

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 that 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 the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Christ's baptism of Fire (Day of the Lord) immediately fell on us. After Christ completed His judgment within us, our spiritual blindness was healed and 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 reading more of the details of our experience, our conversion testimony is posted on the website www.greatmysteryofchrist.com.

After my wife and I received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, our spiritual blindness was healed and the truth of scripture began opening 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 had become a 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 new ability to see spiritually, we quickly realized that we were mistaken. Satan had been utterly deceiving us all our years in the church – Satan’s apostate 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 Gate that leads to the destruction (Day of the Lord/Thousand Years Reign) of who we were; a Man of Sin. It also teaches the Straight Gate which leads to maturity in Christ as a son of God. In other words, it teaches conversion.

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 (both the wide and straight gates). The pathway begins

when an elect person is given the Early Rain of the Spirit (being called to be a saint) and it ends when the person receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, followed by judgment.

In chapter 24, the teachings of Christ apply individually to all of the elect just after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit. And as you will see, the pathway to salvation that the elect will travel is NOT an easy journey”.

Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”

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.

In the first verse of chapter 24, Christ is speaking of the physical temple which was made by hands with hewn (cut) stones. The temple (which Christ will destroy) represents the Old Covenant of Law which is based upon the works of man. In this sense, while a babe remains unconverted, they are this physical temple (the natural) made by their own works.

It was also the Old Covenant of Law that 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 is made without hands (without 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 will be 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 of their own to perform to be acceptable to God.

For Christ to build and enter His new temple, Christ has created a pathway that 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 person travels the Pathway to Salvation, Christ will be building His new temple without any assistance from them. Christ 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 His spiritual language) the pathway to salvation that 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 in a carnal and outward way. They did not understand that the destruction of the physical temple represented the end of the Old Covenant of Law (man’s works) and the judgment portion of the conversion process within a person. From that destruction, Christ will form a new temple made without hands (a child of God). He does this through a new covenant; the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

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 physical temple, their questions were likewise carnally based. The Apostles were asking for the physical signs that 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 that will occur within an individual 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 appear spiritually (between the ears so to speak) to a person.

Because Christ's second coming is to each individual elect person, it necessitates that His second coming be a reoccurring event since the elect are being gathered 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 each 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 elect person and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit, He will appear to them in this same way ("in the flesh", physically and outwardly). As a new believer (a babe), the elect person will only be able to "see" (understand) Christ in this manner because the small measure of the Holy Spirit that they were given does not heal their spiritual blindness. The elect person will remain carnally minded and unconverted.

After a time of waiting, Christ will come to the elect person a second time. When He does, Christ will give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit which will heal their spiritual blindness. It is at this time that Christ will spiritually appear to the person.

From the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the new child of God will be born and Christ will gather the child to heaven. This is a spiritual event that represents the spiritual change that has taken place within the person. Christ no longer considers the person to be a part of mankind (children of the Devil) who dwell upon the earth. Christ now views the person to be a child of God who dwells with Him in heaven.

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 that the Apostles experienced in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost, and it is the same event that Paul experienced after being in Damascus for three days.

For a more complete teaching on the Early and Latter Rains, 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 none of the babes. Satan will accomplish this destruction via the spirit of anti-Christ which he will plant within each person shortly after they have received the Early Rain of the Spirit (Mat 13:24-30 and Mat 12:43-45).

Since the corruption of the church in the 1st century, the church has waxed worse and worse – continuing 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, none of the babes in the church have 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.

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 babe, their fight in this world occurs within themselves. But since a babe remains carnally minded after receiving the Early Rain, they will frequently engage in warfare out in the world even though scripture say shouldn't.

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 that is happening. If a babe 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 babe'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 person. When the child of God is winning, the person is said to be walking by the Spirit. But when the child of the Devil is winning, the person 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 new 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. After a babe is killed, they will devolve into a Man of Sin under Satan's complete influence.

The time period a babe 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 babe from "within" via the spirit of anti-Christ – just as Satan did with Judas who is a "type" for an apostate babe.

Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. 4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

The Day of Evil will occur within a person 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 which all the elect will 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 person 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. During this judgment, Christ will remove all the spiritual things (the "chaff") from within the elect person that has made them a worsened child of the Devil. Christ will then cast those spiritual things into the Lake of Fire (a symbol for judgment) for destruction (**Rev 19:20**).

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

Because Christ knows that a new 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 babe at this time. This causes the person to be spiritually killed (fall from grace). This will begin the person's time of (great) tribulation when they are following Satan who is masquerading as Christ to them (**2Cor 11:14**).

The term “nations” is a spiritual symbol. It contains the beliefs and character traits of the Old Man who hates Christ and the child of God who loves Christ.

