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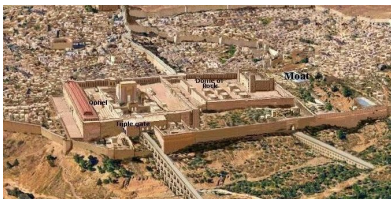
EVENTS OF THE APPOINTED TIMES & SEASONS

Read Matthew 24 & Luke 21:5-28

- Discover How Jesus, In His Own Words, Confirmed Daniel's Predictions
- Unlock The Schedule of End-time Events
- Explore How Perilous Events Of The Last Days Line Up With Prophetic Time Lines

In Lesson 1 on Daniel chapter 12 we discovered three time periods of the appointed time of the end (1,260 days, 1,290 days and 1,335 days). The 1,260 day counting period, repeated seven times in the books of Daniel and Revelation, focuses on the period when the Little Horn Beast will rule over the earth (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:5), and when the woman (representative of God's chosen) will be protected (Revelation 12:6, 14) seemingly under the watch-care of the two witnesses (Revelation 11:3). The 1,290 days and 1,335 days are two counting periods, which to date have not been adequately explained in the popular views of prophecy. However, we learned in Lesson 1 that by simply allowing God's Word to *reveal itself* without preconceived notions, the appointed time of the end time periods and events associated with those periods begin to take shape. Now we are ready to build upon what we have discovered so far.

The problem with popular interpretations is that teachers have applied the "daily" and "abomination" in the visions of Daniel (Daniel 8:11-13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11) to scattered historical events. However, we are not going to look back, but look forward. As God's servants at the end of time we must ask, what does the predictive counting periods and prophetic events tell us about our future?



Lesson 2 compares similarities between the warnings Messiah gave His disciples in Matthew 24 and Luke 21, as they overlooked the beautiful Temple Mount 2,000 years ago, and the prophecies Daniel received in chapter 12 a few centuries earlier. Both speak of the great time of trouble, the end of time, the persecution of the believers, and the abomination of desolation that will be set up on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem—the epicenter of Bible prophecy. We will find the commentary of the final days, which Yeshua advanced in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke), align perfectly with the time lines that Michael gave to Daniel. Should this surprise us? God is the source of all prophecy revealed; therefore, all the timelines and events of the end from all the prophetic books of the Bible should merge together into one interconnected presentation.

1. Compare Daniel 12:1 and Matthew 24:21. What similarities are found? _____

Both speak of the worse tribulation in human history and monumental events surrounding the last days.

2. Compare Daniel 12:6 and Matthew 24:3, 14. How do we know both speak of the final days? _____

3. Compare Daniel 12:7, 10 and Matthew 24:9. Describe the persecution and the positive results of end-time difficulties? _____

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4. Waiting for deliverance, especially during periods of trial, takes perseverance. Daniel 12:12 assigns a counting period for salvation's culmination: "Blessed ["happy"] is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days." Matthew 24:13 also encourages believers to stand "firm to the end". Isaiah 25:9 reminds God's people to wait patiently for the LORD, which will pay big dividends. How? _____

Isaiah 25:9 says, "And it will be said in that Day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." These passages relay words of encouragement for those who must endure the last trial period that ends this age. Happy are those who wait patiently through the affliction and loss in anticipation of the return of the LORD, who arrives offering victory and joyous salvation.

Yeshua clearly laid out for His disciples the events of the counting days that lead up to the abomination that ultimately destroys Jerusalem, Judea and then the world. In the questions that follow, we will begin the process of determining the sequence of events that will march mankind to Armageddon and the climax of Messiah's fiery return.

5. List what specific events begin the appointed time of the end and the 1,260, 1,290 and 1,335 days of prophecy (Matthew 24:4-8 and Luke 21:10-11)? _____

At God's appointed time, the Devil will incite war, bloodshed and global catastrophes that force mankind into a state of panic. In quick succession, he will utilize fearful sights and great signs of demonic miracles that will introduce the false messiah—the supernatural rise of Antichrist, who will usher in temporal peace and cast humanity under his demonic but religious spell (Luke 21:10-11).

6. Describe the trial that continues for believers during the counting days of prophecy (Matthew 24:9-12)? _____

7. What does Messiah promise to be completed before the Great Tribulation arrives (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-7)? _____

Now we will look closer at the horrendous event that will destroy the rebuilt city of Jerusalem, which will usher in the most severe period of devastation ever experienced in human history.

8. Jesus specifies the event, and with it the turning point in the great controversy, which will mark the end of the 1,290 days and the beginning of the Great Tribulation. What is it (Matthew 24:15)? _____

9. Compare Matthew 24:15 with the timeline in Daniel 12:11. What is the key similarity here? _____

Both speak of the "abomination" that ushers in final desolate and utter destruction to Jerusalem, followed by the entire Planet Earth.

