

The Coming Times of Trouble

MATTHEW 24:4-28

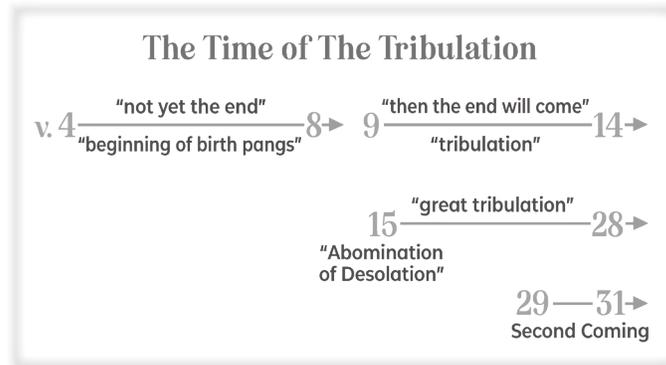
The Time of the Tribulation

CONTEXT - between the Ascension and the Second Coming of Jesus (Matt 23:36-39)

OVERVIEW - seven-year period of Tribulation before the Second Coming (Matt 24:4-14; Dan 9:24-27)

KEY EVENT - Abomination of Desolation at the midpoint of the seven years (Matt 24:15; Dan 9:27, 11:31, 12:11)

CONCENTRATION - intense time known as the Great Tribulation (Matt 24:15-28; Rev 6-18)



The Purpose of the Tribulation

- Highlight the strategic _____ of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ
- Call out and refine a remnant of _____ to whom God will fulfill His covenant promises
- Bring judgment on the unbelieving _____ who reject Jesus Christ
- Instruct the _____ of that time as to how they should respond to what they experience

The Application for Today

How patient is God's love?

How serious is our sin?

How great is God's grace?

WHILE The Coming of The Lord

IS _____,

The Time IS _____;

THEREFORE, The Urgent Need FOR ALL

IS TO BE _____ **FOR HIS RETURN.**

Living with
**The
End**
in Mind

DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. How susceptible are you to fear when you watch current events unfold around the world?

2. Read Matthew 24:4-28. List the characteristics of the time Jesus describes in vv. 6-14. How do you react when you read this description? How did the sermon help your understanding of what Jesus talked about?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 24:27

"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 24:4-28

"While Jesus' eschatological forecast in this final discourse in Matthew's Gospel is His most complete discussion of end-time events that surround His return in glory, it doesn't cover everything. Note that Jesus issues this forecast during His final week with His disciples. They still have not comprehended His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, nor have they grasped that they will soon become the kingdom community called the Church with the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost. Thus, Jesus here gives only a rough outline of what will transpire throughout this age. The events He discusses will be fleshed out later with additional revelation, when they are better prepared to handle a more complete picture of end-time events."

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3. Jesus warns against discouragement in verses 24:4-5, 11-13 and 23-26. How have you allowed discouragement to seep into your walk with Jesus? What can you do to counter it?

4. We must remember that God is completely sovereign (Rom 8:28) even when we don't understand or can't see it. What things can you do to make God's Word a priority whenever you feel uncertain or insecure?

5. According to Jesus (v. 14), what must happen before the end comes? What part can you play right now in this great enterprise? What are you willing to sacrifice?

JOURNAL Matthew 24:4-28

Jesus says that "the one who endures to the end will be saved" (v. 13). How is this theme of perseverance expressed in the following verses? How does this encourage you to persevere?

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
- Colossians 1:21-23
- 1 Timothy 4:16
- Hebrews 3:14
- Revelation 2:7, 11, 26-28

Elections are just around the corner!
As we have always done historically, we intend to continue to encourage our fellowship to pray for all our nation's leaders (Rom 13:1, 1 Tim 2:1-4), while also encouraging them to vote as good citizens should. If you're not registered or you need to update your information, a quick way to do both is through Turbovote's Personal Voting Assistant.

Voter registration forms and resources are available today at each campus.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY STARTS TODAY

Starting in the first chapter of Genesis, Dr. Bill Egner teaches the books of the O.T. in chronological order, and some New Testament books will be included along the way. Your walk with Jesus will never be the same as you mine the endless treasures in this part of your Bible. Begins today at 5 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register at get details at ccbcfamily.org/events.

HOPE UNSHAKEABLE Grieving the loss of a child is a journey that no parent needs to travel alone. Grief can make you feel isolated, but Hope Unshakeable is a small group that will help you walk forward in your grief journey and connect with others who have similar feelings of grief and pain from loss. This group is for women only, aged 18 and older. Thursdays, starting Oct. 6 at 6:45 p.m. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

FEAR AND ANXIETY What do you do when anxiety fills your days and nights? You may have tried a few strategies like denial or working harder and noticed that they aren't a permanent solution. In this seven-week women's small group, we'll walk through biblical truths to gradually gain hope, peace and rest for everyday life. Join us on Thursdays starting Oct. 6 at 6:45 p.m. Register at ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

ELDER PRAYER The Elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we're excited to do this together next Sunday, Oct. 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to learn more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.

WOMEN'S FALL PRAYER OVERNIGHT Join our Women's Ministry on Friday evening, Oct. 14 through mid-day Saturday, Oct. 15 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose. Focusing on prayer, you'll hear messages and testimonies, and have opportunities for personal time in the Word and in community with other Christ Chapel women. Learn about registration and accommodations by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY Ever wondered about our Global Missions Ministry? Join us Sunday, Oct. 16 for Lunch with a Missionary! Fellowship with one another and learn more about how to support the persecuted church around the world. We'll be meeting in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.

DADDY DAUGHTER ADVENTURE One of the greatest gifts you can give your daughter is the knowledge of who she is in Jesus. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. as we equip you to teach your daughter more about her identity in Christ. There will also be a time of outdoor fun, snacks and worship. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/adventure.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCONLINE to 833-422-7200 to get started.



The Time of The End

