

# Postponed Kingdom

“...Therefore I tell you that **the kingdom of God will be taken away from you** and given to a people **who will produce its fruit...**”

- Matthew 21:42-46

Map 6





**Six days before the Passover**, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

- **John 12:1-2 (NIV)**

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, **whom he had raised from the dead**. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well...- **John 12:9-10**







# Matthew 24

Olivet [*All of it*] Discourse

***Everything*** a Jew needs to know to  
survive the tribulation !

# Olivet Discourse

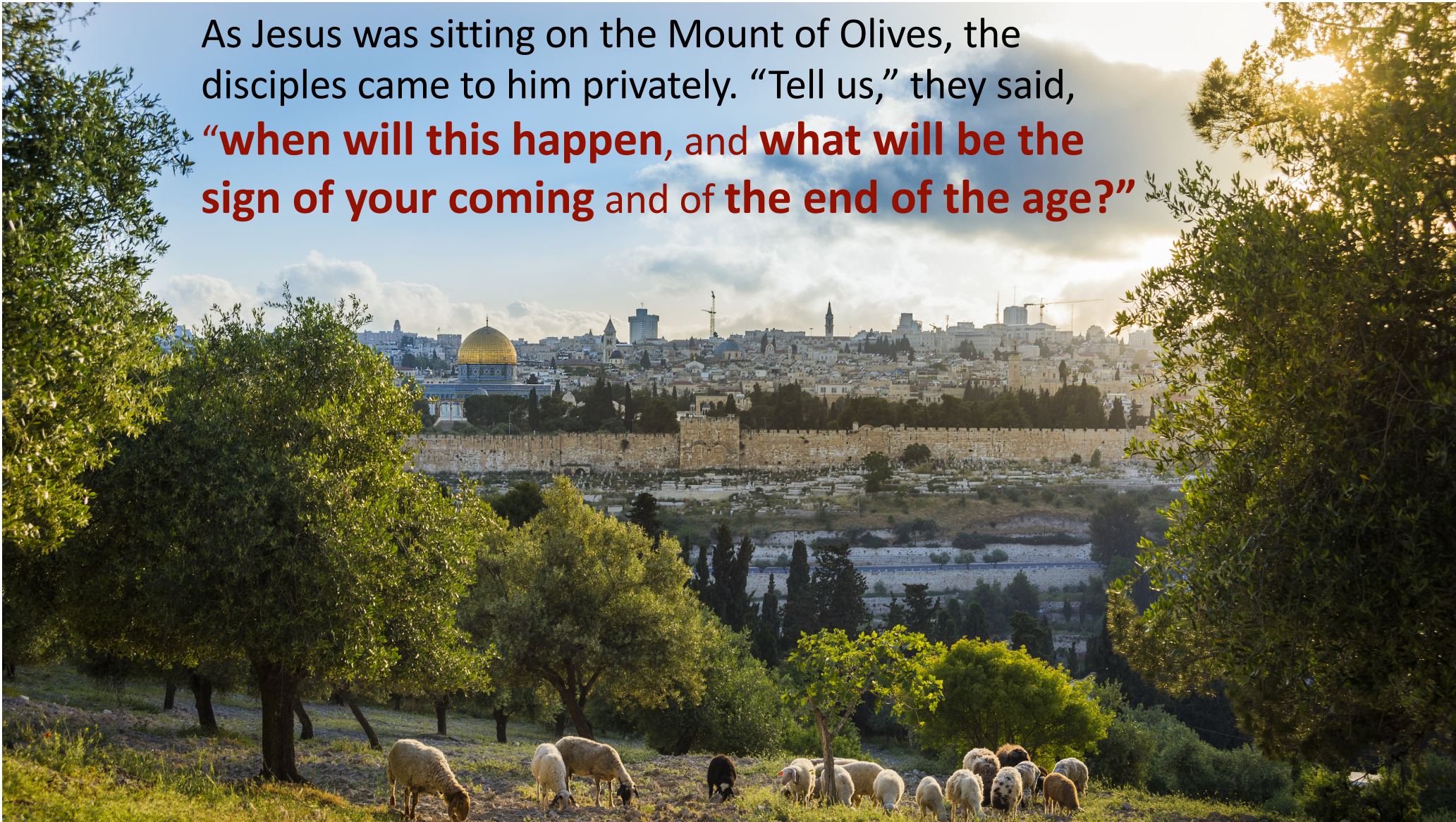
Vs 1-4

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, **not one stone here will be left on another**; everyone will be thrown down.”

