

“of that day and hour”

(Rev 1:1, Mt 24:36)



Truth Matters
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Contending for the faith, one verse at a time

“which God gave Him”



In our study last week because:

- ☞ This phrase is often overlooked but packed with biblical truth and treasures
- ☞ We entered the person(s) in view to open this up:

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God [the Father] gave Him [God the Son] to show to His [Jesus's] bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He [Jesus] sent and communicated it by His [Jesus's] angel to His [Jesus's] bond-servant John,

“which God gave Him = “which God the Father gave God the Son”



- ❧ TRUTH: God the Father gave Jesus the entire prophecy contained in this book!
- ❧ The Father and Jesus are Co-Authors of Revelation 1-22!
- ❧ The Father gave the details to Jesus
- ❧ Jesus in turn sent His angel to deliver the prophecy to His bond-servant, John!
- ❧ The angel in turn is now delivering this prophecy to John!
- ❧ John wrote this book under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit!
 - ❧ Hence, all 3 Persons of the Trinity are involved
- ❧ We learned that after Jesus was glorified and exalted by His Father, Jesus now knows all of human history determined by His Father
 - ❧ Whereas in Mt 24 Jesus did not know all things because He was not glorified and exalted by His Father yet
 - ❧ But Jesus alone was found worthy to open the scroll sealed with 7 seals and now knows all things (times and epochs determined by His Father)!

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- ✧ We then touched on confusion surrounding “of that day and hour” statement by our Lord in Mt 24 and I submitted to you that this is not limited to a single day, a single hour
- ✧ Instead of me just telling you that, I’d like take a moment to show you how I arrived to this conclusion
- ✧ With that I’d like for us to revisit Mt 24 and show you...

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Matthew 24:1-31 (NASB)

1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. 2 And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. 6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. 14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

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Matthew 24:1-31 (NASB)

15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them. 27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

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29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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In Mt 24:3, the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked Him, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

☞ There are 3 parts to the disciples questioning:

- ☞ Part 1: “when will these things happen” in context is the destruction of the Temple
 - ☞ Mt 24 is AD30, Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple that happened in AD70 (40 years later)
- ☞ Part 2: “what will be the sign (sēmeion; distinguishing mark; miracle) of Your coming (parousia)” – bodily arrival on earth
- ☞ Part 3: “what will be the sign(s) of the end of the age” (usher in Messiah’s kingdom)

FOR STARTERS:

- ☞ Jesus’s response following v.3 spans from 30AD-until the end of the age
 - ☞ Mt 24 spans 2,000+ yrs

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- ❧ So following 30AD-until the end of the age (2,000+ yrs) Jesus did not immediately give them particular sign, but rather events signaling the end of the age is at hand:
 - ❧ The Temple will be destroyed (not one stone will be left on another)
 - ❧ Many will come in God's Name (onoma; authority) claiming to be Messiah
 - ❧ The people of Israel will hear of wars and rumors of wars
 - ❧ Threats of war and rumors of wars concerning the land of Israel will culminate in
 - ❧ Nation (ethnos) rising against nation (ethnos)
 - ❧ Kingdom against kingdom
 - ❧ In various places there will be famines and earthquakes
 - ❧ Luke add “plagues” (loimós) which means pestilence (a widespread contagious disease)
 - ❧ All of the above, are merely birth pangs
 - ❧ They will increase in intensity and frequency (Sorry but global pandemic is just the beginning)
 - ❧ There's more than will happen over a 2,000+ year span...

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- ❧ The disciples will experience tribulation
 - ❧ “I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus” (1:9)
- ❧ The people of Israel will experience tribulation and be killed
 - ❧ They certainly did in AD70
 - ❧ They’ll continue to be hated by all nations (ethnos) because of Jesus’s Name (onoma)
 - ❧ No one will be allies with Israel (USA was a protector of Israel; it won’t then)
- ❧ Many in and surrounding the land of Israel will “fall away” (skandalizo) led to sin; will be entrapped; cause to be a stumbling block to others, do away with the OT)
- ❧ Many in and surrounding the land of Israel will betray and hate one another
- ❧ And yet there’s more...

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- ✧ Many false Messiahs, false prophets will arise and mislead many (in and surrounding the land of Israel)
- ✧ Lawlessness is increased (plethunō; will reach its fullest measure)
- ✧ Most people's love (agapē) will grow cold (psúcho), like a candle on a windy day
- ✧ The gospel shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations
 - ✧ Whose in view here? The church? Or someone else? – stay tuned
- ✧ Jesus tells His disciples that after all these things then the end will come (v. 14)
- ✧ After providing events that signals the end of the age, Jesus calls attention to a particular prophecy that is associated with the the end of the age, and that is the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken of the prophet Daniel!

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- ❧ Once the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION is erected in the Temple:
 - ❧ Those in JUDEA are to flee to the mountains
 - ❧ If you are in the land of Israel and on the roof, to leave your things and escape
 - ❧ If you are in the field do not get your cloak
 - ❧ If you are pregnant or nursing babies, you will experience calamity
 - ❧ Pray to your God that your flight not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath
 - ❧ For the sake of the elect however, Jesus will cut those days short
 - ❧ Which elect? All elect? Or certain ones? --stay tuned
 - ❧ After the AOD is erected there will be false Christs, false prophets performing signs and wonders – Do NOT believe them
 - ❧ Many in or around the land of Israel will be deceived, including some elect

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☞ Only AFTER the AOD is erected in the Temple and AFTER the tribulation experienced by the people of Israel in those days, Jesus quotes Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, and Zephaniah and gave them a specific sign:

29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 **And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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- ❧ So in v. 30 Jesus finally gave His disciples a specific sign:
 - ❧ The Sign of the Son of Man in the sky - we'll see where that falls in our 7 Seals study
- ❧ But interesting in v.31, Jesus mentions that He will send His angles to gather His elect with a GREAT TRUMPET - we'll see where that falls in our 7 trumpets study
- ❧ He then gives the parable of the fig tree (v. 32-35)
- ❧ FINALLY AFTTER all these events then in v. 36 Jesus made the statement “but of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone”
- ❧ Folks, Mt 24:1-35, spanned over 2,000 years
- ❧ “of that day and hour” is in referring to all the things/events mentioned in 1-35!
- ❧ From the destruction of the Temple to the gathering of the elect (end of the age)!

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- ❧ I went through all that to demonstrate before you that I'm not just speculating and guessing what Jesus meant in this statement
- ❧ I just showed you through Scripture what this phrase meant
- ❧ It definitely was NOT intended to communicate a secret coming or Rapture
 - ❧ As we progress in our study we'll see when that falls in the Father's timetable
- ❧ This phrase was intended to communicate that the events described leading to the end of the age and timing of the sign of the Son of Man was determined by the Father
- ❧ The shortest way to say this is: before Jesus broke the 7 seals, no one knew the day or the hour of end time events, including, Christ's coming, not the Son, not the angels
- ❧ But AFTER Jesus was found worthy to take the scroll from the Father's hand and break the 7 seals, now the Son, and now the angels do know all end time events!
 - ❧ As for believers, we have a chance to know these things with the Spirit's help!