The Old Man (with Satan’s backing) will eventually win the spiritual war. The babe will then become a Man of Sin whose carnal and religious spiritual nature (Great Harlot) will become “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43**). The apostate babe will then walk by the flesh (Satan’s crooked way of man’s works) rather than by the Spirit.

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.’

A man’s household is within himself. This is where the spiritual wars will be waged between the child of God and the child of the Devil.

And since light and darkness can have no fellowship together (**2Cor 6:14**), the spiritual war within the person will continue until one side is defeated.

Consider this verse:

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

Spiritually, the only one who is not offended by Christ is the child of God within the person.

Outwardly, a converted person who has been made into a new creation; a child of God, will likewise not be offended by Christ. But people who have not been converted and still have Satan as their head, they will be offended by Christ.

Consider the “type” that the tower of Babel teaches. The tower of Babel represents mankind’s belief that mankind can make themselves acceptable to God by the works of their own hands. This inherent belief is within all mankind and comes from mankind marred spirit. It is the marred spirit that gives a person a religious spiritual nature. Scripture calls this aspect of mankind’s carnal nature the “Great Harlot”.

Out in the world, the “type” taught by the Tower of Babel is manifested in Satan’s apostate church. To break apart the unity of the Satan’s church, Christ confused the languages within it.

Because of the confused understanding of God’s Word among all apostate babes, there is very little unity of understanding in the apostate church. As a result of this disunity, hundreds of different denominations & sects of the apostate church have been created, all of whom believe

that their version of the truth is correct. But in reality, none of the apostate churches of this world understand the truth of Christ. They have all become places where the blind lead the blind and where the crooked way (man's work's) of Satan is taught instead of the straight way (faith) of Christ.

The divisions within the church have 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 babe who has come under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. This perfected unclean spirit has indwelt all new believers ever since the death of Paul. No babe can avoid it happening to them since they remain spiritually blind & carnally minded after having received the Early Rain of the Spirit. This type of believer is no problem for Satan to utterly deceive and control through the spirit of anti-Christ.

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 the spirit of anti-Christ within them. 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 who spiritually indwells every new believer.

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 spiritually blind babes (includes elect babes), whereby, producing many false prophets (ministers of Satan) out in the world.

In Revelation chapter 13, the Seven Headed Beast is the "worse than the first" spiritual state of mankind; a Man of Sin. It is in this worsened spiritual state that Christ finds the elect person when He returns to pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them.

In Revelation chapter 13, the spirit of anti-Christ is the second beast mentioned in that chapter. The second beast is “the” False Prophet who masquerades as a “lamb” but who speaks as a “dragon”.

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.

Paul mentions Satan’s deception in the verse below:

2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (Christ). 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 spirit word which 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).

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 (represents the man being spiritually dead); 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 (works of the law). 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 (represents the spirit of anti-Christ). 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding (babes). 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;) (represents the unconverted elect) and were choked in the sea (spiritually killed).

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 new believers and cause them to cut themselves with stones (works of the law) just as the possessed man did in Mark 5:2-13.

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

The babes who endure to the end are the elect. The end comes to them when Christ pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them, followed by the judgment of the Day of the Lord. This is the conversion event and is when the “ends of the ages” (1Cor 10:11) come upon the person. It is their day of salvation.

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? (day of salvation) I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and RAIN (Latter Rain); that ye may perceive and see (spiritual blindness healed) that your wickedness is great (have become apostate/man of sin), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the earth (not “world”) as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

This “gospel of the kingdom” is speaking about the false gospel of Satan’s kingdom which will fully indoctrinate and deceive the babe (preached in all the earth).

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 contain the carnal beliefs and character traits of the apostate babe. After Satan's gospel has been fully preached to all the nations, the person will be made "worse than the first (**Mat 12:43-45**). After this happens, the elect person will be ready for the "end" to come (conversion).

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 (themselves).

However, when the person 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 them to be unknowingly following Satan instead of Christ.

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 person 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 person is also told to not take any possessions from their house (lies of Satan). And those who are working in the field are told not to go back for their clothes. Their clothes are filthy rags (man's works) and will no longer be needed. Christ will soon be giving the elect person new clothes of righteousness (White Raiment).

The story of Lot and his wife is a "type" for 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 the mountain because she represented the marred spirit of her husband Lot. The marred spirit has a carnal and religious spiritual nature (called the Great Harlot and represented by the city of Gomorrah) which will be destroyed. After Gomorrah is destroyed, the person's spirit will have a new divine spiritual nature that comes from having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Scripture calls this changed spirit a "new spirit":

Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

The verse below shows the judgment of the Great Harlot:

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 nursing babies represent the Bondwoman who will be judged and made desolate.

