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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The Sign of His Coming
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Matt. 24:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, (1) when will these things be? And (2) what will be the sign of Your coming, and *the end of the age?*’ ”

- 1. Jesus is talking to them as Jews about Jewish prophecy, specifically the kingdom.**
- 2. The Olivet Discourse is the last thing Jesus said to the Jews about Israel.**
- 3. Nothing in the Olivet Discourse is about Church Age believers or has direct application to Church Age believers.**
- 4. All living Church Age believers will be raptured and taken to Heaven before the beginning of the Tribulation.**

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks"

The Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jer 30:7)

The
Coming
Prince

DAN. 9:24-27

Messiah
Returns

The "Beginning of
Labor Pains" Matt. 24:8
"but the end is not
yet" Matt. 24:6



Increased labor
pains;
"then the end will
come." Matt. 24:14

**3½
years**

Third Temple
(Tribulation)
Dan 9:27

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years**

The Tribulation is for ISRAEL

- 1. The first 3.5 years of Daniel's seventieth week: The *beginning of sorrows* (labor pains); Matt. 24:4–8**
- 2. The second 3.5 years of Daniel's seventieth week: increased persecution of Jews after the Antichrist breaks the covenant; Matt. 24:9–14**
- 3. The warning to Jewish believers in Judea is to immediately flee when they see the abomination of desolation; Matt. 24:15**

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Dan. 9:26, “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

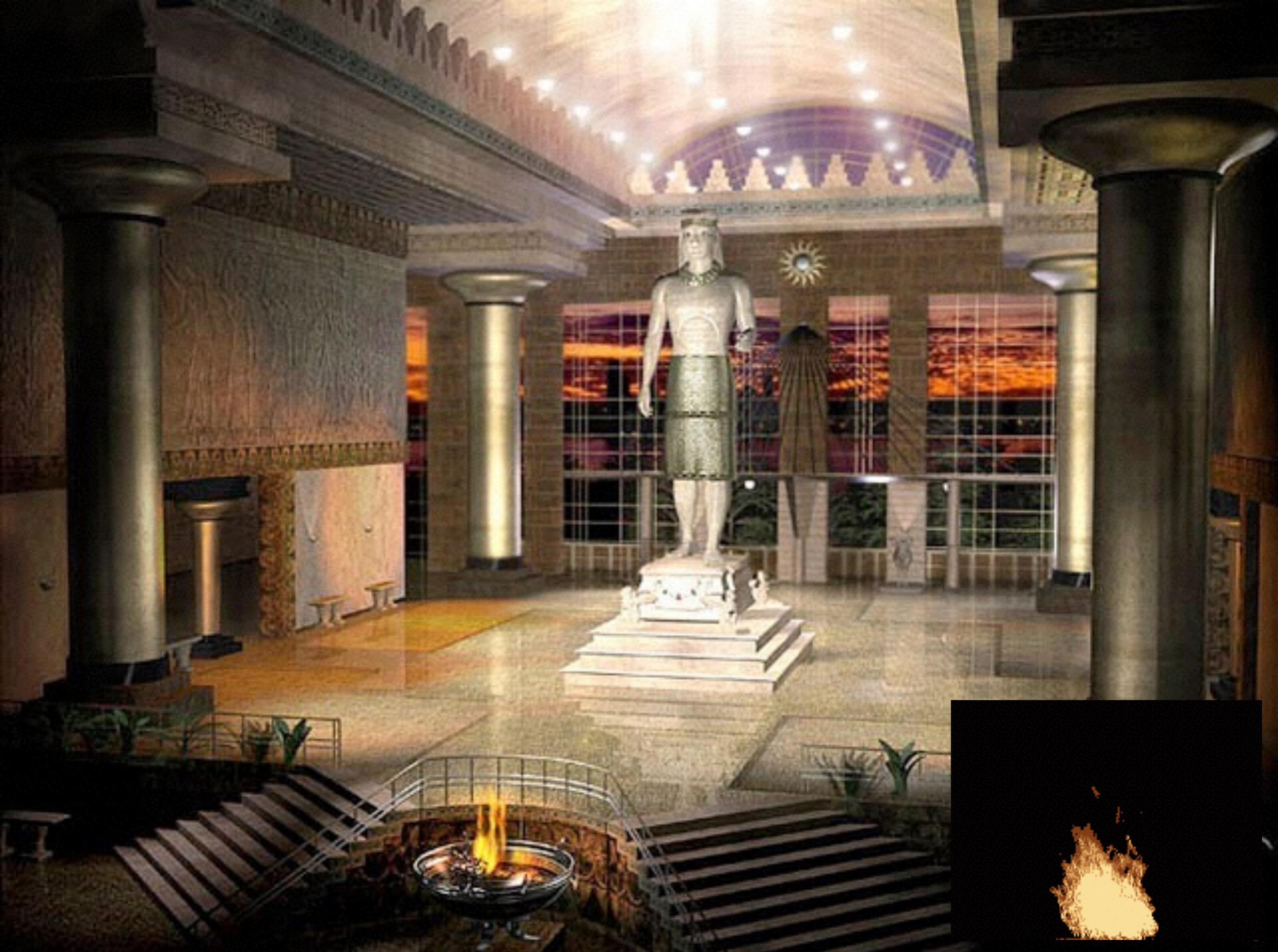
Dan. 9:27, “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

