

And Then The End Shall Come

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— Study Note Outline —
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Four Tape Series

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Ignore It At Your Peril! **4297**

I. Theme: Christ's Return (2 Pet. 1:16–19)

A. Attested to by:

1. Eyewitness of Apostles
2. Prophetic word “made more sure”
 - a. A lamp in a dark place
 - b. A primary motive for holy living (2 Pet. 3:10–14)
3. Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in life of Jesus
 - a. Born of a virgin (Matt. 21:22–23 [compare Is. 7:14])
 - b. Born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4–6; Matt. 2:4–6 [compare Micah 5:2])
 - c. Called out of Egypt (Matt. 2:14–15 [compare Hos. 11:1])
 - d. Taught in parables (Matt. 13:34–35 [compare Ps. 78:1–2])
 - e. Healed the sick (Matt. 11:2–6 [compare Is. 29:18–19, 35:4–6, 61:1])
 - f. Flogged and abused (Is. 50:5–6)
 - g. Hands and feet pierced (Ps. 22:16)
 - h. Garments divided (Matt. 27:35 [compare Ps. 22:18])
 - i. Killed and buried (Is. 53:8–9)
 - j. Rose on the third day (1 Cor. 15:3–4 [compare Hos. 6:1–2])

B. No pattern in New Testament for “spiritual” fulfillment of prophecy

II. Nature Of Biblical Prophecy

- A. Jesus is the promised prophet (Deut. 18:18–19)—if we do not hear Him, God will require it from us (see Acts 3:22–23)
- B. Declaring both past and future—mark of true God and of the Bible (Is. 41:21–24, 42:9, 46:9–10)
- C. Secret things of God vs. revealed things (Deut. 29:29)

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III. Spine Of Biblical Prophecy

- A. God not impressed by religious buildings (Matt. 24:1–2)
- B. Two questions (Matt. 24:3)
 - 1. What will be the sign when the temple is destroyed?
 - 2. What will be *the* sign of Christ's return?

IV. Question 2: What Will Be *The* Sign Of Christ's Return?

- A. Matt. 24:4–5—Warning against deception and false messiahs
- B. Matt. 24:6—Throughout the age: Wars and rumors of wars
- C. Matt. 24:7–8—Beginning of birth pangs of the kingdom of God on earth (compare Matt. 19:28; Luke 21:11)
 - 1. Nation vs. nation
 - 2. Kingdom vs. kingdom
 - 3. World wars
 - 4. Famines
 - 5. Pestilences
 - 6. Earthquakes
- D. Matt. 24:9–12—Other birth pangs
 - 1. Persecution of Christians
 - 2. Falling away of believers (apostasy)
 - 3. False prophets (cults)
 - 4. Increase of lawlessness
 - 5. Lukewarm Christians
- E. Matt. 24:13—Need for endurance (compare Luke 21:19) i.e., To remain saved you must endure
- F. Matt. 24:14—*The* sign: Worldwide proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom (2 Peter 3:11–12)
- G. Matt. 24:15–20—Change of focus: Jerusalem and Judea—idolatrous sign in temple area (Jer. 30:3–7; Dan. 12:1–3)
- H. Matt. 24:20—Note limits set to prayer
- I. Matt. 24:21–22—Unparalleled worldwide tribulation
 - 1. Jew first, then Greek (Rom. 2:9–10)
 - 2. Great tribulation—worldwide (Rev. 7:9–10)
- J. Matt. 24:23–26—Warning against false prophets and messiahs
- K. Matt. 24:27—Christ's coming compared to lightning
- L. Matt. 24:28—Concentration of evil forces indicates the time/place
- M. Matt. 24:29–30—*immediately* after the tribulation: Disturbances in solar system, *then* visible return of Christ in glory
- N. Matt. 24:31—Angels gather the “elect” (Compare Is. 27:12–13)

V. Question 1: When Will The Temple Be Destroyed?

- A. Luke 21:20—*the* sign: Jerusalem surrounded by armies (fulfilled in 70 A.D.)
- B. Luke 21:21—Believers warned to escape
- C. Luke 21:22–24—Outworking of God's predicted judgments on the Jews
- D. Luke 21:24b—Jerusalem restored to Jewish control—end of “times of Gentiles”
- E. Luke 21:25–27—Final worldwide signs leading up to Christ's return

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VI. Features/Trends Of The End Times (Is. 21:11–12)

- A.** Morning comes, but also night
 - 1. Light vs. darkness
 - 2. Pessimists vs. optimists
- B.** Light in the midst of darkness (Is. 60:1–3)
- C.** Abraham’s descendants like stars—the deeper the darkness, the brighter God’s people will be shining (Gen. 15:5; Gal. 3:29). No matter what the devil does, the Lord has the last word. How church pianist was set free.
- D.** God’s people to be lights in midst of darkness (Dan. 12:1–3)
- E.** Wheat and tares ripening together—“climate” of permissiveness—release from restraints and restrictions (Matt. 13:24–30, 37–43)
 - 1. Harvest of grain: Salvation (Rev. 14:14–16)
 - 2. Harvest of grapes: Judgment (Rev. 14:17–20)
 - 3. Righteous and holy vs. unrighteous and filthy (Rev. 22:10–12)

VII. The Two Pentecosts

- 1. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all flesh (Acts 2:17–21)
 - a. Early and latter rain for harvest of salvation preparing way for return of Christ (James 5:7–8; Jer. 5:23–24)
 - b. Produces a bride for Christ (Rev. 19:7–8)
- 2. Satanic “Pentecost”
 - a. Apostasy—opens the way for the antichrist (2 Thess. 2:1–4; Acts 21:21)
 - b. They went out from us (1 John 2:18–19)
 - c. Deceiving spirits and demons (1 Tim. 4:1)
 - d. Evil men and “enchanters” (2 Tim. 3:13)
 - e. Produces the harlot church (Rev. 17:16–17)

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VIII. How Shall We Respond?

- A.** Be ready at all times (Matt. 24:43–44)—the secret vs. revealed things (Deut. 29:29)
 - 1. Do the revealed things
 - 2. Leave the secret things alone
- B.** Four requirements:
 - 1. Recognize (Luke 21:29–31)
 - 2. Rejoice—the kingdom of God is almost here (Luke 21:28)
 - 3. Watch and pray (Luke 21:34–36)
 - a. Cares of this life
 - b. Become involved but detached
 - c. Be alert
 - d. Pray always (Matt. 24:20)

4. Fulfill our righteous acts—two areas (Rev. 19:8)
 - a. Evangelistic—Gospel of the kingdom to all nations (Matt. 24:14)
 - b. Pastoral—faithful vs. unfaithful servant (Matt. 24:45–51)

II. Program To Close The Age

- A. The four horsemen (Rev. 6:1–8)
- B. Cry of the martyrs (Rev. 6:9–11)
- C. Close of the age (Rev. 6:12–17)
- D. White horse—Christ conquering through gospel (Rev. 6:1–2)
- E. Christ presented in truth, humility, righteousness—*must* keep ahead of other three horses (Ps. 45:2–5)
- F. *Urgency* because the *time is short*