

The Olivet Discourse with **The Rapture of the Church** inserted

Psalm 2: *God laughing at world leaders openly hostile to Him*

Matthew 24:1 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?"

Luke 21: 20-21 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation {*i.e.*, destruction of things spiritual} is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city"

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

Matthew 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, ~~saying, 'I am the Christ,'~~ saying, I am '**the Christ,**' {*i.e.*, Jesus is '**the Christ**'} and will mislead many."

6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars {*i.e.*, cold wars, wars by proxy}.

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—kingdom against kingdom"~~ "For **people groups** will rise against **people groups** {*i.e.*, ethnic warfare}, and **nations** against **nations**, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 ...to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, ~~who rescues us from the wrath to come.~~ who **draws us out** from the wrath **which is coming.**

Revelation 3:10 ~~Because you have kept the word of My perseverance-~~ **Since** you have **personally appropriated My Word which enables you to persevere**, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world.'

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-15 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16-17 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, ~~with the voice of the~~ with archangel **voice** and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up {literally "raptured"} together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Matthew 24:15-16 "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), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

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.

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.

40-41 "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.
Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

Acts 3:19-21 "Therefore repent {literally "change your mind"} and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things

Matthew 24:32-33 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

34 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

Psalm 2:1-4 {*Translated by Johnny M Tatum from the Septuagint*}

Why are **the people** in an uproar {*i.e.*, in an uproar **from anger**}?

Why do people formulate things that are doomed to fail?

The leaders of the world are rising up.

The rulers **are banding together** against the LORD and against His Anointed, **saying**,

"Let us **break their chains and throw off their shackles!**"

The One enthroned in heaven **is laughing** at them

The Lord **is scoffing** at them.