

Clash of Kingdoms
Matthew 24:15-31
Study Guide

1. Matthew 24:15 says, “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place, let the reader understand,”. (Daniel 9:27 speaks of the midpoint of the tribulation when the Anti-Christ will desecrate the Temple in Jerusalem). Why do you think it is such an “*abomination of desolation*”? Discuss the concept of that which is evil entering the Holy Place of God. What does that do?
2. Read Matthew 24:16-20. Describe what that will be like for the Jews. Why do you think there will be so much hatred against Israel? (Deut. 7:6; 2 Sam. 7:13).
3. Read Matthew 24:21-22. What do you recall about the judgments during the great tribulation? What will it be like on earth?
4. According to Daniel 12:1, God will use Michael the archangel to protect Israel. We see a similar concept in Psalm 91 about being under God’s protection. How does it make you feel knowing God protects His people?
5. Read Matthew 24:23-28. What will the deception be like during that time? What are God’s people to be looking for?
6. Read Matthew 24:29-31. Describe what it will be like on the earth during that final period when Christ returns. Why do you think the nations will mourn? What does God do to collect His people from all over the universe?
7. Colossians 3:4 says, “When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Discuss what it means to you for Christ to be your life. How does this change your outlook on things?

Application

Take some time to share with each other a prayer request in regard to emotional stress, frustration, irritability, or feeling isolated. Ask God to protect and strengthen you.

Message Slides

Rapid Response- Restaurant Relief

“Your gift today was a gateway for one of our employees who is struggling right now in a big way. Her story is a journey of gang, drugs and misfortune. Today she wept after receiving her gift from you as she spent her last money on rent. With her eyes filled with tears she said she was taught she could never accept a gift like this. It gave me a time to share more about agape love and how Jesus created her and loves her and used your Church family to bless her.”

A. Abomination of Desolation (v.15)

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),”

Daniel 9:27

“And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

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2 Thessalonians 2:4

“...who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.”

B. Flee to the Mountains (v.16-20)

¹⁶then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

MAP OF ISRAEL

Why so much hatred towards Israel?

Zech. 12:2-3

“Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples. ... And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.”

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Ezekiel 38:3b & 5-6

“Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal... ⁵Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.”

C. Tribulation and Protection (v. 21-22)

²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.²²And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 8-9)

- First- 1/3 vegetation burned
- Second- 1/3 of sea turned to blood
- Third- 1/3 fresh water contaminated
- Fourth- 1/3 of the sun/moon/stars darkened
- Fifth- Locusts to torment but not kill for 5mos.
- Sixth- Army of 200 million to destroy 1/3 of mankind
- Seventh- Introduction of Bowl Judgments

Bowl Judgments (Revelation 15-16)

- First- Terrible sores for those who follow Anti-Christ
- Second- All of the sea turned to blood
- Third- All fresh water turned to blood
- Fourth- People scorched by intensity of the sun
- Fifth- Complete darkness over the Kingdom of the Anti-Christ
- Sixth- Euphrates Riverbed dried up to allow for Armageddon
- Seventh- Greatest earthquake ever, Babylon destroyed; 100lb hailstones fall to earth.

Daniel 12:1

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered.”

D. Deception (v. 23-28)

²³Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. ²⁴For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

E. The Return of Christ (v.29-31)

²⁹“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, 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. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Colossians 3:4

“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

