

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE II Matthew 24-25

Context Of Time

Daniel 9:27 As Daniel continues his prophecy concerning Israel's history, he enters into the last week of his seventy week prophecy. The context of the last week is both O. T. Israel and Tribulation.

Mat. 24:21; Is. 40:1-2; Jer. 16:15-18 These are scriptures that compare O. T. and N. T. verses regarding Israel and their part in the Tribulation period.

Jer. 30:7; Ezk. 20:37; Dan. 12:1 Speaking of Tribulation the bible talks of "Daniel's people", "False Messiah", "the Gospel of the Kingdom", "twelve tribes of Israel", "the Temple", all referring to Israel.

II Thes. 2:7-12 This is the only scripture in the N. T. that speaks of non-Jews in the Tribulation. We must keep the obvious in mind pertaining to the Tribulation; **Revelation 4-19** refers to the wrath of God being poured out upon an *unbelieving world*. Born again people are saved because we believed!

Revelation 3:10 In His letters to the churches in Asia Jesus promises to keep the church from "the hour of temptation" (Tribulation). This verse and others like; **I Thess. 4:16-17; Rev. 4:1; I Thess. 5:9; Titus 2:13; John 14:1-3; I Cor. 15:51-52** give believers the assurance of not going into the Tribulation period when God pours out His wrath upon an unbelieving, unrepentant world.

Events In Matthew 24-25

Matthew 24:4-8; Revelation 6:1-8 Jesus is clearly answering the disciples question pertaining to the signs the Nation should be looking for at the end of the dispensation of the O. T. and the time of His arrival. Jesus explains what will happen at the beginning of the tribulation period; the four horsemen.

Matthew 24:9-14 These verses are telling the disciples of the terrible persecution that will come upon the Jewish nation. The scripture indicates that during this terrible time salvation will only come to those who will endure everything the anti-Christ throws at them without bowing, or taking the mark.

Matthew 24:14; Matt. 3:2, 4:7, 10:5-7; Rev.7:1-8 Notice that the "Gospel of the Kingdom" will be preached during the Tribulation. This is the same Gospel that John the Baptist and Jesus preached when they both were presenting Jesus to the nation as their King, (Messiah). The only way this Gospel will reach the entire world is found in Rev. 7 when the 144,000 Jewish missionaries are commissioned.

Matt. 24:7-9; Rev. 6:9-11; 7:9-17 These verses show us that most people who think the first part of the Tribulation will be a time of peace on earth are very wrong, no where in scripture is that indicated.

Matt. 24:15-22; Dan. 9:27; 12:11 These verses combine to tell the story of the anti-Christ breaking the covenant that was established with Israel in the middle of the seven years and setting up the image of the Beast and the time remaining in the great Tribulation. Notice once again it is all about Israel.

Matt. 24:23-26; II Thess. 2:9; Rev. 11:13-15 Jesus tells the disciples of the great deception from the false prophet that happens in the Tribulation time before His triumphant return to set up His Kingdom.

Matt. 24:27-31; Rev. 19:11-16 Jesus tells the disciples what the people will see just before His second coming. He said "immediately after the Tribulation of those days..." they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds. **Matt. 24:15; Dan.12:11** Hold the key as to when the people should watch.

Matt. 24:32-34; Jer. 16: 14-15; 32:36-41; 37: 1-10; Ezk. 37:21-27 Many have concluded that on May 14, 1948 when Israel became a nation the O. T. prophecy of them being re-gathered into their nation was fulfilled. What actually happened was not fulfilled prophecy but a civil nation was created, a very small portion of the nation that belongs to them was turned over to them. They are a nation that is still in disbelief, a very worldly, carnal, sinful nation that cares very little about serving God, much like America. The actual prophecy of Israel's rebirth stems from O. T. verses that speak of them recognizing and loving their Messiah and serving Him and God loving them as His people once again.