

# The Message

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## **The Sign of His Coming and the End of the Age**

**Matthew 24-1-34**



# When & What?

## Matthew 24:3

“Tell us, **when** will these things be?

And **what** will be the **sign** of Your coming,  
and of the end of the age?



# **When Is Answered in Verse 34.**

“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”



# What Sign?

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . .  
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.”



# Daniel Saw the Sign

“. . . the Ancient of Days was seated . . . And behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days . . . Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him” (Daniel 7:13,14).



# **The Destruction of Jerusalem Was the Sign**

It was the sign of His coming and the end  
of the Old Testament Age.



# The Abomination of Desolation

## Daniel 12:11 & 9:26

Messiah [the Prince] shall be cut off, but not for Himself;  
And the people of the Prince who is to come  
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.  
The end of it shall be with a flood,  
And till the end of the war desolations are determined  
(Daniel 9:26).



# The Beginning of Sorrows

False Christs: Verses 4 & 5

Wars – Verses 6-8

You Will Be Hated – Verse 9

The Great Apostasy – Verses 10-12



## **The Gospel Preached in All the World – Verse 14**

**Colossians 1:6 & 23 that the Gospel “has come to you, as it has also in all the world” . . . & “was preached to every creature under heaven.”**



# The Great Tribulation

Matthew 24:15-21

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains . . . 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.”



## The Sun, Moon, and Stars

**God told Egypt, “When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, and bring darkness upon your land,” says the Lord GOD” (Ezekiel 32:7-8).**



# That Great City

“... the **great city** which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified”  
(Revelation 11:8).

“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that **great city** (Revelation 14:8).

“Alas, alas , that **great city Babylon**, that mighty city”  
(Revelation 18:16).



# Then **THE SIGN** Will Appear

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him  
(Revelation 1:7).



# Gathering the Elect

**Matthew 24:31**

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.



# The Fig Tree Had Blossomed

Matthew 24:32-34

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. “So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!



# When?

Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place (Matthew 24:34).



# Why Is It Important to Understand This?

It is important because God expects us to understand Scripture.

It is important because it is a test to see how open you are to be taught by God.

It is important because we mature by having our senses exercised to discern good and evil.

It is important because it will change our worldview. . .

It is important because the word of God transforms us by renewing our minds.

It is important because it shows what God is like.



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**Because** “everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:13-14).



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