Dan. 11:31, “And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.”

Dan. 11:36, “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.”

2 Thess. 2:3, “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

2 Thess. 2:4, “who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”



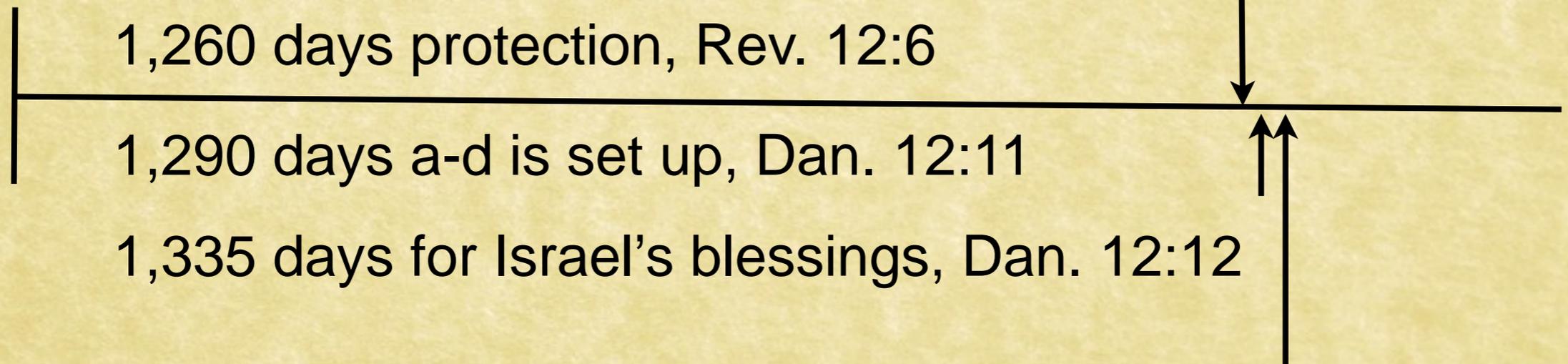
Rev. 13:4, “So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’

Rev. 13:5, “And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.”

42 months × 30 days = 1,260 days

Dan. 12:11, “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

Abomination of
Desolation



Matt. 24:17, “Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

Matt. 24:18, “And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Matt. 24:19, “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

Matt. 24:20, “And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.”

1. Literal interpretation:

Judea means Judea, not Houston, London, New York, or where you live.

“to the mountains” does not mean to the hill country of Texas, the Rocky Mountains, the Blue Ridge Mountains, or the Cascades.

2. The immediate danger of arrest means to flee immediately and trust God to sustain them.

Deut. 29:5, “And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.”

Neh. 9:21, “Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.”

Rev. 12:6, “Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.”



Mic. 2:12, “I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many people.”

Bozrah =
Sheepfold





Rev. 12:14,

“And the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.”



Deut. 32:10, “He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.

