

# A New Look at Yeshua's Prophecies Concerning the End of the Age

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In all three synoptic Gospels it is recorded that when Yeshua's disciples pointed out the beauty and wonder of the temple, Yeshua responded by informing them that the day was coming when not one stone of the temple would be left standing on top of another. When his disciples asked him about *when* these things were going to take place, Yeshua replied with a long discourse describing the things that were to come to pass in the future. The records of this discourse are found in chapters 24 of Matthew, 13 of Mark, and 21 of Luke.

It would not be an exaggeration to state that most people have at one time or another heard at least some part of Yeshua's words found in these passages. Every student of Biblical prophecy is familiar with at least one of these accounts. The average student of prophecy is most familiar with Matthew's account and familiar to a lesser extent with Luke's account. Some of us are very familiar with all three accounts from having read each one countless times.

Each account is different and includes things not mentioned in the other two. Some accounts summarize portions of Yeshua's words which are alternatively quoted in more detail in others. Matthew's and Mark's accounts are the most alike and are quite obviously sourced in the same witness. No doubt, it is this similarity between Matthew and Mark that is responsible for many students not bothering to familiarize themselves with Mark's account. Nevertheless, there *are* some differences between Matthew's and Mark's account. Luke's account stands out as having come from an entirely different source/witness of Yeshua's words. The differences between Luke's account and the other two are much more significant. These differences are responsible for a number of differing interpretations concerning end-time events. The most significant of these differences is the question of when Yeshua's advice to flee Jerusalem and Judea should be heeded. (More on this later)

The single biggest reason that there are differences in interpretation is due to the fact these accounts have not been reconciled ...most importantly with each other, and secondly with the facts of history. If they had been reconciled with each other alone, the facts of history would have confirmed the truth in Yeshua's words. The difficult fact for many Christians to face is that there is no reconciling certain things recorded in Matthew's and Mark's account with those found in Luke's account. The glaring proposition is that one of the source witnesses must have been at least a little bit mistaken as to *when* in the discourse Yeshua had said something! Most "Bible believing" Christians refuse to go down the road of that possibility because of the implications such would have on the supposed "infallibility" of the Scriptures ...so they just live with the conflict. If asked how they reconcile the problem, they say they don't know, but the Bible says it, they believe it, and that settles it. This stance has done more harm than good when it comes to ferreting out all the wonderful truth the Bible *does* contain. In short, it has made a mockery of the Bible to serious thinking people and it has brought it down to the level of any other religious document to which its adherents have a *blind* faith.

The answers to the conflicts are not difficult to find or see once we unshackle ourselves from *blind* faith and analyze the testimonies from a more forensic like point of view where the goal is to put the pieces of the puzzle together into one coherent picture. It is my conviction that Divine purpose is the very reason why we have *three* accounts. Those who seriously want to know the truth of what Yeshua said can still find it if they apply a little common sense in the search. If we only had one record, we wouldn't be able to see the picture clearly. Worse yet, those who opt for blind faith have difficulty seeing the truth in even one account because of the distortion caused by another.

The bottom line on which all who love Yeshua agree is that we believe what he said is truth. My questioning is only of the understanding of those who heard Yeshua ...and those who have handled the written record since then. This case isn't even a matter of *what* Yeshua said. I believe that what is recorded in all three Gospels here was indeed spoken by Yeshua. It is only the chronology of certain things said as recollected by the witnesses later that is in question. This point is proven indisputable by precedent in one slight difference between the two most similar accounts of Matthew and Mark. Mark records that Yeshua said the gospel would be preached to all nations just *before* he mentioned that people would betray one another and hate one another and that those who endured to the end would be saved. Matthew records that Yeshua said the gospel would be preached to the world *after* mentioning these things! So which is it? Believe it or not, it *does* make a difference. A little common sense would suggest that this piece of the puzzle fits best where *Matthew* places it.

The best thing about having three records is that each one contains information that is not found in the other two. The best way to get all the information together into one coherent picture is to lay them out side by side in parallel fashion, lining up the things that are repeated, and alternatively make space for those things that are not. When this is done and it is all put together, a whole new fascinating picture emerges.

There are two very distinct parts in Yeshua's answer to his disciple's question because there were two parts to their question! Matthew's record spells out the disciples question in the most detail. They said:

“Tell us. When will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?”

