

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the gospel of Matthew.

Please move to the center of the rows so that those who come after you can find seating at the end of the rows.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

- "God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."

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David Livingstone

LOOKING FOR SIGNS

Part IV

Text: Matt. 24:1-3

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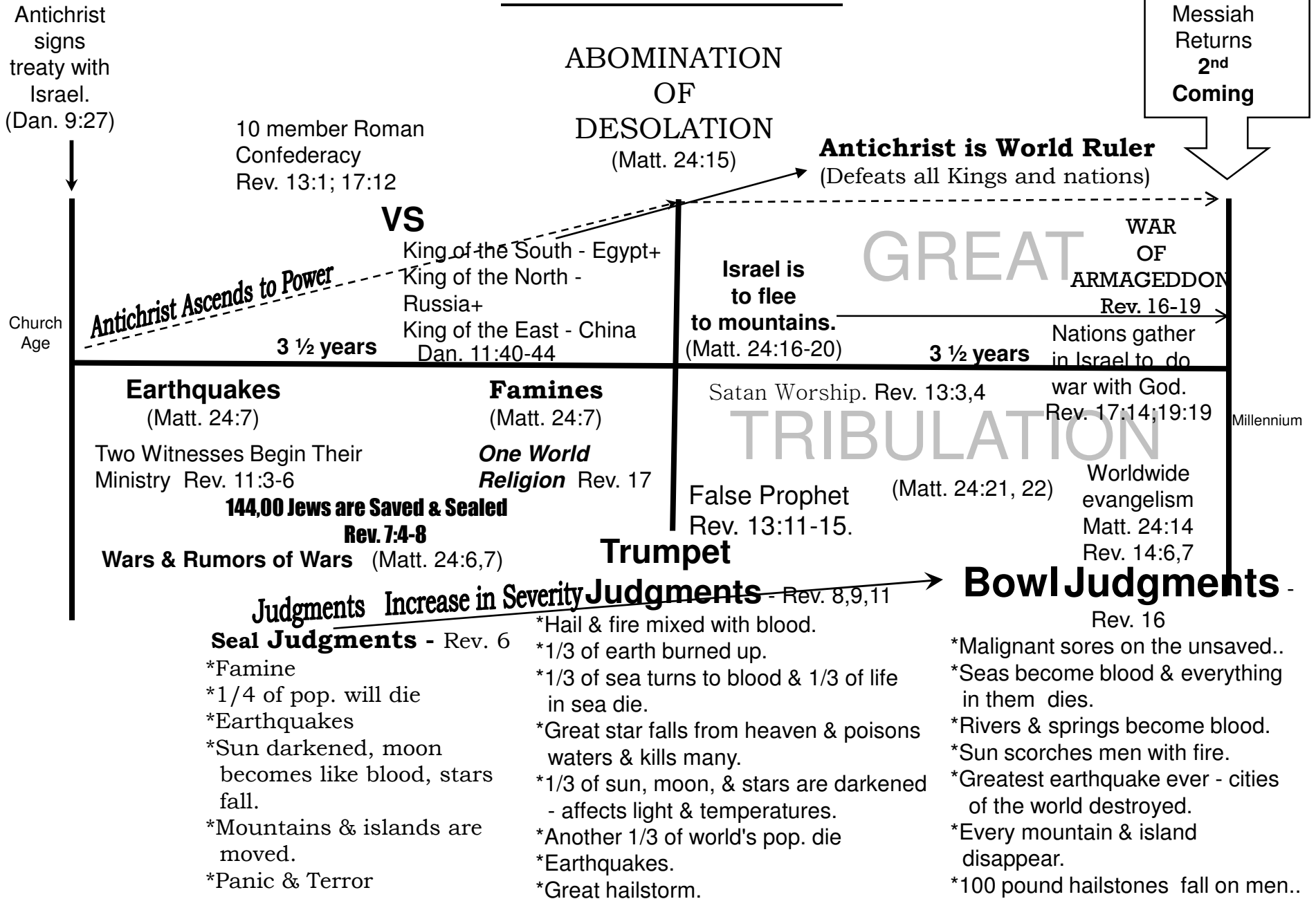
- 1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.
- 2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things?
Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."
- 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

2 Thess 2:1-12

- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and **false** wonders,
- 10 and with all the **deception** of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them a **deluding influence** so that they will believe what is false,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

7 Year Tribulation



1 Thess 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Cor 15:51-54

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep,
but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last
trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead
will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable,
and this mortal must put on immortality.

Application:

1. Signs are not needed to make the certainty of future events credible.
2. The fact that God said in His Word that He would return is enough.
3. To believe otherwise is to introduce that “signs + faith” are necessary not only to believe in future prophetic events but in salvation itself.

Matt 12:38-39

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;

1 Cor 1:22-23

22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach Christ crucified,

John 4:48

48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

John 12:37-38

37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

******A sign is an evidence of divine authority.

4. So our approach to present day signs should be – “this could be” and not “this has to be”.

5. All of the verses and all of the parts of the verses that pertain to prophecy must fit together like interlocking jigsaw pieces that will in the end present a clear prophetical picture of end time events.

