

Future Chaos - Matthew 24

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Intro

What happens for us as believers: we wrestle with doubt.

Prophecy given 16 centuries before Christ: not until the last 20th century where this prophecy came about.

The future of Zebulun: uttered by Jacob and Moses:

- Genesis 49:13
- Deuteronomy 33:18-19 For 3600 hundred years that prophecy did not come about until 1933. A harbor came about in Israel to host a harbor from Iraq to the seashores.

Names of the tribulation * Jacob's day of troubles * Day of wrath * Day of the Lord (also a ref to the millenium) * 70th week of Daniel

Purpose 1

- to prepare Israel for the Lord's return
- to bring about the conversion of a multitude of Jews
- to experience the fulness of all the covenants (esp. the New Covenant)
- Jeremiah 30:7

Today when you speak of Israel that it appears as a political thing. However, we are only interested in what God has to say. They are his chosen people and they are a picture of God's grace!

- Genesis 17:7
- Genesis 12:3 Through the seed of Abraham came the Messiah.

There are some who say they are not God's chosen people (replacement theology). Major problem with this: the literal land promise to Israel

The Church is the temporary sub for Israel. Israel will be the center piece for Israel. Why is it that this small nation and these people who have been persecuted and killed and yet they still last.

It will only be the tribulation. Zechariah 13:8-9. Two thirds of the Jewish people will be killed. The crucible is the tribulation that will bring them back to God.

Even during our day this is so politically incorrect. How is it that a loving God could do that to people.

1. we are finite and cannot comprehend everything about God
2. God's glory is the theme throughout history

Purpose 2

To pour out retribution upon the world; to judge the people of this world. Do we not see how we are becoming more and more ungodly. This world is getting worse and worse.

Revelation 3:10 the hour of testing (or "hour of tribulation")

proof of pre-trib rapture

Jeremiah 25:33 Jeremiah 35

description that will come upon the world

This is known as the 70th week of Daniel.

Daniel 9

Daniel is a man who served in the courts of Babylon. An angel has come and given an answer to the question that Daniel has asked.

2 princes anti-christ

Christ

4 horsemen

Revelation 6 and 6 seals

1. white horse - the anti-christ
2. red horse - wars that are breaking out
3. black horse - famine
4. ashen/pale horse - death, one fourth of the earth will be killed
5. souls of those martyred
6. 6 catastrophic events
 - earthquakes
 - sun will be darkened
 - moon will be bloodened
 - meteors
 - heavens will open so that man will glimpse God on His throne
 - mountains and islands will be removed

Battle of Gog and Magog

Ezekiel 38-39

Revelation 12:7-9 seems to indicate that the uprising of heaven may have caused this uprising on earth. He goes forth to rage great wrath and attack the remnants of Israel.

Magog was identified as the land of the Sythians - known today as the land of Russia. They will march on Israel - Gog.

Application

1. This proves the fact of Christs' ultimate triumph
2. History has a destiny - that it's not cyclical

This embolden's us and gives us confidence in the word of God.