

Introduction**John 14:1-3**

¹“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were not so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Matthew 24:42-44

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1. Matthew 24, Mark 13, & Luke 21 – the three great “signs” chapters.**Matthew 24:1-3**

¹Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ²And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*”

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

1a. Answer: The destruction of the temple in Jerusalem.

1b. Answer: The sign of Jesus coming and the end of the age.

2a. Matthew 24:23, 24

²³“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Answer: False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonder with the intent to deceive even those understood that Jesus is coming again and are looking forward to that event.

2b. Matthew 24:6

⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Answer: There will be wars and rumors of wars that will occur before the end time.

2c. Matthew 24:7

⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

Answer: Nations and kingdoms will war against each other and there will be famines, pestilences (plagues) and earthquakes in many places around the world.

2d. Matthew 24:11, 24

¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Answer: False prophets and false christs will perform great signs & wonders with the intent to deceive people, even those who have understood the signs of Jesus coming.

2e. Matthew 24:12

¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Answer: Lawlessness will be everywhere and love for fellowmen will disappear.

2f. Matthew 24:14

¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Answer: The Gospel (the good news that God is trustworthy and He has provided a way to rescue and restore fallen man) will be preached in all the world.

2g. Matthew 24:21, 22

²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Answer: Tribulation (unrest, strife, fighting, oppression, slavery) will overwhelm the world and threaten to destroy the world, but God will intervene for the sake of those who have put their trust in Him.

2h. Matthew 24:29

²⁹Immediately 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.

Answer: There will be signs in the heavens (sun darkened, moon not shine, stars fall from heaven) and there will be tornados, hurricanes, storms, hail, rain.

Matthew 24:30-33

³⁰Then 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. ³¹And 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. ³³So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

Answer: Jesus gave us signs so we would know the times we are living in and be able to prepare for His 2nd Coming.

3a. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

¹But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

Answer: Peace and safety will be the message of the world, but at a time most unexpected (like a thief attacking in the dark) sudden destruction will come upon them and they will be shocked and afraid.

3b. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Answer: Men and women will think only of themselves (selfish) and have no respect for others, while putting on the airs of being godly.

3c. Daniel 12:1-4

¹ “At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.
² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
³ Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

Answer: A time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.

4a. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵For 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 by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Answer: Jesus would descend from heaven with shout and trumpet, and the dead in Christ would rise first and then those who are alive will all together be caught up in the air to meet Jesus.

4b. Revelation 22:6, 7, 12, 20

⁶Then he said to me, "These words *are* faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

⁷*"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."*

¹²*"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."*

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, *"Surely I am coming quickly."*
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Answer: Jesus would come again and it will happen quickly when it happens.

5. Revelation 6:12-17

¹²I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" ¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Matthew 24:21, 22, 29

²¹*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.* ²²*And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

²³*"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it."* ²⁴*For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

²⁵*See, I have told you beforehand.*

²⁶*"Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it."* ²⁷*For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* ²⁸*For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.*

²⁹“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.

Matthew 24:37-39

³⁷But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Genesis 6:3

³And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”

6a. 2 Peter 3:1-4

¹Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), ²that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, ³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.”

Answer: Be mindful (remember) what the prophets and the apostles wrote, which will seem to be countered by scoffers.

6b. 2 Peter 3:5-9

⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Answer: The Lord keeps His promises.

6c. 2 Peter 3:10

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Answer: When Jesus comes He will come quickly and unexpectedly (like a thief in the night).

6d. 2 Peter 3:11, 12, 14

¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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| Answer: Daily live looking forward to Jesus Coming and live a Spirit led life as Jesus lived His life. |
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