

UNDERSTANDING END-TIME PROPHECY
MATTHEW CHAPTER 24
Verse by Verse Commentary

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INTRODUCTION

End-time Prophecy is a widely taught subject among Christians. It holds a great fascination with many people. After all, who doesn't want to know what the future will bring to mankind? Over the past few decades, many books have been written on this subject – most of which have their own particular understanding of the End-time scriptures.

One of the first End-time prophecy authors to come to my attention was Hal Lindsey. His book entitled "The Late Great Planet Earth" was what first introduced me to End-time Prophecy. At that time, I was serving in the U.S. Navy during the second half of the 1980's. I can still remember reading his book on the ship. Although I had been a Christian from my childhood, I had never read a book on anything having to do with Christianity before. The study of End-Time prophecy changed all that for me. I soon followed up The Late Great Planet Earth with "There's a New World Coming" and "Satan is Alive and Well on Planet Earth". I soon became a great fan of the teachings of Hal Lindsey.

Then in the early 1990's, I found myself in San Diego for my annual training (AT) in the Navy Reserve. While there, my wife flew out and joined me for a week. Since I didn't have duty on the weekends, we decided to drive to Los Angeles and attend the church which Hal Lindsey pastored. Fortunately for us, Hal Lindsey was giving the sermon on the Sunday morning we attended. It was a great experience for me and it reinforced my interest in End-time prophecy.

Throughout the 1990's and into the first half of the 2000's, my interest in End-time prophecy developed into a great passion. I read and studied End-time prophecy almost exclusively. In 2004, along with a friend of mine who also had a great interest in prophecy, we started an End-time prophecy class. Then on October 8, 2005, everything started changing for me. That was the day that my wife and I experienced the Second Coming of Christ when He gave us the Latter Rain of the Spirit. After we received that baptism, Christ's baptism of Fire (Day of the Lord) immediately fell on us. After Christ's judgment of my Man of Sin was complete, we were converted. Those two baptisms quickly turned our lives upside down. At that time, there were great spiritual earthquakes, thunder, lightning and trumpets. The sun was darkened and the moon even turned to blood. That time in our lives was unlike anything we had ever experienced.

If you have an interest in hearing more of the details of our experience, our conversion testimony is posted on the website.

After my wife and I received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, our spiritual blindness was healed and the truth of scripture opened up to us. Nearly everything that we thought was the truth of Christ turned out to be lies from Satan.

After our spiritual blindness was healed, we could see that we were the Man of Sin sitting in the Temple of God.

These verses apply:

1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

2Thes 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that MAN OF SIN be REVEALED, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

Mark 13:14 But when ye shall SEE the Abomination of Desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take anything out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

Up until the time of our conversion, we were dwelling in “peace and safety” in our church. We thought that we knew the “truth” and that we were saved. But with our newly healed vision, we suddenly knew we were mistaken. Satan had been utterly deceiving us all our years in the church. Once we learned this truth, we were completely dumbfounded. However, this feeling quickly passed because of the great joy and awe we felt standing in the presence of Christ for the first time (**Rev 7:9-17** applies).

Over the next several months, I was finally able to let go of my false understanding of End-time prophecy. I came to understand that what my wife and I experienced at our time of conversion is what End-time prophecy actually teaches. It teaches the Wide Pathway which leads to the destruction (Day of the Lord, Judgment) of our carnal spiritual nature and carnal mind. It also teaches the Narrow Pathway which leads to maturity in Christ as a son of God.

With that said, let’s examine the true message Christ was presenting in the 24th chapter of Matthew.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 24 - VERSE BY VERSE COMMENTARY

In Matthew chapter 24, Christ is teaching on the spiritual events which will happen to His Elect as they travel the Pathway to Salvation. The pathway begins when they receive the Early Rain of the Spirit (being called out into the church) and it ends when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this chapter, the teachings of Christ apply individually to all of the Elect just after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. As you will see, the Pathway to Salvation the Elect must travel is NOT an easy journey.

Mat 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Christ is speaking of the physical temple which is made by hands with hewn (cut) stones. This temple (which Christ will destroy) represents the Old Covenant of Law.

It was the Old Covenant of Law which required the blood sacrifice of Christ. For that reason, Christ was laid in a sepulcher cut out of stone to symbolize this requirement of the Law.