- Matthew 24:2



As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, **“when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”**







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“when will *this*  
happen

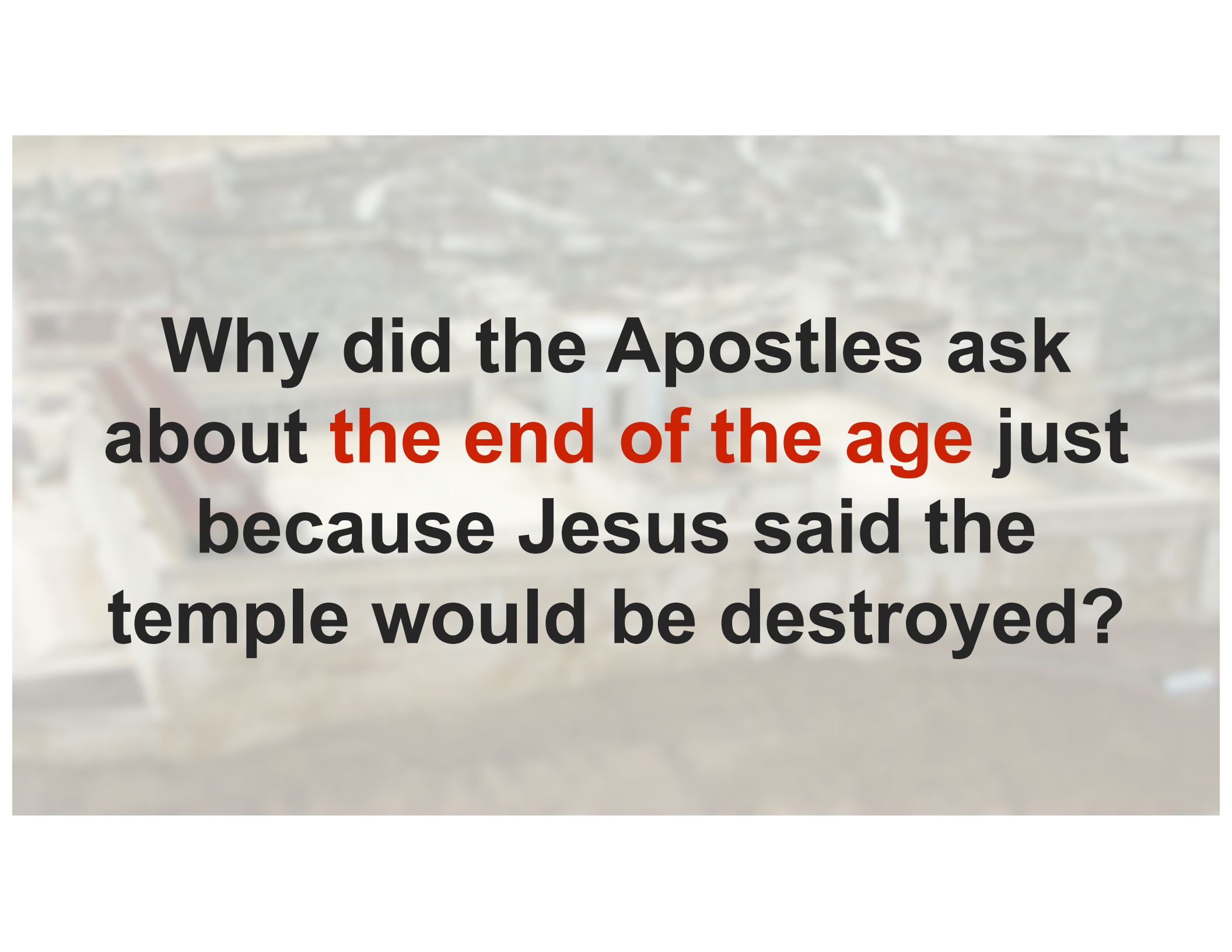
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and what will be the  
*sign* of your  
coming

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and of the end of  
the *age?*”





**Why did the Apostles ask  
about **the end of the age** just  
because Jesus said the  
temple would be destroyed?**

The people of the ruler who will come  
will **destroy** *the city and the*  
**sanctuary. The end** will come  
like a flood:

- Daniel 9:26



“...**The end** will come like a flood:”

- **Daniel 9:26**

Jesus Disciples thought that the end was near  
the destruction of the temple was a sure sign  
that the end was going to come **all at once.**



# 3 and of the end of the *age?*”

VS 5-15 – Signs of the end of the age  
16-28 – When will these signs occur

## What will be the sign of the **end of the age?**



# First 5 Signs

Matthew 24

“many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and **will deceive many.**”

You will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**

There will be **famines**

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted **and put to death**, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

‘the **sun will be darkened**, and the moon will not give its light; the **stars will fall from the sky**, and the heavenly bodies will be

# First 5 Seals

Revelation 6



“will deceive many.”



wars and rumors of wars



famines



“Then you will ...**put to death.**”



“sun will be darkened... stars will fall  
from the sky... the heavenly bodies will be  
shaken”

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

- Revelation 5:1-3

**the *Lion of the tribe of Judah*,**  
**the *Root of David*, has triumphed.**  
**He is able to open the scroll and its**  
**seven seals.”**