Deut. 32:11, “As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings,”

Matt. 24:21, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

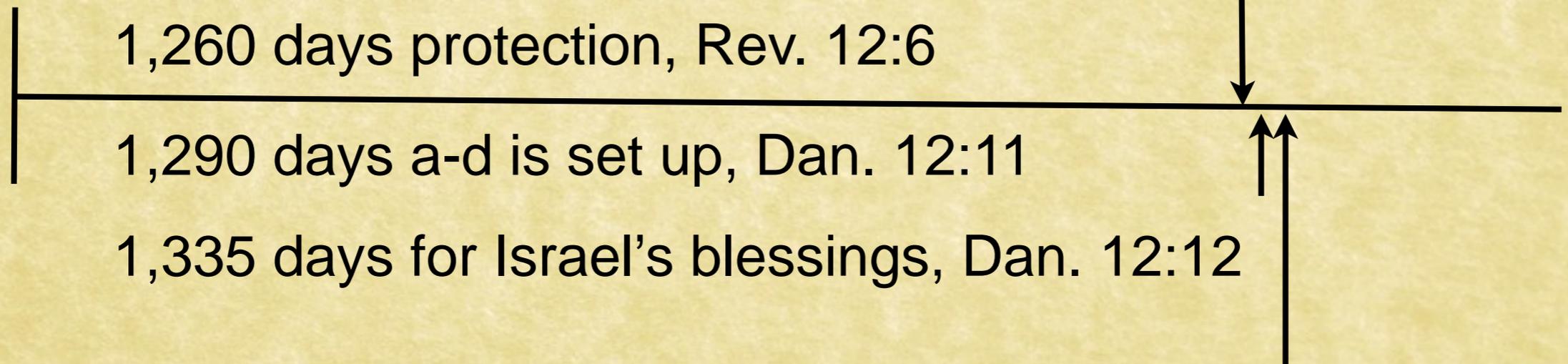
Matt. 24:22, “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s [the choice one’s] sake those days will be shortened.”

“A great adversity, persecution, tribulation”

“to reduce the duration of something”

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Matt. 24:24, “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect (the choice ones).

Matt. 24:25, “See, I have told you beforehand.

Matt. 24:26, “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.”

“As events unfold during the second half of the tribulation, the antichrist (i.e., the Beast in Revelation) attempts to entice the elect, Jewish remnant out of their wilderness hiding by saying that the Messiah is clandestinely in Jerusalem, thus, they should come and see Him. However, Jesus has warned his disciples in advance not listen to such propaganda.”

~Dr. Thomas Ice

- 1. The terms Christ (Messiah), false Christs (false Messiahs, i.e., the false prophet), and false prophets, are all oriented to Jews. The Church is not warned in the epistles about false Christs or Messiahs, only about false teachers.**
- 2. These will have genuine miracles which falsely attest to their identity.**

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2 Thess. 2:9, “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

2 Thess. 2:10, “and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

Rev. 13:13, “He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

Rev. 13:14, “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.”

Rev. 13:15, “He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.”

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Matt. 24:27, “For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:29, “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

Luke 17:20, “Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, ‘The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

Luke 17:21, “ ‘nor will they say, “See here!” or “See there!” For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.’ ”

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The word for “signs” is not here.

**παρατήρησις *paratērēsis* gen fem
sing**

observation; i.e., the kingdom of God will not come gradually so that men can observe it. It will come instantly with a flash.

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**Matt. 24:28, “For wherever the carcass is,
there the eagles will be gathered together.”**

“Taken literally, it means that wherever dead bodies are, there the aetoi (either eagles or vultures) will descend upon them. From a physical point of view, the vast carnage will result in this very thing. Symbolically, it can be related to the parallel passage in Luke 17:37 when the disciples asked ‘Where, Lord’ in regard to the separation of the believers from the unbelievers at that time. He answered, ‘Wherever the body is, there will the eagles (aetoi) be gathered together.’ This means that these two similar statements refer to the judgment to come upon the unbelievers who are not prepared to meet Him.”

~Thomas Figart, *The King of the King of Heaven*

Rev. 19:17, “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, ‘Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

Rev. 19:18, “ ‘that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.’ ”

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Joel 2:31, “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.”

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Matt. 24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes [the 12 tribes] of the earth [land, i.e., Israel] will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

**φυλή *phulē*
nom fem plur
tribe**

Zech. 12:10–12, “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;”

Rev. 1:7, “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth [land] will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.”

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Matt. 24:31, “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

The gathering of the angels is the rescue of Israel from the entire earth.

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God is in control of History; whatever happens, He does not lose control.

God will fulfill His promises to Israel.

Therefore, God will be faithful in fulfilling His promises to us.