Luke 23:53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher which was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

Because of Christ's perfect and final sacrifice at the cross, the Old Covenant of Law was satisfied and became obsolete. Christ then became the new High Priest of a "greater and more perfect temple" which will be made without hands (man's works).

Heb 9:11 But Christ came as a high priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Mar 14:58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

Christ's new temple is mankind.

1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

As the High Priest of this new temple, Christ will build it and enter it under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith by His own "works". Under the New Covenant, mankind no longer has any works to perform to be acceptable to God.

For Christ to build and enter His new temple, Christ has created a pathway which He will cause all mankind to travel.

However, in this present age, Christ will only cause those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world to fully travel the pathway. They are considered blessed by God and are called the Elect, the first-fruits of His harvest of mankind.

As an Elect believer travels the Pathway to Salvation, Christ will be building His new temple without any assistance from the believer. He builds His new temple because of His Grace and because of His love for them. When completed, His new temple will be a child of God who has the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This truth is retold in the analogy of the Potter:

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

Isa 64:8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

This new vessel which seemed “good for the Potter to make” is God’s new temple made without the hands of mankind.

In order to teach how Christ will build His new temple, God caused Christ’s disciples to ask Jesus two questions. They are recorded in verse 3. These questions will give Christ the opportunity to present (in spiritual language) the Pathway to Salvation which He will cause His Elect to travel during their lifetimes.

Mat 24:3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?

At this time, the Apostles were still unconverted and understood the teachings of Christ carnally. They did not understand that Christ was speaking about the spiritual destruction of the Old Temple He mentioned in verses 1-2.

Also, from the questions which the Apostles asked Christ, it is apparent that He previously told the Apostles more than just what is recorded in scripture. And like their carnal understanding of the statement Christ made concerning the destruction of the Old Temple, their questions were likewise carnally based. The Apostles were asking for the physical signs which would precede what they believed would be Christ’s physical second coming and the literal end of the age.

However, Christ’s second coming will not be a physical event – it will be a spiritual event. And when it occurs, it will happen within each Elect person. The world will not be able to witness it.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The Christian world is still waiting for the second coming of Christ because, like the Apostles, they understand the words of Christ in a physical and outward manner. But Christ will not appear the second time in a physical and outward manner as He did the first time. When Christ comes a second time, He will only appear spiritually (between the ears so to speak) to a person.

Because Christ’s second coming is to the individual, it necessitates that His second coming be a reoccurring event since the Elect are gathered together to Christ throughout this entire age.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are

before his throne...

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 11:17 saying: We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because you have taken your great power and reigned.

When Christ comes to one of His Elect, He will bring salvation with Him:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Christ appeared the first time in the flesh and took away the sins of the world at the cross. When Christ comes to an unbeliever with the Early Rain of the Spirit, He does not appear to them at this time because they remain spiritually blind. For this reason, the Early Rain of the Spirit is only considered a visitation.

When Christ comes to a called out believer a second time, He will give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit which will heal their spiritual blindness. It is at this time that Christ will appear to the believer. From that appearance, the believer will be born again and gathered together to dwell with Christ in heaven (spiritually speaking).

As I said earlier, Christ reserves His second coming in this age to His chosen Elect. They are the only ones Christ is saving at this time.

Also, the Latter Rain of the Spirit is also called the Baptism of the Spirit or the confirmation. It is the same event the Apostles experienced in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost, and it is the same event Paul experienced in Damascus after being there for three days.

For a more complete teaching on the Early and Latter Rain, please read my paper entitled "The Great Mystery of the Church".

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

In response to the Apostles' questions, Christ immediately says to be aware that no one deceives you. Since this warning is foremost in Christ's answer to his Apostles, we should not take it lightly.

Deception became commonplace in the church after the ministries of the Apostles ended. Paul was even warned that grievous wolves would invade the church soon after his departing:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among not sparing the flock.

And John said that the spirit of anti-Christ would be coming and in fact, it had already come to some:

1John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

In Christ's response to the Apostles' questions, Christ also emphasizes that there will be many deceivers. The "many" who claim to be the Christ (Christians) but are not, is the same "many" who are called out from the world:

Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

As Paul stated above, the deceptions of Satan will consume and destroy the churches which he and the other Apostles started, sparing no one. Satan will accomplish this destruction via the spirit of anti-Christ which he will plant within each called out believer shortly after they receive the Early Rain of the Spirit (Mat 13:24-30 and Mat 12:43-45).