Though the disciples didn't really realize it, this was a two part question that Yeshua answered as such. When they asked, “*When will these things be?*” the words, “*these things*” were in direct reference to what Yeshua had just spoken of concerning the destruction of the temple where one stone would not be left on another. But then their question went on to ask about his coming and the end of the age which they naturally assumed would all occur at the same time. The very presupposition evident in their question assumed that the destruction of the temple, his coming, and the end of the age would occur together. They undoubtedly asked the question thinking that the current temple would have to go to make way for the temple that Zechariah said the Messiah would build. (See Zechariah 6:12,13) They had no idea that the destruction of the current temple and Yeshua's return would be separated by nearly two thousand years. And what's more, it is obvious that Yeshua wasn't about to correct their misunderstanding on this! He wanted them to live as though he might return at any time, so he let them continue in their misunderstanding. Nevertheless, he answered their question as they asked it, in two parts.

Since the disciples didn't know about the great time span between the events, it's easy to see how each could have focused more on different parts of Yeshua's reply. And since each thought these prophecies were all interconnected and referring to the same event and time frame, later, when recollecting his words and writing them down, one witness got the chronological order of what Yeshua had said mixed up and associated one admonition with the wrong event.

Thus, did Yeshua want his people to flee Jerusalem and Judea when the "*abomination of desolation*" appeared in the temple as Matthew and Mark suggest? Or did he want them to flee when they saw Jerusalem "*surrounded by armies*" as Luke suggested? The abomination of desolation, and Jerusalem surrounded by armies are two separate events separated by many hundreds of years. The destruction of that temple occurred long ago in the year 70. The abomination of desolation hasn't occurred yet. The record of history proves that Luke's account on this is dead-on correct. What happened in the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 happened exactly as Yeshua had predicted ...even to the detail of "*woe to those who are pregnant and nursing young*". Josephus records that mothers of nursing young were known to have killed and eaten their young to save themselves from starvation during the months of Jerusalem's siege.

In the following pages is offered a version of how these three accounts should be laid out in parallel ...showing how each fills the gaps of others. The first three columns are those of Matthew, Mark, and Luke respectively, as they are presented in *The New King James Version*. The fourth column is the combined accounts of all three ...reconciled with each other and the facts of history. On the next page below is presented solely the combined account as it is presented in the fourth parallel column in the pages after it. Numbers have been assigned to the verses in the combined account for reference purposes so that one might find the passage in the parallel version and see from which gospel account it comes. The combined version by itself is presented first so that the reader can see it in its beautiful coherence and natural flow of thought first. Just to the left of the text is a colored bar key to indicate which of the two events Yeshua was referring to. The yellow bar indicates Yeshua's words concerning early events at the time of Jerusalem's fall (already fulfilled), and the red bar indicates Yeshua's words concerning his return and the end of the age.

As you read the combined account on the next page please take note of several things. First, notice the two-part question of Yeshua's disciples. Then notice the natural two-part flow of thought in Yeshua's reply. Notice how Yeshua intentionally left his disciples in the dark concerning the great time span between the two events for a reason. Notice how Yeshua said his words to them would remain until he returns, and the fact that they are virtually fulfilled in the fact that you are reading them today. Notice that Yeshua clearly indicated that men would eventually possess the power to annihilate all life on earth at a time when that kind of power was inconceivable. And notice how Yeshua used lightning and scavengers to describe what is undoubtedly television and today's news media. Interjected are a few of my own *[marked]* words to help point these things out.

# Yeshua's Prophecies Concerning the Fall of Jerusalem and the End of the Age Combined and Chronologically Reconciled With Each Other and History

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Note: Words *[bracketed and italicized]* are my interjections.

**= Prophecies concerning the fall of Jerusalem.**

**= Prophecies concerning the end of the age and Yeshua's return.**

1 Then, as Yeshua went out and departed from the temple, one of his disciples spoke of the temple and how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations.

2 And Yeshua said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down"

3 Now as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked 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?"

4 And Yeshua, answering them began by saying: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he', 'The time has drawn near' and will deceive many. Therefore do not go after them. 5 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass first, but the end *[of the age]* will not come yet."

6 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. All these, are the beginning of sorrows *[marking the end of the age]*."

7 But watch out for yourselves, for **before** all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

8 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak.

9 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

10 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will send some of you to your death.

11 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. In your patience possess your souls.

12 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

13 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

14 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

15 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

16 **But** woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

17 Then, many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

18 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

19 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end *[of the age]* will come.

20 Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place—whoever reads *[these words of mine—for they will be written and remain]*, let him understand—

21 that **then**, *[will come the end of the age, and]* there will be great tribulation, 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, *[men's greatest weapons of war would annihilate all life on earth and]* no flesh would be saved. So for the elect's sake, those days will be shortened.

23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, he is there!' do not believe it.