# First 5 Seals

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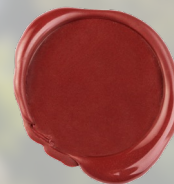
Conquest

War

Famine

Death

Martyrs



**Written to Israel**  
*Disciples & Future Disciples*

# Matthew 24

Written to Israel

you will be hated **by all nations** because of me...those who are in **Judea...or on the Sabbath...**When you see **Jerusalem being surrounded by armies**, you will know that its desolation is near...For this is **the time of punishment** in fulfillment of all that has been written...There will be great distress **in the land** and wrath against **this people. Jerusalem will be trampled** on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

- Matt. 24:16,21, Luke 21:20,22,23,24





## **Two Audiences**

- 1. The Apostles**
- 2. The Reader who understands**



How *did* the Apostles  
understand this?

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## Prophecy

Is complimentary  
never contradictory

Prophecy builds on itself and must be harmonized with the whole Bible. It is a unified story **designed to make God's point**. It is not a series of individual predictions.



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## Prophecy

uses Typology to  
illustrate future literal  
fulfillment



Antiochus IV Epiphanes  
215 BC– 164 BC



**Antichrist**

**Antiochus Epiphanes** (Daniel 8:11,12, 9:27, Daniel 11:31 “Abomination of Desolation)

# Remember

Daniel 8 and 9, 11

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he will **put an end to sacrifice** and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an **abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

- **Daniel 9:27**



# Matthew 24

Written to a future  
*Jewish* audience

“So **when you see standing in the holy place** ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the **reader** understand—



**Matthew**  
**24**

Written To warn

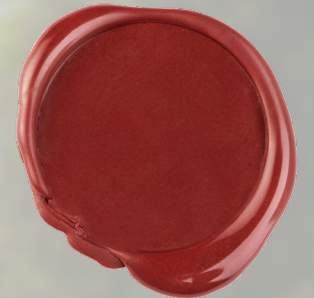
**“See, I have told you  
ahead of time”**

- Matthew24:25

**2** and what will be  
the **sign** of  
your coming

**VS 29-35** – The sign of the  
return of the son of man –  
Jesus 2'nd Coming

If you are not coming to  
establish your kingdom  
now what will be the  
**sign of your coming?**



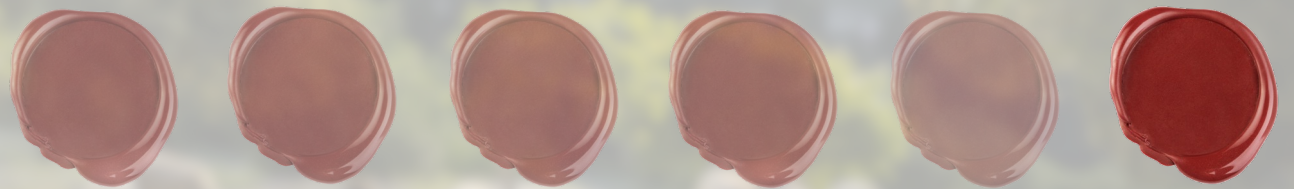


# 6<sup>th</sup> Seal

Revelation 6



The sun will be  
darkened



**“Immediately after the distress of those  
days**

**“ ‘the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light;  
the stars will fall from the sky,  
and the heavenly bodies will be  
shaken.’**



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# Matthew 24

Avoid the trap of the  
Antichrist

““So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the desert,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ **do not believe it.** For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

# Matthew 24

Written To make  
ready

“Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, **this generation** will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

- Matthew 24:33-35

# Matthew 24

This Generation

**this generation** (*\*that sees these signs*) will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

- Matthew 24:33-35

*\*Italics Mine*



# Matthew 24

This Generation

**this generation** (*\*that sees  
the Abomination of Desolation...  
The reader of this prophecy...)*)

- Matthew 24:33-35

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But *why* say this ?

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“when will *this*  
happen

**When** will the end of the  
age actually happen? Will  
there be **more gaps**?









**As it was in the days of Noah,**

- Matthew 24:37

Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

**“Where, Lord?”** they asked.

He replied, **“Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”**

- Luke 17:35-37

**Watch !** — “Therefore **keep watch**, because you do not know the day or the hour.” ... **“What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’ ”**

- Matthew 25:13, Mark 13:37



In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about  
**all that Jesus began to do and  
to teach** 2 until the day he was taken up to  
heaven

-Acts 1:1

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?**” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority...

- Acts 1:6,7

## 7 Reasons

This has nothing to do with the Church

1. The Church did not exist yet
2. The Jewish Apostles were asking about the Promised Jewish Kingdom
3. The Temple was still standing
4. The Signs are Jewish in nature and in fulfillment of Daniel 7-12 which were said to be **For Israel and Jerusalem** specifically.
5. It was explained to the Apostles privately
6. Not all scripture is written **to us** but all scripture is written **for us**
7. Parts of Matthew 24 were even not written to the Apostles **let alone us!!!**