Since the time of the corruption of the church in the 1st century, the church has waxed worse and worse - even up to this present day. Satan's grip on the church has only grown stronger and stronger over the centuries (2Tim 3:13). As a result, no one in the church has been spared from Satan's deceptions.

Mat 24:6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

In verses 6 & 7, Christ is teaching about the spiritual wars which His Elect will fight as they travel the Pathway to Salvation.

Paul referred to these wars this way:

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the Day of Evil, and having done all, to stand.

2Cor 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

For a believer, their fight in this world occurs within themselves. They do not engage in warfare in the physical world where carnally minded believers so often fight.

2Tim 2:4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

God is in full control of the affairs of this world, including all the evil which is occurring. If a believer fights against the evil of this world, they are in effect, fighting against God's "will". God's Word tells us to only do good to our neighbors and to love our enemies. It does not tell us to try and rid this world of evil. As a Christian, we have no business in the affairs of this world.

Consider the ways of Christ and the Apostles during the 1st century. At that time, the Roman army was occupying the Nation of Israel. The zealots of Israel were resisting their occupation and were looking for a leader which would help them drive the Romans out of Israel. At first, the zealots thought Christ might be this leader. But after following Christ for a time, they soon turned away from Him after they realized Christ was not going to fight. Even the Apostles during their ministries did not fight against the evil which was taking place in the world around them. They knew that their fight was not against flesh and blood but that it was against the spiritual forces of evil within themselves.

A believer's war is a spiritual war between the child of God (New Man) and the child of the Devil (Man of Sin/Old Man). Both children are fighting for spiritual dominance over the believer. When the child of God is winning, the believer is said to be walking by the Spirit. But when the child of the Devil is winning, the believer is said to be walking by the Flesh.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Since the Early Rain of the Spirit is only a measured amount of the Spirit (a small amount, **Deu 32:2, Job 37:6**), Satan is able to overcome and spiritually kill every called out believer shortly after they receive the Early Rain of the Spirit. Satan accomplishes their destruction by sending the spirit of anti-Christ to indwell them. When a called out believer is killed, they become a Man of Sin under Satan's complete influence.

The time period a believer spends as a Man of Sin is called the Day of Evil.

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the Day of Evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

The Day of Evil is also mentioned in the verse below:

Prov 16:4 The LORD will make all to give an answer: yea, even for the evil of the Day of Evil.

Satan's Day of Evil occurs when he rules a believer from "within" via the spirit of anti-Christ. The Day of Evil will occur within a believer between the time they receive the Early Rain of the Spirit and when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

Elijah's 3 ½ years of drought is a "type" for this time of evil all the Elect must experience to its fullness.

In contrast to the Day of Evil is the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord occurs within an Elect believer after they have received the Latter Rain of the Spirit and have been "born again" as a child of God. During the Day of the Lord, Christ will reign in judgment over the Man of Sin (a believer who has the spirit of anti-Christ) and remove him from within the believer.

Mat 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Since Christ knows that a recently called out Elect believer is not going to be able to win their spiritual war against Satan, He says that this portion of the Pathway to Salvation is the "beginning of sorrows" for them.

Mat 24:9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

As I stated above, Satan will win the spiritual war within the believer at this time. This causes the believer to be spiritually killed (loss of salvation).

The term "nations" is a spiritual symbol. It represents the thoughts and beliefs of the Old Man who hates Christ and the child of God within the believer. The Old Man (with Satan's backing) will win the spiritual war. The believer will then become a Man of Sin whose spiritual nature is "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43). The Elect believer will then walk by his flesh (Satan's prescribed way) and by the lies of Satan with which he has deceived the church.

Mat 24:10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

So who are the ones who are offended by Christ? Are they not the ones who are of the same household as Christ?

Mat 10:34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

Why does this happen?

It happens because the Early Rain of the Spirit is not given in enough measure to heal the spiritual blindness of the believer. And because of the believer's spiritual blindness, Satan will have no trouble in deceiving the believer. As a result, the believer will start walking in darkness. And since darkness and light can have no fellowship together (**2Cor 6:14**), the converted Elect believers are frequently persecuted by "those of their own household".

While a believer is in this spiritually darkened state, he will remain carnally minded and be offended by the truth of Christ.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

It is only after a believer has been converted and is governed by the Spirit of God that they will no longer be offended by Christ.

Mat 11:6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.

