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Text: Matthew 24:27-31
Title: Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

Intro: In Matthew 24:3, the disciples asked Jesus questions concerning signs of His coming and of the end of the age. Thus, Jesus shared with them what will happen pre-Tribulation, what will happen during the Tribulation, what will happen to all who accept Him during the Tribulation, and what will happen after the Tribulation. Two weeks ago, we glimpsed some signs of the end of the age.

Jesus said there will be wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines. But Jesus did say that these are the “beginning of sorrows” and “the end is not yet.” Now the “sorrows” in the original language means “birth pangs”, the pain in childbirth. Birth pangs speak of frequency and intensity. As a woman nears birth, the “pangs” become more frequent and intense. This is true also for the signs of the end of the age. Wars, earthquakes, famines happened before and after Jesus’ day. but the end was not yet, because this was only the beginning of sorrows. Throughout history we have seen the pangs become more frequent and intense. The pangs are so frequent and intense that we must be right at the time of delivery when Jesus is to return.

The signs of the end of the age are heavy persecution, rise of false christs, rise of false prophets, universal preaching of the Gospel, the abomination of desolation.

Verse 15 says, ***“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place.”*** This is a cryptogram to be solved and Jesus tells the disciples the book to turn to. Jesus referenced Daniel who mentioned the abomination of desolation in Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11.

The Great Tribulation is a period of suffering sent from God upon the earth to accomplish His purpose. God’s basic purpose of Tribulation is that it be a time of judgment. Judgment will put down the rebellion of mankind in preparation of Christ’s reign.

During the Great Tribulation the nation of Israel will know Jesus Christ as LORD.

The Great Tribulation will chasten the nation of Israel Jeremiah 30:22.

The Great Tribulation will purge out rebels from the elect. Ezekiel 20:33–38

Verses 29-30 say, ***“After that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. "And then He will send forth the angels and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven.***