24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. But take heed; see, I have told you all things 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.

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 *[seen as it is reflected at the speed of light around the world to every eye]*. For *(because)* wherever the carcass *[death and destruction]* is, there the eagles *[the opportunistic scavengers of the TV news media with their HD cameras]* will be gathered together.

28 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 on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 29 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,

31 and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great

glory.

32 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 the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

33 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

34 And he spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

35 So you, likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near, at the very doors.

36 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation *[its written testimony of what I am telling you here and now]* will by no means pass away till all these things are fulfilled.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but **my words** will by no means pass away.

37 But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the son, but my Father only.

38 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

39 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 So take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly.

41 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

42 Then, two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left.

43 Watch therefore, and pray always, that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

44 But know this; that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

45 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him.

46 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

47 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

48 And what I say to you, I say to all *[generations]*: Watch!"

# Yeshua's Prophecies Concerning the Destruction of Jerusalem and the End of the Age in Parallel

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## Matthew 24

1 Then Yeshua went out and departed from the temple, and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Yeshua 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"

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?"

4 And Yeshua 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.

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

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.

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.

### Note

Verse 10 of Mark's record is out of place and belongs where Matthew locates these words in verse 14 of his record. This difference demonstrates that there are obvious chronological issues with these records.

10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another

## Mark 13

1 Then as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

2 And Yeshua answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

3 Now as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

5 And Yeshua answering them began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

6 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he, and will deceive many.

7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.

8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles.

These are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. And you will be brought before rulers and kings for my sake,

for a testimony to them.

10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

## Luke 21

5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations,

he said,

6 "As for these things which you see, the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

7 And they asked him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

8 And he said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.

9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will send some of you to your death.

## Combined

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2 And Yeshua said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down"

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5 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come yet."

6 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

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But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak.

9 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

10 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will send some of you to your death.

## Matthew 24

and will hate one another.

## Mark 13

13 And you will be hated by all me for my name's sake.

## Luke 21

17 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake.

18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

19 In your patience possess your souls.

20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

21 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

## Combined

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12 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

13 Then let those in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

14 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

15 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

16 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

17 Then, many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

18 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

19 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

20 Therefore, when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place—whoever reads, let him understand—

21 that then, there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

### Note

Verses 16-20 of Matthew and 14b-18 of Mark are out of place and belong here where Luke's record locates these words of Yeshua. This is not a case of choosing the testimony of one person over that of two because it is obvious that Matthew and Mark are derived from a common single source. It is that one source that is in error. Therefore it is only *one* testimony against another. The disciples at that time were not aware that there was a distinction and a great time difference between the destruction of Jerusalem and Yeshua's return. It is obvious in the presupposition of their question that they assumed these events would occur near the same time. It appears that some of them may have mistakenly associated some of Yeshua's predictions with the wrong event. There is also the possibility that an early copyist of this single source record mistakenly interjected these words in the wrong place because the text before and after them flow together very well. We also have the advantage of 20/20 hindsight and know from history that Luke's record was right.

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

13b But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

### Note

These highlighted words above are out of place as well. They were not true here. It would appear the apostles remembered them being spoken right after Yeshua spoke of *false prophets deceiving*. They belong instead after Matthew 24:24 and Mark 13:22.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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.

17 Let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house.

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days!

20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

14 But when you see the 'abomination of desolation' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let the reader understand)...

then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

15 And let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.

16 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his garment.

17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days!

18 And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

19 For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

## Matthew 24

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 arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

32 Now learn this parable from the fig tree:

When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the very doors.

## Mark 13

20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, he is there!' do not believe it.

22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

13b But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars of heaven will fall,

and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then he will send his angels, and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

28 Now learn this parable from the fig tree:

When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near, at the very doors.

## Luke 21

25 And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

29 And he spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 So you, likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

## Combined

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, 'Look, he is there!' do not believe it.

24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

But take heed; see, I have told you all things 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.

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. For wherever the carcass is there the eagles will be gathered together.

28 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 on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 29 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, 31 and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

32 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 the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

33 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

34 And he spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

35 So you, likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near, at the very doors.

## Matthew 24

34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things are fulfilled.  
35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.  
36 But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only.  
37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.  
38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,  
39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 Then, two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.  
41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left.  
42 Watch therefore,

for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.  
43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.  
44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him.

## Mark 13

30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.  
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.  
32 But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the son, but only the Father.

33 Take heed, watch and pray;

for you do not know when the time is.

34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.  
35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—  
36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.  
37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

## Luke 21

32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things are fulfilled.  
33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly.  
35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

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