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Jesus referenced the scroll of Daniel when announcing final events, offering a personal endorsement of Daniel's visions, where we first learn about this outrageous move on the part of the world's evil religious leader.

10. According to Daniel 12:11, when will the abomination be set up; at the *beginning* or *end* of the 1,290 days? _____

At the end of 1,290 counting days the Man of Sin, with the support of Israel's leaders and the Gentile governments of the world, will enter onto the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and will set up the idolatrous worship. By this abominable act he will go too far, and Heaven will respond. The Day of the LORD's wrath will commence with God's plagues, while military powers unleash their own destruction that brings the final and horrendous desolation forewarned throughout Scripture, and the end of the world as we know it. Jesus said whoever reads, let him understand (Matthew 24:15). That's the purpose of this lesson series.



11. What *must* the people in Israel (who believe the prophecies) do when the abomination is set up in Jerusalem (Matthew 24:16-19)? _____
Why (Luke 21:20)? _____

Judea is southern Israel, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the surrounding region. Danger abounds and this area must be evacuated with speed by heading to the mountains.

12. Jesus said to pray that God's chosen ones will not need to run during what periods (Matthew 24:20)? _____

Winter travel would be difficult in the escape, and flight for your life on the seventh day of Sabbath rest (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday) would not be the day of choice.

13. Why must God's elect run for their lives (Matthew 24:21)? _____

14. How devastating will this dreadful span of time be—the Great Tribulation (Luke 21:22-23)? _____

15. How does Daniel 12:1 describe this period? _____

16. Daniel and other Hebrew prophets describe this short period in time. How do the following Scriptures depict events that will follow the three and one-half years (1,260 days) of global famine and turmoil, during the 40 days of Great Tribulation?

Malachi 3:1-2 _____

Malachi 4:1-5 _____

Jeremiah 50:27-28 _____

Psalms 18:6-15 _____

Psalms 47:5-9 _____

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Psalm 97:1-7 _____

Joel 3:14-16 _____

Amos 1:2 _____

Amos 5:17-21 _____

Ezekiel 32:7-8 _____

Revelation 10:1-7 _____

God will send His messenger Elijah to prepare the way 1,260 days before Messiah's dramatic visitation to Jerusalem. Elijah will be killed, and Antichrist will step onto the Temple Mount to set up his abomination and proclaim himself "God". Jesus—Hebrew "Yeshua"—the Messenger of the Covenant, will stand up in response to the Little Horn's defilement of the Jerusalem Temple, and descend in the cloak of darkness to "visit" Jerusalem and the Temple. The Archangel's voice will be heard throughout the earth, and He will raise to life Elijah and his companion, along with a great multitude of tribulation martyrs to be taken to Heaven for the duration of the short but dramatic Great Tribulation, while the elect (144,000) who are alive and sealed for protection will remain.

For additional study on Messiah's mysterious Day of Visitation to Jerusalem under the cloak of darkness (not to be confused with the very visible Second Coming at Armageddon) see Isaiah 10:30; Jeremiah 8:12; Jeremiah 10:15; Jeremiah 11:23; Jeremiah 46:21; Micah 7:4; Luke 19:44; 1 Peter 2:12—particularly the King James Version translation of the Scriptures focuses on the *visitation* language.

17. Why does Messiah promise the 24-hour day will be shortened during the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:22)? _____

18. How do the following passages describe this global-wide, earth-shaking, rotation-altering event at the voice of God that will begin the Great Tribulation?

Job 9:5-8 _____

Isaiah 13:13 _____

Isaiah 24:18-21 _____

Daniel 2:21-22 _____

Revelation 16:18-21 _____

The whole planet will be moved off its axis and normal rotation by the massive worldwide earthquake. The rocks will cry out in response to the voice of God. This makes the final period difficult for the 144,000 elect (Revelation 7:1-8) to count the days, who are alive and remain on earth during the outpouring of the final plagues as they wait for Messiah's visible return and salvation.

19. How much time might the day and night be cut back (Revelation 8:12)? _____

One-third could be a real possibility; however, the exact time cannot be known for only the Father knows that future day and the hour! He will speed up the planet rotation to shorten time by His own determination.

