

It's the End of the World as We Know It
Week 2: Are You Ready
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What Has Already Happened...

1) Destruction of the Temple and scattering of Israel

“As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. ² But he responded, ‘Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!’”

Matthew 24:1-2

2) Restoration of Israel

“Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign Lord: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. ²³ I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign Lord, then the nations will know that I am the Lord. ²⁴ For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land.”

Ezekiel 36:22-24

What Will Happen...

“Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, ‘Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?’”

Matthew 24:3

1) D _____

“Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, ⁵ for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ They will deceive many.”

Matthew 24:4-5

2) D _____

“And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don’t panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately. ⁷ Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.”

Matthew 24:6-7

3) D _____

“But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. ⁹ “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers.”

Matthew 24: 8-9

4) D _____

And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. ¹¹ And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. ¹² Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold.”

Matthew 24: 10-12

5) D _____

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.”

Matthew 24: 13-14

How To Be Ready...

- E _____ **hardship**
- E _____ **His kingdom**
- E _____ **His return**

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18