antichrist who conquers by deception.

6:3-4 (2nd Seal) Red horse & rider. Given a sword and has power to conquer through war. Takes peace away from the earth.

6:5-6 (3rd Seal) Black horse & rider. Given a scale to measure food supply. He will bring famine.

6:7-8 (4th Seal) Pale horse & rider. Represents death & pestilence. Given power to kill with sword, hunger, death, and with the beasts of the earth.

“The Intensifying of Pressure unto Great Tribulation”

24:9, 21 “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. ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

6:9-11 (5th Seal) Martyrs (witnesses). Jews & Christians killed for their heritage and testimony.

24:15 when you see **Sign #1** = “**Abomination of Desolation**”; The trigger of Great Tribulation & Jesus’ soon coming

“The Rapture”

24:29-30a **Sign #2** = “**Cosmic Disturbance**” (also **Mk 13:24-25**, & **Lk 21:25-26**). **Final Sign of truly imminent rapture & end of the age** “Immediately **after** the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give its 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...” (**Lk 21:27-28**)

24:31 “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.”

6:12-13 (6th Seal) “Cosmic Disturbance.” “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.”

7:1, 9-17 (still in 6th Seal) 4 angels, holding the 4 winds of the earth. (After the sealing of the 144,000 Jews), a great multitude, of all nations, kindreds, and people, and tongues, in white robes, are suddenly seen standing before the throne and the Lamb worshipping God for their salvation.

“The Wrath”

Jesus answered the Disciples’ 2-prong question directly at the Olivet Discourse, and through John’s revelation: **Abomination of Desolation: Sign of near end** – **Cosmic Disturbance: Sign of imminent rapture & end of age**. Jesus only told the Disciples what pertains to **us** (in the Church Age). He did not elaborate on the later Wrath. **Matt 24:33** (true imminence) *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.* “**Tribulation**” is upon believers, from the Devil & World. – “**Wrath**” is upon unrepentant unbelievers, from God. **Rev 6:17; 8:1** - **7th Seal** opens the Book (“Day of the LORD’s” **Wrath**), that begins with the 7 Trumpet judgments.