

The White Horse Of The Gospel 4328

I. Introduction

- A. Heed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:19)
- B. Hasten the coming of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:12)

II. Matthew 24—The *Spine* Of Prophetic Revelation Given By Jesus

- A. The destruction of the temple (Luke 21)—fulfilled in 70 AD
- B. What will be *the* sign of His coming?
- C. Warnings
 - 1. False messiahs
 - 2. Wars and rumors of wars
- D. Birth pangs/signs (vv. 7–8 [compare Matt. 19:28])
 - 1. The birth pangs will bring forth the kingdom of God on the earth described in Matt. 19:28
 - 2. The closer the birth, the more intense the pains
 - 3. Major international wars (began with World War I)
 - 4. Earthquakes, famines, pestilences increase
 - 5. Christians will be delivered up, betray each other, many false prophets will rise up, love of many will grow cold
 - 6. Those who endure will be saved
- E. The answer: *the* sign (v. 14)
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. Will we hasten it or delay it?
- F. Further warnings: focused on Israel (vv. 15–20)
- G. The Great Tribulation (vv. 21–22 [compare Rev. 7:9–15])
- H. Further warnings (vv. 23–28)
 - 1. False christs and false prophets with miraculous signs and wonders
 - 2. The whole earth will see Him when He comes
- I. Final signs in the solar system (v. 29)
- J. Personal return of Jesus in glory (v. 30)

III. Two Pictures From Revelation

- A. The two harvests (Rev. 14:14–20)
 - 1. First, Harvest of Grain = Ingathering of souls into the kingdom of God—the outcome of the proclaiming of the gospel to all nations
 - 2. Second, Harvest of Grapes = the grapes of wrath—the harvest of judgment
- B. The four horsemen (Rev. 6)
 - 1. The White Horse
 - 2. The Red Horse = bloodshed, war and civil war
 - 3. The Black Horse, carries scales = food rationing, but not for the wealthy
 - 4. The Pale Horse = 1/4 of the earth dies
 - 5. Martyrs of the Lord = multitudes will lay down their lives for the Lord
 - 6. Heaven opens and Jesus (the Lamb) appears
- C. The White Horse
 - 1. A conqueror, in purity, who goes forth totally victorious = Jesus going out to

the nations (compare Ps. 45:1–5)

2. The White Horse must stay ahead of the other three horses
3. Mercy before judgment
4. Mercy does not cancel judgment

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