Mystery, Babylon the Great City is a symbol for mankind's carnal nature. This symbol represents the confusion that exists in trying to understand the spiritual language of God's Word.

This confusion of God's Word was typed by the events of the tower of Babel.

Because of the confused understanding of God's Word among all called out believers, there is no unity in the church. As a result of this dis-unity, hundreds of different denominations & sects of the church have been created, all of whom believe that their version of the truth is correct. But in reality, none of the churches understand the truth of Christ. They have all become places where the blind lead the blind and where the ways of Satan are taught instead of the ways of Christ.

The divisions within the church also spawned a great deal of hatred between the denominations. The most notable example is the hatred between the protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church. Over the past centuries, their hatred for each other has been responsible for the suffering and death of millions of people.

Mat 24:11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

Who or what are the false prophets?

Most teachers will say that a False Prophet is a person who teaches a false Gospel. I have been accused of being a false prophet/teacher many times.

However, scripturally speaking, a false prophet is a believer who has come under the influence of one or more "unclean spirits". Unclean spirits are the messengers of Satan who bring his false teachings to a called out believer.

Here is one example of this understanding:

Acts 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

In the context of the above verse, the term False Prophet is being used in an outward way to describe an individual who has one or more unclean spirits within them. So in this instance, it is correct to say that the sorcerer is a False Prophet.

However, when the term False Prophet is used in the book of Revelation, it is referring to the spirit of anti-Christ himself. He is "the" False Prophet.

Rev 19:20 And the Beast was taken, and with him the False Prophet (spirit of anti-Christ) who wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a Lake of Fire burning with brimstone.

It is the spirit of anti-Christ (the False Prophet) who deceives the many called out believers within the church, thereby, producing many false prophets.

In Revelation chapter 13, the Seven Headed Beast is the “worse than the first” spiritual state of mankind. In this spiritual state, an Elect believer is “complete” and is ready for Christ to come with the Latter Rain.

While a believer is in this worsened spiritual state, they have become a false prophet because they are being controlled by the spirit of anti-Christ.

The spirit of anti-Christ is the second Beast mentioned in Revelation chapter 13. The second Beast is “the” False Prophet and is the spirit of anti-Christ.

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.

Rev 13:13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

It is through the spirit of anti-Christ that Satan masquerades as an angel of light (Christ). From this spirit, Satan will eventually indwell called out believers. When he does, they will become a Man of Sin, a Seven Headed Beast, a Minister of Satan and a False Prophet.

This verse applies:

2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

For additional details on the Seven Headed Beast and the spirit of anti-Christ, please see my paper entitled “The Beast and the Great Harlot.”

Besides the term “False Prophet, when a plurality of unclean spirits are mentioned in scripture, these spirits will also represent the spirit of anti-Christ.

Here is one example:

Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth

he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

The number Seven is a spiritual term and it represents perfection. In this case, Christ is referring to the perfection of Satan's influence which comes via the spirit of anti-Christ (the False Prophet). It is the spirit of anti-Christ which kills called out believers. It is also the same spirit which entered into Judas and caused him to betray Christ. Once a called out believer is killed by the spirit of anti-Christ, they become a Man of Sin, the son of Perdition. The Man of Sin is also represented by the Seven Headed Beast of **Rev 13:1-10**. The second Beast which deceives the Seven Headed Beast (**Rev 13:11-18**) is the spirit of anti-Christ, the False Prophet.

Here is a second example:

Mar 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. 8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, **my name is LEGION; for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. 12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.**

Here is a brief summary of the spiritual message this story teaches:

The man with the many unclean spirits represents the Elect just prior to their conversion. The stones the man uses to cut himself represents the Law of Moses (man's work). The unclean spirit (Legion, who are many) represents the spirit of anti-Christ who has spiritually killed the man (he dwells among the tombs). When Christ comes to the man with the Latter Rain of the Spirit, Christ drives out the spirit of anti-Christ by the brightness of His appearing. This represents the judgment of the Beast and False Prophet. Before this happens, Legion asks to go into the great herd of Swine feeding upon the hill. The Herd of Swine represents called out believers who are also chosen ("2000" in the herd). When Legion enters the Swine, they run into the sea and are killed just as the possessed man was killed earlier.

Now, back to **Mat 24:11**; Christ says that many False Prophets will rise up. In this case, the False Prophets represent the many false teachers (Ministers of Satan) within the church; those who are controlled by the spirit of anti-Christ.

