

Understanding Today in Light of Biblical Prophecy

SIGNS OF HIS COMING

Matt 24-25

- 24:1-3 - Disciples had 3 questions
 - When will the temple be torn down?
 - What will be the sign of Your coming
 - What will be the sign of the end of the age?

- Jesus doesn't answer the first question
 - we know that it happened in 70 AD
- He tells about His coming to earth (not rapture) last
- He tells them about the signs of the end of the age first

- Signs of the end of the age
 - Many will mislead you - false Christs (5)
 - Wars and rumors of wars (that is not the end) (6)
 - Nations rising against nations, famines, earthquakes (7)
 - Famines - drought and floods, water crisis - no irrigation water
 - Earthquake - more frequent - stopped including ones under 4.5
 - Fires - more than ever before
 - Many events in nature are unprecedented
 - Earth is groaning waiting to be redeemed
 - Beginning of birth pangs - describe (8)
 - Tribulation (9)
 - Killed and hated because of My name
 - Many will fall away
 - Betray and hate one another (10)
 - Many false prophets will arise and mislead (11)
 - Lawlessness is increased (12)
 - People's love will grow cold
 - Gospel will be preached to whole world (14)

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THEN THE END WILL COME

15-28 - time during the Tribulation (last 3 1/2 years)

29-31 - then the Son will come

24:32-25:46 - parables to help understand the timing and the separation of believers vs. unbelievers (sheep and goats)

We are seeing birth pangs

- we have been seeing signs
- They are now coming at warp speed
- Nothing is going to stop them - coming faster and more intense until the baby is born - until the end is here!

SATAN ISN'T GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT

As the end comes closer

- Satan is going to be even more intent on his purpose
- he knows he is fighting for his life
 - II Cor 11:3 - deceiver
 - II Thes 2:9-10 - power, signs, false wonders to deceive
 - I Pet 5:8 - prowling, seeking to devour

God is a God of . . .

- peace and order ((I Cor 14:33, 40)
- truth (John 1:14, 17; 8:32; 14:6; 16:13; 17:17)
- power and strength - not fear (II Tim 1:7)

Satan brings . . .

- confusion
- disorder
- fear

WHENEVER WE SEE or FEEL THESE THINGS - we know where it is coming from

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Satan is the Ruler of This World

- Is 14:12
 - weakens the nations
 - how - with his lies and deceptions
- John 12:31 (14:30; 16:11)
 - ruler of this world
- Eph 2:1-2; 6:12
 - forces of darkness at work in this world and the sons of disobedience

We are living in a world of lies
We are being deceived

NOT TO SCARE YOU
JUST TO MAKE YOU AWARE
SEARCH FOR TRUTH
Don't get carried away

As we come to the last times, closer to the end

- encounter more and more doctrine of demons - I Timothy 4:1
- We will hear different doctrines (another gospel) - II Cor 11:3-4;
Gal 1:6-9

Where will these lies come from?

EVERYWHERE

- Government
- Medical world - Big Pharma
- Church
- Schools

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Rapture

- What will this world look like
- Who still may be here
- How are people going to explain it

UFO's - Alien abductions?

Clip from Jan Markell - Understanding the Times had a show on July 9 called Meet the New World Religion

Clip from Left Behind: The Movie (2000)

Father of Lies - Ruler of This World

1. Don't accept blindly - especially when it brings fear, confusion, disorder
2. Cross-examine (Pr 18:17, 13)
3. RESEARCH
4. Absolute power corrupts absolutely
 - there is an agenda
 - Spiritual warfare
 - Satan is out to destroy

Lies from the Government

- All get along
- Tolerance
- Cancel Culture
- Critical Race Theory
- Black Lives Matter

All Divisive!

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Control the Words, Control the Culture

Clip from Youtube

Tolerance - we have redefined the word

Definition - Showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with. Accepting other people's opinions and preferences, even when they live in a way that you don't agree with. Tolerance also means that you don't put your opinions above those of others, even when you are sure that you are right.

New definition - accepting any sinful action as the norm and shun any who hold to righteousness. Anyone who doesn't embrace living a perverted, sinful lifestyle is an enemy of mankind and their words are hate speech.

Clips from Revelation (1999) and Judgment (2001)

How Do We Handle Our Enemies?

Letter by John MacArthur's letter

- Actively, fervently, sacrificially love those who oppose and persecute us - they are not our enemy
- Confront sin, defend righteousness, preach the gospel, suffer the consequences - but reflect Christ's love for sinners
- Speak the truth in compassion, patience, and kindness
- Think and act Biblically - grounded in truth and confident in faith
- Bring hope to unbelievers and strengthen believers to live for His glory

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What Has Caused the Most Fear?

What has caused the most fear, confusion, distrust, and disorder in our world over the last year?

COVID

- if we know that fear, confusion, distrust, and disorder come from Satan
- where is this information coming from?
- Could it be that we are being lied to?
- Have we cross-examined the media and Big Pharma?

Clip from Jan Markell - Understanding the Times - No Shot-No Service: What to Do? August 7, 2021

Go to our website and all these are posted

Just something to think about

Is the Shot the Mark of the Beast?

Rev 13

- ED's set up the beast's image it is made to speak (15)
- People need to worship the beast or be killed (15)
- Given a mark on their right hand or forehead (17)
- Not able to buy or sell unless you have the mark

Not something to be snuck in under the radar - something that people need to make a decision to do

Prophecy fulfilled or preparation for fulfilling prophecy?

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Is COVID One of the Plagues in Revelation?

- what marks the start of those judgments (Daniel's 70th week)
- Has there been a covenant made yet with Israel?

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