

Analysis of Matthew 24 and Revelations 18 & 19 & 20

- 1) In Matthew 23 Jesus had just left the temple where he had told his disciples and the crowd that they should follow the instructions of the teachers of the law and Pharisees because they were sitting in Moses seat. Meaning they had his authority. However, he said it in this way, "...you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach." Then Jesus list 7 woes against the teachers of the law and the Pharisees, concluding this by calling them snakes and a brood of vipers. Jesus then ends chapter 23 by telling the crowd and the disciples, "For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Meaning his second coming.
- 2) Matthew 24 opens with Jesus and his disciples walking away from the temple and Jesus telling his disciples that not one stone of the temple will be left on the other. Then when Jesus was sitting on Mount Olives his disciples came to him privately and ask when will all of this happen and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age? Then Jesus begins to outline what will happen during this time period.
 - a) Vs. 4-5 → Many False Teachers and Prophets will come in the name of Jesus claiming to be the Christ, so stay alert and do not fall for these deceptions which are from Satan, Antichrist.
 - b) Vs. 6-8 → during this period there will be wars and rumors of wars between almost every nation and kingdom. These wars and climate change do to things like earthquakes will cause famines. These are events which will take place during the Tribulations.
 - c) Vs. 9-14 → these verses talk about all of the bad things that the world will do the Christians and that some will actually fall away from the faith. Like the mark of the "beast" and controlling all commerce.
 - d) Vs. 15 → these verse now resets the timeline to the middle of the Tribulations, "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that cause desolating,' spoken of by Daniel the Prophet"

