

# “End Times Study: Aligning of the Signs”

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## Scripture

### Matthew 24:32-44

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“**But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone**. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; **so will the coming of the Son of Man be**. Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.”

“**Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming**. “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **For this reason, you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.**”

A lot has occurred over the last few weeks in the world

### Last Week

We gave a Biblical Prophecy update based on what we see happening in the world

Growing vitriol toward Israel

Turkish President Erdogan said: “Israel, you possess atomic bombs, nuclear bombs and you threaten with them. We know all of this, the end is near for you.”

### Jeremiah 16:14-15

“Therefore behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when it will no longer be said, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but **‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.**’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.”

What were the Israelites supposed to do when they entered the Promised Land? -> **Numbers 33:50-53**

They were supposed to drive out the people in the land

They did not, so they became a burden to Israel -> and they still are

**Psalm 83:1-8** (listen to the voices of Israel's oppressors)

"O God, do not remain quiet; Do not be silent and, O God, do not be still. For behold, **Your enemies make an uproar**, and those who hate You have exalted themselves. They make shrewd plans against Your people and conspire together against Your treasured ones. They have said, "**Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation, That the name of Israel be remembered no more.**" For they have conspired together with one mind; Against You they make a covenant."

But the Palestinians are in the land given to Israel by God and He will judge them for it (map in bulletin):

**Joel 3:1-3**

"For behold, in those days and at that time, **when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem**, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then **I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land.**"

God will judge the nations on behalf of His people and His inheritance, Israel

**This week**

What's the next earthly event we are looking for?

**Daniel 9:27**

"He **will make a firm covenant with the many for one week**, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

There will be a 7-year peace treaty "with the many"

Israel will be at relative peace for 3 ½ years until the peace treaty is broken

Then persecution of God's will reach the maximum strength

How soon will that event come?

That is the great question, isn't it?

What does the Bible say about the date of these events?

**Matthew 24:36**

"**But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.**"

We cannot know the exact time of the event!

But we can and should perceive the signs!

## Matthew 24:32-35

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What was the parable of the fig tree? -> **softening of the branches, leaves beginning to sprout**

## Aligning of the Signs

### 1) Global Warming

The earth was flooded in the time of Noah

That will not be the case at the end of the world

The sign of the rainbow told the people that there would no longer be a flood

## Genesis 9:11

“I establish my covenant with you, that **never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood**, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth”

People will be unaware of the reason for weather events:

## Matthew 24:37-41

“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.”

The rapture event will be a surprise but -> Fire will come from God

## Psalms 46:6

“**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts”**

The OT prophets spoke of the coming fire:

## Malachi 4:1

“For behold, **the day is coming, burning like an oven**, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. **The day that is coming shall set them ablaze**, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

Peter describes how the world will end:

## 2 Peter 3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in **which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat**, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”

I wrote a blog on the rise of global warming: it's on our website

## 2) Extreme Global Persecution of Israel and the Church

### Matthew 10:22

“**You will be hated by all because of My name**, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.”

General persecution will rise to the level of extreme persecution

The rise of antisemitism is growing around the world – it will get worse

Persecution of the Jews is assured by Jesus:

### Matthew 24:15-21

“Therefore, when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION **which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet**, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. "**For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.**”

There will be attempts to lure Israel out of hiding:

### Matthew 24:23-25

“If anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. "**For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders**, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. "Behold, I have told you in advance.”

We've already discussed many prophecies of Israel's future in past messages

### Matthew 24:9-13

“**They will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you**, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. "Because lawlessness is increased, **most people's love will grow cold.** "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”

Many people in the church will turn in one another – not true believers, though

The true church will stand firm against persecution – “Go ahead, kill me – I know where I'm going!”

### 3) Globally Connected World -> Political and Economic Systems

The adversary needs a connected world to bring a federation to attack Israel

COVID reasoning -> need to test national cooperation

Modern national alignment:

- 1) United Nations
- 2) European Union
- 3) G-20 and G-7

#### Revelation 17:1-6

"Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you **the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality**, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and **I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.**

4The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." **And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus."**

"Many waters" -> not a single nation but encompassing many nations

"scarlet beast" -> The Antichrist

We have to be talking about a system of behavior that is widespread among the nations

It's a "religion" or way of life

"Seven heads and ten horns" -> a political rule over the nations -> ten territories

In the end, the economic systems are crushed:

#### Revelation 18:1-3

"After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. 'For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and **the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.'**"

Evil is enriched by alignment to the Antichrist's system

A connected world needs a connected internet and currency to transact business

- Rise of the internet
- Rise of digital currencies
- Rise of inflation
- Removal of cash is coming

When judgment occurs, the merchants will mourn:

### Revelation 18:11-17

"The merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more-- cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. "The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them. **"The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,** saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; **for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!"**

Wealth is destroyed quickly -> **Argentina, for example**

### Our Response

Be prepared:

### Matthew 24:42-44

**"Therefore, be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.** "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **"For this reason, you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will."**

Be holy:

### 2 Peter 3:11-13

"Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, **looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!** But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

**May we all continue to watch for the signs of His coming**

**May we all be prepared for His return**

**May we all be holy and live to His glory**

**Prayer - Benediction**