Mat 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Lawlessness will abound because the spirit of anti-Christ will eventually kill all called out believers and cause them to cut themselves with stones (Law) just as the processed man did in **Mark 5:2-13**.

In other words, a called out believer will eventually come under the deception of Satan via the spirit of anti-Christ. The spirit of anti-Christ will then cause them to approach Christ by their own “works” (Old Covenant of Law) rather than by faith alone. And since no man but Christ can keep the Law perfectly, the called out believer will become “lawless”. When this happens, the believer will have committed the one sin that leads to death. This is how Satan kills the saints.

Note: once a called out believer submits to trying to keep even just one part of the Law, Paul says that they become a debtor to keeping the whole Law (**Gal 5:3**).

Mat 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

The believers who endure to the end are the Elect. The end occurs when Christ comes with the Latter Rain of the Spirit and the judgment of the Day of the Lord. This is when the “ends of the ages” (**1Cor 10:11**) will come upon the Elect. It is their day of salvation and conversion.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

This “gospel of the kingdom” is speaking about Satan’s kingdom and his gospel (another gospel) which will fully indoctrinate and deceive the believer.

2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus (Satan), whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit (spirit of anti-Christ), which ye have not received, or another gospel (mixing works with faith), which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Satan’s kingdom is the same kingdom which is mentioned in the verse below:

Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

The nations (as before in verse 6) are the carnal thoughts and beliefs of the believer. After Satan’s gospel has been fully preached to all the nations, the believer will be made “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**). After this happens, the believer is now ready for the “end” to come. The “end” (as in the previous verse) is when the ends of the ages come upon the believer. This occurs when Christ “comes again” (**John 14:3**) and pours out the Latter Rain. At that time, the new child of God will be born and Christ’s judgment will fall on the Man of Sin.

Mat 24:15 Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand),

During the time a person is walking by their flesh and is under Satan's full control, they are spiritually blind. They cannot see the Abomination of Desolation within themselves nor can they see the Man of Sin who is sitting on God's Throne making himself out to be God.

However, when the believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their spiritual blindness will be healed. Once it is healed, they will see the Abomination of Desolation which has made them desolate. Also, at that time, the Man of Sin will be revealed (**2Thes 2:3**). They will then recognize their need for the Day of the Lord to come and bring judgment. This judgment will rid themselves of the spirit of anti-Christ which has caused their "fallen away" spiritual condition.

Mat 24:16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Immediately after the Elect believer sees the Abomination of Desolation, Christ tells them to flee to the mountains because the Day of the Lord is coming to bring judgment to the Man of Sin.

The Elect believer is told to not hesitate but to leave immediately for the mountains (the higher spiritual state) because judgment is coming. He is told to not take any of his possessions from his house (carnal beliefs). Those who are working in the field are told to not even turn back for their clothes. Their clothes are filthy rags (works of the Law) and will no longer be needed. Christ will soon be giving the Elect believer new clothes of righteousness (White Raiment).

The story of Lot and his wife is related to this event.

Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife.

During the time of judgment, Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. She could not continue up to the higher spiritual state because she represented the carnal nature of her husband Lot. The carnal nature (Great Harlot) must be destroyed in order for a person to be converted.

This verse below shows the judgment of the Great Harlot which Lot's wife represents:

Rev 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour she has been made desolate.

Mat 24:19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

The women who are pregnant or are nursing babies represent unconverted Elect believers who are still carnal and to whom judgment is coming. And since they have the Holy Spirit (Freewoman who produced the child of God) within themselves, they are said to be pregnant or nursing a new born child of God. When judgment falls on them, it will destroy the carnal spirit of the Elect believer which produced the child of the Devil. After it is destroyed, the child of God will then be weaned. In other words, the Elect believer will then be converted and governed by the Holy Spirit. The baby will then begin maturing into a son of God.

These verses apply:

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

Satan and the Bondwoman (carnal spirit of mankind) is who produces the child of the devil. Christ and the Freewoman (Holy Spirit of God) is who produces the child of God.

Mat 24:20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

Those who observe the Sabbath Day, remain under the Law. They are children of the bondwoman. And because they remain under the Law, they have not been made “ready”. They will not be able to travel up to the mountain to escape judgment.

Mat 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.

Christ is switching subjects in this verse. He has stopped teaching on judgment and is now giving additional details on the time of deception the Elect will spend as a Man of Sin. It will be clearer as we read the next few verses.