20. What counterfeit will Satan employ against the 144,000 elect during this final hardship (Matthew 24:23-26; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Revelation 17:8-11)? _____

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The Antichrist "Beast" will fall in the destruction of Jerusalem; this "beast that was [alive], and is not" [alive] will return by satanic power to become the eighth ruler (Revelation 17:10-11). He will continue "a short space" of time before Christ returns with the great multitude for Armageddon's confrontation. Satan's melodious words of love, his signs and miracles, will test the elect (Matthew 24:24); but they will endure without yielding to his deceptions during the 40 days of Jacob's Trouble, just as Jesus endured His 40 days of testing long ago.

For further study about the 40 days periods found in the Scriptures, consider Moses (Exodus 24:18; Deuteronomy 9:9; Exodus 34:28) and Elijah's (I Kings 19:8) 40-day experiences, along with Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). Jesus, Moses, Elijah and the 144,000 elect will sing a song specific to their personal victories (Revelation 14:1, 3). Only this group can rejoice with the Song of Deliverance, for they all endured 40 days of trial and severe testing, in want of food and water.

21. How will the 144,000 elect distinguish between the false messiah's (Satan's hoax) arrival, and the true return of Christ (Matthew 24:27; Revelation 1:7)? _____

While Satan may attempt to impersonate Christ with appearances here and there, Jesus said His coming is visible from the eastern sky, with lightning and great display of Messiah's power. This involves waiting patiently. Daniel 12:12 says, "Blessed is he that waits, and comes to" day 1,335.

22. How does the Word describe this waiting time and those blessed individuals who run for their lives during the great trial?

Isaiah 40:31 _____
Psalms 30:5 _____
Psalms 37:38-40 _____
Zephaniah 3:8 _____

23. How is the widespread death at Christ's return described (Matthew 24:27-28)? _____

24. Immediately after the Great Tribulation what happens (Matthew 24:29)? _____

The lights of heaven will turn dark, and stars (meteors/asteroids) will fall to the earth. The planet and powers of the heavens will be shaken out of their places.

25. How do the following passages describe the events just preceding the Great Day of the LORD?

Luke 21:25-26 _____
Joel 2:30-31 _____
Zephaniah 1:14-18 _____
Revelation 6:12-14 _____

Next in the sequence of events, the Son and Father, along with the army of overcomers and angels—having returned from the New Jerusalem wedding (Luke 12:35-36), are seen as a mass speeding towards Planet Earth. The kings of the earth—not knowing the Scriptures—may interpret this approaching threat as an extinction event that must be stopped before it destroys the planet, and weapons of mass destruction will be turned against the Father and Son, and the approaching armies of Heaven.

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26. The global leaders respond in what way, as it becomes clearer what and who they are attacking without success (Matthew 24:30; Revelation 6:15-17)? _____

27. What people are gathered up together to meet the LORD in the cloud of believers and angels (1 Thessalonians 4:17) at this time (Matthew 24:31)? _____

The "elect" or "chosen" are gathered—those who remained alive and on earth during the Great Tribulation, having been sealed for their protection against Satan and the plagues just before the Tribulation begins (Revelation 7:1-4).

28. What is the last segment of prophetic time called in Scripture besides the Great Tribulation (Jeremiah 30:7)? _____

29. What race are the "elect" in prophecy, who will be protected by the seal of God against the devastation and plagues of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 7:1-8)? _____

The 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel, chosen by Messiah and sealed for protection, will be the only ones to survive the Time of Jacob's trouble.

30. Describe why the 144,000 are left behind to experience such trial, and describe their assured safety (Jeremiah 30:11; Isaiah 54:6-10; Psalm 91:7-12, 15)? _____

The elect are forsaken for this short period of time that they might be corrected in heart, and that they might know by personal experience God's mercy and salvation.

31. Where are the overcomers of all other Gentile nations who have already been resurrected at the voice of God, and taken out of the midst of Great Tribulation—those who precede the elect (the twelve tribes) left behind (Revelation 7:9-10, 14-15)? _____

The 144,000 represents a specific and "countable" number—all of Jewish heritage, while this "uncountable" faithful group of all nations (mainly Gentiles), who offer their lives for the cause of Messiah, will be raised and taken to Heaven as the Great Tribulation begins to stand before God's throne, clothed in victorious white robes.

32. How does Paul and others distinguish between the great multitude of overcomers—those raised at the shout of the Archangel's voice and taken on home (whom God will bring with Him a short time later at the Great Day of the LORD)—from those who are alive and remain on earth during the Great Tribulation until the visible return of the LORD (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; Jude 14-15)? _____

This great multitude of all nations (mainly Gentiles, but also Messiah believing Jews) that no man could number stands before God having been taken out of the midst of the Great Tribulation, just as it begins.

33. How does John identify this large sacrificial group who will not give up their faith even when facing death, and who will serve in God's temple forever (Revelation 7:13-17; Revelation 20:4)? _____