

SIGNS ACCOMPANYING THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (Matthew 24:29-30)

I. The Olivet Discourse (Mt 24-25)

A. A General Overview of the Tribulation Period (Mt. 24:4-14)

B. The Abomination of Desolation (24:15)

C. The *Nature* of the Great Tribulation

1. Israel's _____ (Antichrist) has now become their _____ during the time of the Great Tribulation (the 2nd half of the tribulation period).
2. There is going to be a time of _____ brought about by _____ circumstances (God & Satan) during the 2nd half of the tribulation!
3. If the first half of the tribulation is the _____ of "labor pains", then the 2nd half are the "_____ or _____ pains" that will give birth to the _____.

D. The *Impact* of the Great Tribulation on the World

1. The Antichrist will _____ the whole world. No one can buy or sell without the _____.
2. Also millions will _____ (saved & unsaved) as a result of God's Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl _____ being poured out on the earth.
3. All this will climax at the battle of _____, where the Smiting Stone of scripture returns to _____ with just His spoken word.

E. Four Cosmic Signs to *Understand* (Mt 24: 29-30)

- As to their *timing*, we see "*Immediately _____ the tribulation of those days*" – meaning after the tribulation but _____ the Lord returns these cosmic signs will take place.
1. The first cosmic event is the sun being _____ & the moon not giving its _____!

* Has God done this in the past?

Isaiah 13

Ezekiel 29, 30, 32

Joel 2:30-31

Jeremiah 8:1-2

2. The second cosmic sign is “the _____ of the _____ of heaven”
 - The statement – “the powers of heaven shaken” refers to our _____!
 - Just prior to the return of Christ, these evil powers of darkness will receive something that causes them to _____!
 - What will that be?

3. The third cosmic sign – the sign of the Son of man _____ in the heavens (24:30)
 - a. What exactly that sign is we are _____, but it will appear & it will be uniquely related to _____ and His _____.
 - b. The text seems to imply that people will know it is _____ and that He is coming just as He _____.
 - What did Jesus mean when He said, “*Then the Son of Man will appear in heaven...*”?

- What were the consequences of Adam’s fall into sin?

- What will this last Adam do?

Matthew 19:28

4. “Then all the tribes of the earth will _____.”
 - a. Israel & Jerusalem surrounded by Gentile armies at the end of the tribulation is finally _____ that Jesus, whom they _____ and had _____, is their long awaited _____!
 - b. The word “tribes” in Mt 24:30 speaks of _____ of the world who will mourn in _____ as they realize the Christ of scripture is coming back to _____ them!
 - What does all this mean to us?