The time of Great Tribulation is referring to the time when a believer is under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ and has become a Man of Sin. Eight verses later (Verse 29) the support for this understanding will be given.

Mat 24:22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

This verse is speaking of the number of days the Elect must endure waiting for their new birth which will occur when Christ pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them. With the full payment of the Holy Spirit, the believer will then have a new governing spiritual nature.

This verse applies:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascends up for the ages of the ages, and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the Beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

Special Note: The spiritual teachings of Christ will frequently treat the child of God and the Man of Sin as being two separate people within a single unconverted Elect believer. When scripture presents its truth in this manner, it gives the impression that the Elect believer does not ever fall away and become a Man of Sin. However, this is not true. In the verses above, their message is taught in this manner.

Here is how the verses above should be understood:

The Man of Sin within the believer is the one who has the mark of the Beast. He is the one who has “no rest day or night” because he cannot enter into the “rest” of Christ. At present, he is the one who is governing the spiritual nature of the unconverted Elect believer.

The child of God within the believer is the one who keeps the commandments of God and is the one who has the “patience of the saints”. This patience is needed to help the child of God endure their time of Great Tribulation until Christ brings it to an end. It will end when the Elect believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With this baptism, the child of God will rise to power and govern the believer. Judgment will then follow and the Man of Sin will be “taken” and cast into the Lake of Fire.

For most of mankind, their number of days will extend past their physical deaths and into the final age. Then, at the end of the final age, their number of days as a child of the Devil will reach their conclusion. But for the “sake of the Elect”, the Elect’s number of days will be shortened. Their number of days will end when Christ pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them. Since they are the First Fruits of the harvest, they will be harvested early, before they physically die. They will not have to wait the full number of days preordained by God as most of mankind will. The ends of the ages will come upon them now, in this present age:

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our admonition, **upon whom the ends of the ages are come.**

Mat 24:23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand. **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. **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.

These verses are referring to when the Day of the Lord comes to the Elect believer.

This is a spiritual event within the mind of the believer. When Christ comes (appears) it will be like lightning which spans across the sky (the heavens). The heavens is a spiritual symbol for the mind of man (the spiritual realm). When Christ comes to a believer, His coming will fully encompass the mind of the believer. There will be no mistaking it because the Elect believer will have their spiritual blindness healed when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit. It is because of their new spiritual vision that Christ will come and appear to them. Shortly after Christ appears to the believer, the Day of the Lord will commence for them.

This verse below re-enforces the spiritual nature of Christ's second coming:

Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Christ will remain in heaven (the spiritual realm of the mind) until the times of restitution of all things. Christ will never be seen with human eyes again as He was when He appeared in the flesh.

Those who believe that Christ will be visibly coming back to this world to set up a physical Kingdom are mistaken. Their understanding of the scriptures is carnal (outward) and it is that carnality which veils the truth of Christ from them.

Mat 24:28 For wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered together.

Verse 28 takes us to the Day of the Lord when judgment falls on the Man of Sin.

The symbol "carcass" represents the carnal beliefs of the Elect believer which have come from the Man of Sin. Those carnal beliefs have just been slain by the Sword of Christ (God's Word). The vultures represent the unclean spirits who feed on these carnal beliefs.

This verse also applies:

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the Supper of the Great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Mat 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.

The phrase "the tribulation of those days" is referring to the time the Elect believer spends as a Man of Sin when they are under the full influence of Satan's deceptions. After they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the believer's time of deception will end. As a result, the believer's sun will be darkened and their moon will not give its light.

The sun and the moon are symbols which radiate the light which comes from Satan (the natural sun) and the natural moon (Old Covenant of Law). Their “truth” teaches a doctrine of man’s “works” which is the crooked way:

Lam 3:9 He hath enclosed my ways with hewn stone (Old Covenant of Law), he hath made my paths crooked.

Note: Since the Old Covenant is the crooked path, Elijah will be sent to the Elect believer to make the path “straight” so that the Lord will come and bring the New Covenant of Grace through Faith to them.

John 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

As a result of the believer’s spiritual blindness being healed when they received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their natural sun and moon have become “darkened”. The Elect believer will now only receive their light directly from Christ (the Sun of Righteous-ness, **Mal 4:2**) and from the New Covenant of Grace through Faith (new moon, **1Sam 20:5**).