The Bondwoman is presented in the scripture below:

Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a Bondservant, 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 (Old Covenant based on the works of man), which genders to bondage, which is Hagar. **25** For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to (Old) Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. **26** But (New) Jerusalem (Freewoman) which is above is free, which is the mother of us all (all the elect). **27** For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bears not; break forth and cry, thou that travails not: for the desolate (Bondwoman) hath many more children (children of the Devil) than she (Freewoman) which hath an husband (Christ). **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 (Old Covenant of Law/natural moon) are the parents who produce the children of the Devil.

Christ and the Freewoman (New Covenant of Grace through Faith/spiritual moon) are the parents who produce the children of God.

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

Those who travel in “winter” or 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” (faithful). 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 babe 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.

For most of mankind, their number of days as a child of the Devil will extend past their physical deaths and into the final age. At the end of the final age, their number of days as a child of the Devil will reach their conclusion when Christ will have mercy upon them and convert them.

For the “sake of the elect”, the elect’s number of days as a child of the Devil/Man of Sin will be shortened. Their number of days will come to an end when Christ “comes again” and converts them. This will happen in the present age at some point before they physically die.

Since the elect are the First Fruits of the harvest, they will be harvested early in this present age. They will not have to endure the full number of days as most of mankind will have to endure. Because their number of days are shortened, the “end of the ages” will come upon them now:

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

The Feast of Weeks/First Fruits foreshadows the early harvest of the elect. The Feast of Ingathering/Tabernacles foreshadows the harvest of the remaining balance of mankind at “year’s end”.

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first-fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.

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.

The verses above are referencing the second coming of Christ when He spiritually appears to each of His elect just after He has given them the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

When Christ spiritually appears to His elect, it will occur within the mind of the person. His appearance will span across the sky from the east to the west, fully encompassing the mind of the person. There will be no mistaking it because the Latter Rain of the Spirit removed the veil (spiritual blindness) that had been keeping Christ concealed from them.

The 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) until the times of restitution of all things. Christ will never be seen again with human eyes as He was the first time when He went to the cross.

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 carnal understanding that veils them from seeing the true Christ.

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 false beliefs & character traits of the Man of Sin which have just been slain by the Sword of Christ (truth of God's Word). The vultures represent the unclean spirits who feed on these false beliefs & character traits.

This spiritual event of judgment is restated in the verses below and is called the Supper of the Great God:

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 an elect babe 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 person's time of deception will end. As a result, the person's natural sun will be darkened and their natural moon will not give its light.

The sun and the moon are symbols which are used in the celestial analogy. They represent Satan (the natural sun) and the Old Covenant of Law (the natural moon). The light that they shine upon the Old Earth (marred spirit of mankind) represents their false truth & character traits which teach mankind to approach God by works (crooked way) rather than by faith alone (straight way).

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

Since the natural sun & moon are darkened within the elect person, they will now only receive their light from Christ (the Sun of Righteousness, **Mal 4:2**) and the New Covenant of Grace through Faith (spiritual/new moon).

This scripture applies:

Isa 60:19 The (natural) sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the (natural) moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy (spiritual) sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy (spiritual) 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 person, the truth of God's Word 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 and will no longer have any influence over the person. 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 person and the truth that Christ's appearance brings will start changing the person's beliefs & character traits. The tribes (similar to the nations) will mourn because of their loss of power over the person's mind.

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 person is now shown to be spiritually resurrected (not bodily resurrected) and gathered together with Christ to dwell with Him in heaven (spiritually speaking, not a literal change of locations).

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 which is not producing fruit is a symbol for babes who have only been given the Early Rain of the Spirit. When summer (day of salvation/contrasted with "winter" in verse 20) 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 person 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 and conversion 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 entire 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.

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 marred spirit of mankind that has a carnal and religious spiritual nature. The Old Heaven represents the natural Sun (Satan), natural Moon (Old Covenant of Law) and the natural stars (fallen angels/unclean spirits). They will pass away when a person is converted. However, the words of Christ will not pass away and will come from the New Heavens within the elect person.

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 conversion/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 their 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 person. Those who drown in the flood represent the Man of sin. Those who are protected in the ark (Christ) represent the new 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/Thousand Years Reign. This judgment completes the conversion of the elect person.

In verses 40-41, each couple represents ONE elect person 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 person. The one who is taken is the Man of Sin. He is the one who is cast into the Lake of Fire. The one who is left is the child of God.

In verse 41, two women are shown preparing bread (**Mat 13:33**). The one who is taken is the carnal & religious spiritual nature (Great Harlot) of the marred spirit. She is cast into the Lake of Fire with the Man of Sin. The one who is left is the divine spiritual nature of the new spirit.

