

Chapter Thirteen

The End of the Age

Without the countless interpretations of the Book of Revelation, the end of the age scenario is actually something a child can easily understand. There are no convoluted explanations of symbolic visions from high minded people that consider themselves to be so spiritual, who leave you wondering how on earth they see what they see. Thankfully, there is no elevated level of knowledge and insight into **God's** prophetic road map leading up to the return of Christ that you can never attain to. It is so simple it can be summed up in this sentence from the Master Himself. Speaking of those who come to Him, Jesus **says four times in John Chapter 6, "I will raise him up at the last day"** (John 6:39, 40, 44, 54). This most definitive statement we have presented many times as it is the cornerstone of eschatological understanding. **Jesus comes back and it's all over, judgment day has come and is followed by a New Heaven and a New Earth.** The signs immediately beforehand will be unmistakable. The sun, moon and stars will all begin to fail. Jesus said that when we see those signs happening, then the time shall be near, though of course **we won't know the hour or the day.**

In this chapter, I will repeat some of that which was presented in Chapter Three where the subject was The Synoptic Gospel Prophecies of Jesus. The purpose being to reinforce the foundational truths about the timing of the Resurrection and the Day of Judgment.

Matthew 24:29-33

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 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. 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. 32 "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. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

With the following parables which Jesus interprets, the end of the age is as plain as day.

Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest

while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Not leaving us to interpret the parable for ourselves, Jesus gives the explanation:

Matthew 13:36-43

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

He reiterated this reality with another parable with its explanation:

Matthew 13:47-50

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

On the geo-political scene there will be the kingdom of the antichrist, the ten horned beast of Daniel Chapter 7.

Daniel 7:23-28

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Time will be divided between this age and the age to come.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most

High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. 28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

This division of the ages, or dividing of time is reiterated by Jesus in the following verses:

Matthew 12:32 NKJV

Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mark 10:30 NKJV

. . . who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

Luke 18:30 NKJV

. . . who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

There will come a time of great persecution (Daniel 7:25) and at some point in time the ‘man of sin’ will sit in the Temple of God declaring that he is God, whom Jesus will destroy at His coming (2 Thessalonians 2:4-8) The elements will melt with fervent heat and we will inherit the New Heaven and the New Earth (2 Peter 3:10-13). We have no other signs to look for. KISS: Keep It Simple Saints.

And by the way, with regard to the above mentioned verses from Matthew 24, **don't let some** misinformed preacher try and tell you the fig tree is Israel and hype you up to believing the time is imminently near just because Judah is partially in the Land. There is so much more to the restoration of Israel. To begin with, nearly half the Jews presently live in North and South America. And besides, it is just one of many prophesied events that are yet to be fulfilled which will surely come to pass in the latter days, well before the end Of the age. With regard to the fig tree, when you let the context reveal the meaning, you can easily see that Jesus was referring to what He had just said about the sun, moon and stars failing, described by Luke as the powers of the heavens being shaken (Luke 21:26). To make it a veiled prophecy about Israel is not exegesis; it is exit Jesus. Not saying Israel won't be back in the Land. **Just saying that it's a false interpretation of that verse.** AND, it takes away from the real signs of the time that we are to take note of. **Here it is again from Luke's Gospel:**

Luke 21:25-26

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

For those who are not yet clear on the restoration of both Judah and Israel, I shall exhort you one more time to read the chronological collation of ALL the prophetic scriptures that pertain to Judah, Israel and the Kingdom of God that I presented in **Every Believer's Prophecy Guide**. **With the scriptures** arranged decently and in order you will be enabled to apprehend with clarity **God's Prophetic Roadmap** of the Latter Days and the End of the Age. In that book you will discover the many overlooked prophecies that will surely come to pass during the latter days, some of which detail a geo-political

upheaval of global proportions. Knowledge of these scriptures will equip the end time saints to patiently endure the stormy trials of our faith till the very end and keep them from the many deceptions that will be unleashed upon the Body of Christ.

In the meantime, let us keep on keeping on **with our Father's business**: seeking and saving the lost, walking in faith and love, being faithful and thankful sons and daughters of the Most High God, enduring all things till we come to the glorious resurrection on the Last Day. Amen.