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I Peter 4:7 "But the end of all things is at hand."

"LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

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HAVE YOU COME ONE ON ONE WITH THE LORD?

PART I

GREAT TRIBULATION

HAVE WE ENTERED THE GREAT TRIBULATION?

BEGINNING OF SORROWS

Mat 24:3 And as he 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?

“...deceive...”

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Mat 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

“...wars and rumours of wars ...”

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

“...nation shall rise against nation...”

“...kingdom against kingdom...”

“...famines...”

“...pestilence...”

“...earthquakes...”

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Mat 24:8 All these are the **beginning of sorrows**.

“...deliver you up...”

“...afflicted...”

“... kill you...”

“... hated of all nations for my name sake...”

Mat 24:9 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.

“...offended...”

“...betray...”

“...hate...”

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

“...false prophets shall rise...”

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

“... love of many shall wax cold...”

Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

“...endure unto the end...”

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

“...gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world
then shall the end come...”

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

“...abomination of desolation...”

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

“...Judea flee into the mountains...”

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

“...great tribulation...”

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

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

“...false Christs...”

“...false prophets...”

“...shall show great signs and wonders...”

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mat 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

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

“...sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light...”

“...stars shall fall from heaven...”

“...powers of the heavens shall be shaken:...”

Mat 24:29 **Immediately after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

“...shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven...”

“...they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven ...”

“...with power and great glory.”

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

“...he shall send his angels...”

“...sound of a trumpet...”

“...gather together his elect...”

Mat 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.

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

“...when ye shall see all these things...”

“**...This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**”

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

NOTE: We have selected scriptures for Part I from only one chapter of the New Testament, Matthew 24, but we will refer to other parts of the Bible for clarification. We feel this lines up the order of

events and makes it clearer. If you will study this chapter in its entirety and learn it well you will have a better direction of the events and their order that take place preceding the coming of the Lord.

Many people are wondering if we have already entered the great tribulation period. I believe you would agree from the above scriptures that we are now in the period of sorrows just before the great tribulation which the abomination of desolation will follow in the latter portion of the tribulation. Note in verse 33 "...know that it is near, even at the doors." and in verse 34 previously mentioned "... **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**" Many question what length of time a generation should be considered. I think most would agree that there will be people of that generation that are still living at the time of the coming of the Lord.

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Most feel that the parable of the fig tree is Israel becoming a nation in 1948. New life is coming forth and Israel is becoming a nation with their own land, although the 10 lost tribes (so called) are not there and will not be there until the 1,000 year reign after Armageddon. We are now 63 years past 1948 and most agree the tribulation will be 7 years and added to that would be a total of 70 years.

The term "great tribulation" appears as such 3 times in the Bible Mat. 24:21, Rev. 2:22, and Rev. 7:14. It seems clear to me in Mat. 24:21, which we are discussing here, that it is referring to the period known as the abomination of desolation. Note the abomination of desolation is the period of time spoken of by Daniel the prophet in Dan. 9:27 and 12:1, which leaves little doubt it will start at the time the beast of Rev. 13:5 is given 42 months of power and in Rev. 13:7 this power will be over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (Refer to 2Thes. 2:2-3)

There are dreadful things that will happen in the period of sorrows, but it appears possible that as many as two-thirds of Israel (Ezek. 5:2-4) and five-sixth of the rest of the earth (Ezek. 39:2) will be gone by the end of the great tribulation and the abomination of desolation including the battle of Armageddon. What is happening now like the earthquakes in Haiti, Chili, New Zealand and Japan are far less than what is to come. Much of that which is to come will not come from earthquakes or tsunamis, which we plan to discuss in our next edition Part II of Great Tribulation. It will be as it has never been before or ever shall be (Mat. 24:21), therefore it is felt there will be no doubt in the minds of those that know the word of God when the great tribulation gets here.

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION: To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, is at the doors.

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