These verses apply:

Isa 60:19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

With the Sun of Righteousness now having risen within the believer, the truth of scripture will open up to them. It is this truth from God’s Word which will bring judgment to the Man of Sin:

2Thes 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The stars mentioned in verse 29 represent the fallen angels who are under Satan’s control. They will fall from heaven (mind of the believer) and will no longer have any influence over the believer. The powers of the heavens (Satan’s forces of darkness) will also be shaken.

Mat 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

The power and great glory of Christ will now appear in the mind of the believer (appear in heaven) and the truth His appearance brings will begin changing the believer’s thoughts and beliefs. The tribes (similar to the nations) will mourn because of their loss of power over the mind of the believer.

Mat 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.

Verse 31 represents the birth of the child of God. The Elect believer is now shown to be spiritually resurrected (not the bodily resurrection from the grave) and gathered together with Christ.

Mat 24:32 Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!

The Fig Tree is a symbol for a called out believer. When summer is near, the tree is nearly ready to start producing its fruit. The fruit is representative of the Fruit of the Spirit (**Gal 5:22-23**). When an Elect believer sees the spiritual events which Christ explained in the previous verses begin to take place, they can likewise know that the coming of the Lord is near for them.

Mat 24:34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

The generation which will not pass away is the generation of the Elect who represent the First-Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind. This generation will experience all the spiritual events which Christ taught above. It is these events which are the steps the Elect will take along the Pathway to Salvation.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

In verse 35, Christ is referring to the Old Heaven and the Old Earth. The Old Earth represents the carnal nature and the Old Heaven represents the carnal mind. They will pass away when a person is converted but the words of Christ which produces the New Heaven (Mind of Christ) and the New Earth (nature of God) will not pass away.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

Only God the Father knows the timing of each person's salvation.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

These verses apply:

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen 7:13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark...

Noah, his wife and three sons along with their wives (eight total) represent the Elect who receive the grace of God in this age. The number eight represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition represents the child of God. When the flood of judgment comes upon the ark carrying Noah and his family, it “typed” the judgment of Christ (the Day of the Lord) when it comes upon an Elect believer. Those who drown in the flood represent the Man of Sin and the carnality of the believer (Old Earth/Old Heaven) and those who are protected in the ark represent the child of God.

Mat 24:40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

Contrary to what is commonly taught about these two verses, they are not teaching about the Rapture. The Rapture is a false doctrine.

These two verses, like the preceding verses concerning Noah (verses 37-39), are teaching about the judgment which happens during the Day of the Lord. This judgment completes the conversion of the Elect believer.

In verses 40-41, each couple represents ONE Elect believer at their moment of conversion.

In verse 40, it shows two men in the field. The two men represent the Man of Sin (Beast + False Prophet) and the child of God within the Elect believer. The one who is taken is the Man of Sin. He is taken and cast into the Lake of Fire. The one who is left is the child of God.

In verse 41, two women are shown preparing to make bread (**Mat 13:33**). The one who is taken is the Great Harlot. She, too, is cast into the Lake of Fire. The one who is left is the child of God.

Mat 24:42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The believer is told to “watch” for the coming of the Lord because no one but the Father knows when that day will be. All that the Elect can know is when that Day is near (lesson of the Fig Tree). For this reason, we are told to watch for the signs – the signs of the times:

Mat 16:3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and threatening. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

During the Apostles ministries, they taught this truth to their churches and encouraged them to be watchful.

1Thes 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren are not in darkness, that that Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us WATCH and be SOBER.

In the above verses, Paul is warning the church in Thessalonica to be watchful & sober for the coming of the Lord so that when Christ comes, He will find them “ready”.

At this time, the spirit of anti-Christ had not come upon the church in Thessalonica, however, Paul knew that it had already come into the world and that it had caused others to “sleep” (lose their salvation). For that reason, Paul issued a warning to his church to remain watchful and sober. Paul wanted to spare them the time of tribulation which the spirit of anti-Christ could bring to them.

[So why would Paul make this warning to his church since the pathway he typed by his conversion included a time of falling away?](#)

Please see my paper entitled “The Great Mystery of the Church” for a teaching on Paul’s conversion.

Here is the answer to that question:

Paul wrote his warning to his church in Thessalonica in 51-52 A.D. Evidently, at that time, Paul had not yet been told that all the Elect would have to comply with the pattern his conversion laid down. It wasn’t until he wrote to Timothy in about 62 A.D. that Paul became aware of this truth:

1Tim 1:16 Howbeit for this cause, I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

The time of “longsuffering” by Christ occurs while His Elect are in a fallen away spiritual state which occurs after they have been called out from the world (after the Early Rain).