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 elect babe 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 person 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 Day 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 great tribulation that the spirit of anti-Christ could soon be bringing to all the churches.

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

Here is the answer to that question:

Paul wrote his warning to the church in Thessalonica in about 51-52 A.D. Evidently, at that time, not all elect babes would have to endure a time of great tribulation. That time would only come to all the babes after Paul's death (**Acts 20:29-31**). It wasn't until Paul wrote to Timothy in 62 A.D. that Paul knew the apostasy of the entire church was drawing near. Paul died two or three years later.

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 to a babe shortly after they have been given the Early Rain of the Spirit.

Here is the pattern: 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 or drink which represents his lack of being able to consume the bread and wine of the New Covenant.

Damascus is a type for Old Jerusalem. Old Jerusalem represents the Old Covenant of Law and is where the saints are killed. They die because they commit the sin that leads to death (the mixing of works with faith/the crooked way of Satan) which causes them to fall from grace and go back to being condemned by the Law.

Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

The story of the woman taken in adultery (**John 8:3-11**) is a "type" that teaches this same truth. Please see my paper "The Great Mystery of Christ" for a detailed teaching on this story.

Back to what Paul said to the Thessalonian church: Since the spirit of anti-Christ had not fully come yet, Paul wanted to warn the Thessalonian babes to remain watchful and sober so that they could escape experiencing the time of great tribulation that all the elect would soon have to experience. Paul knew that they were still waiting for the Lord to come again with the Latter Rain and conversion.

Paul mentions this time of waiting to the babes in the Corinthian church:

**1Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (caused by the Early Rain):
7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8
who will also confirm you to the end (Latter Rain), that you may be blameless in the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ (judgment portion of conversion).**

The phrase “confirm you to the end” is referring to when an elect babe receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit. It is at this time the person will be born as a child of God and will be blameless when Christ appears and commences His judgment.

After Paul’s death, all babes have become apostate. No babe can avoid it. To help transition an apostate elect babe back to faith after they have been given the Latter Rain, Christ will send one of His converted elect to them in the spirit of Elijah with the call to repent.

This is the same call that John the Baptist made to the Jewish Nation:

Mat 17:11 Jesus answered and said to them, Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things (restore the babe’s faithfulness/make the Bride ready). 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.

Here is where the call of repentance is mentioned for the Gentile elect:

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.

A converted elect person will make the call of repentance from works to each fallen away elect babe when Christ is ready to appear to them. After the call goes out (**Mat 25:6**), Christ will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon the elect babe which will cause them to respond to the call of repentance. After they repent, the pathway for Christ to come and appear will be made straight. It is in this way that the Bride makes herself “ready” (faithful):

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready (faithful).

After the Marriage and the Marriage Supper, the Day of the Lord will commence (**Rev 19:11-21**).

The call of repentance from works to each fallen away elect person is also shown in the verse below:

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 babe falls away, they will not be watchful. However, with the gift of the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the person will be restored and be made ready for Christ's appearance.

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 "many" people who were called to be saints but were not chosen, Christ will not come to them a second time 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 babes 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.

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

The apostate babe will then be cast into the Lake of Fire where they will be judged but ultimately saved.

1Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so by fire (the Lake of Fire).

The apostate babes who are judged & saved in the Lake of Fire simply were not chosen to be one of the First-Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind. No amount of a supposed "free will" ability on their part could change it.

SUMMARY

In this age, Christ is only saving those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world for an early salvation. These people are highly blessed. They are called the elect; the First Fruits of the harvest. For them only, Christ will complete His spiritual work of conversion within them before they die. Conversion requires a person to be given both the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit, followed by the Day of the Lord. When an elect person is converted, the end of the ages will have come upon them.

Shortly after the time of the Apostles, the church (babes only) 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 new believers will eventually fall away and become unfaithful. As a result, none of the “non-chosen” babes will be sober and watching when Christ appears to them at the White Throne judgment.

But for the “sake of the elect”, Christ will “shorten their days” as a Man of Sin and He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit before they physically die. With the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the person will be restored to faith and will be ready for Christ to appear.

To facilitate an apostate elect babe’s transition from works to faith, Christ will send one of His converted elect to the person in the spirit of Elijah. After Christ pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon the person, they will respond to the call of repentance and make Christ’s pathway straight. Christ will then appear to the elect person and gather the new child of God to heaven (spiritually speaking).

Are you hearing the call of Elijah?

If you are, now is the time to repent of your works so that the pathway for Christ to appear will be made straight.

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

John 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness (place where Satan and apostate babes dwell), Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Elijah.

If you have any questions or comments about what I have presented in this paper, please feel free to contact me with the email address given on the 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.

May the Lord come quickly to all who read this paper!