Paul typed receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit on the Damascus Road when Christ first came to him. At that time, Paul became blind and had to be led by the hand (the blind leading the blind) into Damascus. Paul then spent three days in Damascus while he remained blind. At that time, Paul was unable to eat which represents his lack of being able to consume the truth of God (bread and meat). Also, Damascus is a type for Mystery Babylon, the Great City. This Great City represents the Great Harlot who is indwelt with devils (**Rev 18:2**).

But since Paul was not aware of this truth at the time he wrote to the Thessalonians, he wanted to warn them to remain watchful and sober.

Paul knew that it takes both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit to be converted. However, it was his hope they would remain faithful until they received the Latter Rain.

Paul said as much to the church in Corinth:

1Cor 1:8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The phrase “confirm you to the end” is referring to when the Elect believer receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit. It is at this time the believer will be born as a child of God and will remain blameless until Christ appears with judgment (Day of the Lord).

Since the pattern Paul laid down includes a time of falling away, it becomes necessary for Christ to correct the fallen away spiritual state of the believer before the Day of the Lord arrives. Christ begins this process by sending Elijah to the believer:

Mat 17:11 Jesus answered and said to them, Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. 12 But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands. 13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Christ sent John the Baptist in the spirit of Elijah to the Jewish Elect to make the pathway straight for Him to come to them. For the Gentile Elect, Christ will send a converted Elect believer in the spirit of Elijah to them:

James made this statement which applies to this truth:

Jam 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save their soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

After Elijah causes the believer to repent of their “works” and has made the pathway straight, the Lord will come and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon the believer. After Christ gives the believer this gift, Christ will appear to them and the Day of the Lord will commence.

The call of Elijah to the Gentile Elect was also presented in this verse:

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

This verse also applies:

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

After an Elect believer falls away, they will not be watchful. However, with the gift of the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the believer will be restored and be made ready for the coming of the Lord. Because of such, Christ will not be coming to them as a thief in the night.

Paul said this:

1Thes 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

Without the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the Elect would remain in their fallen away spiritual state and Christ would come to them like a “thief”. However, this will not be the case for the Elect since their days are shortened.

Christ will see to it they His Bride is made ready because He will give them the extra flask of Oil (Latter Rain) just before He comes:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil in flasks with their lamps. 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.:

Please see my paper “The Parable of the Ten Virgins” for a complete teaching in this portion of the Marriage analogy.

Mat 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

For the called out believers who have not been chosen, Christ will not come to them and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit prior to their physical deaths. As a result, they will not be made ready for the Day of the Lord when Christ comes to them upon their bodily resurrection from the grave. At that time, the called but not chosen believers will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ and Christ will say to them “I never knew you”:

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye who work lawlessness.

They will then be cast into the Lake of Fire for their judgment and their ultimate conversion which will occur at the end of that age.

This verse also applies:

Luke 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

These believers were simply not chosen to be one of the First-Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind and no amount of a supposed "free will" ability on their part can change it.

Here is the truth about why the Elect are saved in this age:

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.

SUMMATION

In this age, Christ is only saving those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. They are highly blessed. They are the Elect, the First Fruits of the harvest.

Shortly after the time of the Apostles, the church fell away and came under the complete deception and control of Satan via the spirit of anti-Christ. Since that time, nothing has changed within the church. For this reason, all called out believers will eventually fall asleep and lose their salvation. As a result, no one in the church is watching for the coming of Christ.

But for the sake of the Elect, Christ will "shorten their days" as a Man of Sin and will pour out upon them the Latter Rain of the Spirit before they physically die.

To facilitate Christ's coming with the Latter Rain of the Spirit, Christ will send one of His converted Elect to the chosen believer in the spirit of Elijah. This converted Elect believer will make Christ's pathway straight by causing the Elect believer to repent of their works. Christ will then come to the Elect believer with the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

Are you hearing the call of Elijah?

If you are, now is the time to repent of your "works" and to make the path of Christ "straight".

Mat 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

After you have repented, Christ says to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit (the Latter Rain):

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

If you have any questions or concerns about what I have presented in this paper, please contact me by the email address given on my website: www.greatmysteryofchrist.com

Rev 22:20 He which testifies of these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.