

# Review of The Great Olivet Discourse



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# The Great Olivet Discourse



- ❧ Another excursion we took was a mini series in the Great Olivet Discourse
  - ❧ The Days will Come parts 1 and 2
  - ❧ I called this a do-over study, this should have been part of our foundation building
- ❧ The Great Olivet Discourse can be rendered “The Great End of the Age Discourse”
- ❧ I argued that apart from Daniel and Revelation, the teachings of our Lord, in particular the Olivet Discourse, is the most comprehensive end times Scripture passage
  - ❧ Straight narrative, not a parable
- ❧ Here’s was the learnings from this mini-series...

# “the days will come”



In the Great Olivet Discourse, the disciples asked our Lord a loaded end times question. They asked Him specifically when will the destruction of the temple buildings occur, and what will be the sign that its destruction, His coming and the end of the age are about to take place?

- ❧ The destruction of the Temple
- ❧ Jesus's coming
- ❧ The end of the age

What will be the sign that these things are about to take place?

# GOAL: The Days Will Come



We then set a goal for this study which was to answer these 4 questions:

- 1) What our Lord meant when He said “the days will come” when the Temple will be destroyed
- 2) Ascertain what Temple He referring to
- 3) Ascertain the sign He was pointing to

Then Lastly,

- 4) Where does that sign fall with respect to the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal?

# ANSWERS



Here were our answers to the first 3 questions:

- ❧ When our Lord said “the days will come” when the Temple will be destroyed (not one stone will be left upon another) He was referring to the Temple that will be in Jerusalem in the last days, during the period of the Final Indignation!
  - ❧ When Israel’s sin reaches its climax during their Apostasy!
- ❧ Meaning our Lord was NOT referring to merely the destruction of the Temple by the hands of Titus in AD70! –He certainly wept for that
- ❧ The sign includes those days where the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION spoken by Daniel occurs in that 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple – which like the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple - will too be destroyed (but this time not one stone left upon another)!

# ANSWERS



As to the answer to the 4<sup>th</sup> and Final question:

4) Where does that sign fall with respect to the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal?

❧ This turned out to be a loaded question

❧ Like the disciples, I too should be careful what I ask for

❧ Here is where we arrived...

# ANSWERS



- ❧ We learned “the sign” our Lord gave is not a single sign, but a list of events consisting of at least 12 SIGNS
  - ❧ The ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION being one of them
- ❧ The disciples asked Him, what sign signals that the destruction of the temple, His return, and the end of the age is about to occur, and He gave them not a single sign, but a list of events comprised of at least 12 distinct signs and events...
- ❧ So I labeled and grouped them and came up with this...

# Great (Global) Tribulation

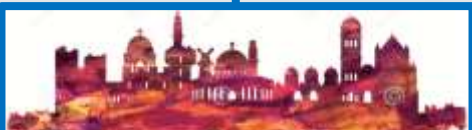
SIGN #11: There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken

SIGN #10: Many will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled - The AOD is erected

SIGN #9: Jerusalem surrounded by armies, [THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION will follow]

SIGN #8: Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many"

SIGN #7: Many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another, many will be killed and hated by all nations because of My Name



SIGNS 7-10: Jerusalem's Tribulation

FINISH

SIGN #12: Every eye will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory



START

SIGN #1: many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' (I am the Christ) and, 'The time is near'

SIGN #2: When you (Israel) hears of wars and (rumors of wars or) disturbances do not be alarmed

SIGN #3: Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom

SIGN #4: There will be great earthquakes in various places

SIGN #5: There will be plagues and famines in various places

SIGN #6: there will be terrors and great signs from heaven

SIGNS 1-6:  
Birth Pangs





# UPON FURTHER REVIEW



- ❧ That chart was when I tried harmonizing only Matthew and Luke
- ❧ I didn't factor in Mark's account!
- ❧ When I checked my work against Mark, it challenged the structural integrity of our chart!
- ❧ So for the rest of our review, I'd like for us to reharmonize the Great Olivet Discourse using all 3 accounts:
  - ❧ Mt 24, Mk 13, Lk 21
- ❧ Goal is to provide us with a chart that is more structurally sound

# HERE'S WHY WE'RE DOING THIS



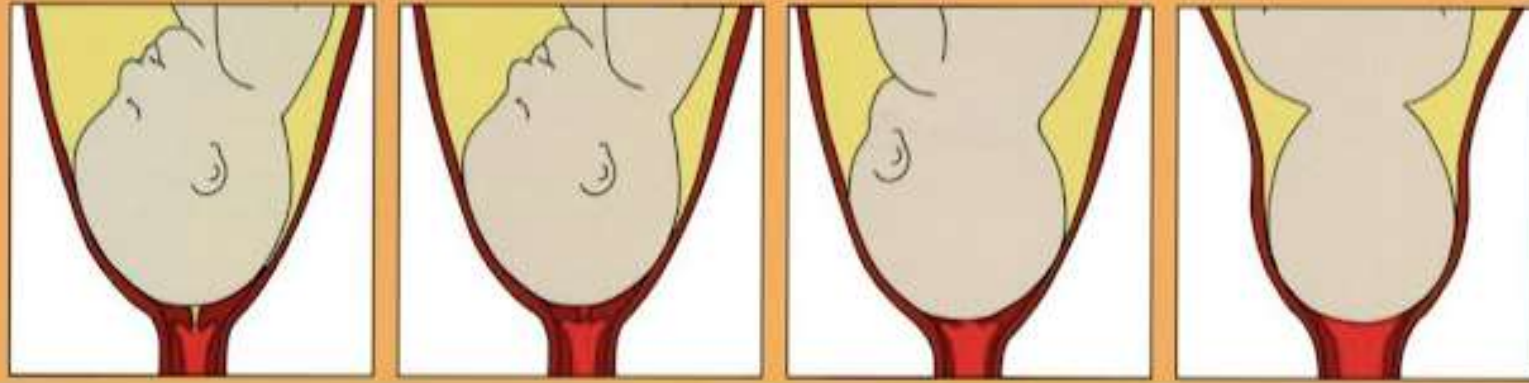
- ❧ Just as it is impossible to study Revelation apart from Daniel with the OT as its foundation
- ❧ It is impossible to study the Great Olivet Discourse apart from taking all 3 parallel accounts (Mt 24/Mk 13/Lk 21) together
- ❧ They are jumbled and not in sequential order!
- ❧ But when you take the time to align them side by side, then you can group them based on their characteristics and put it together!

# APPROACH

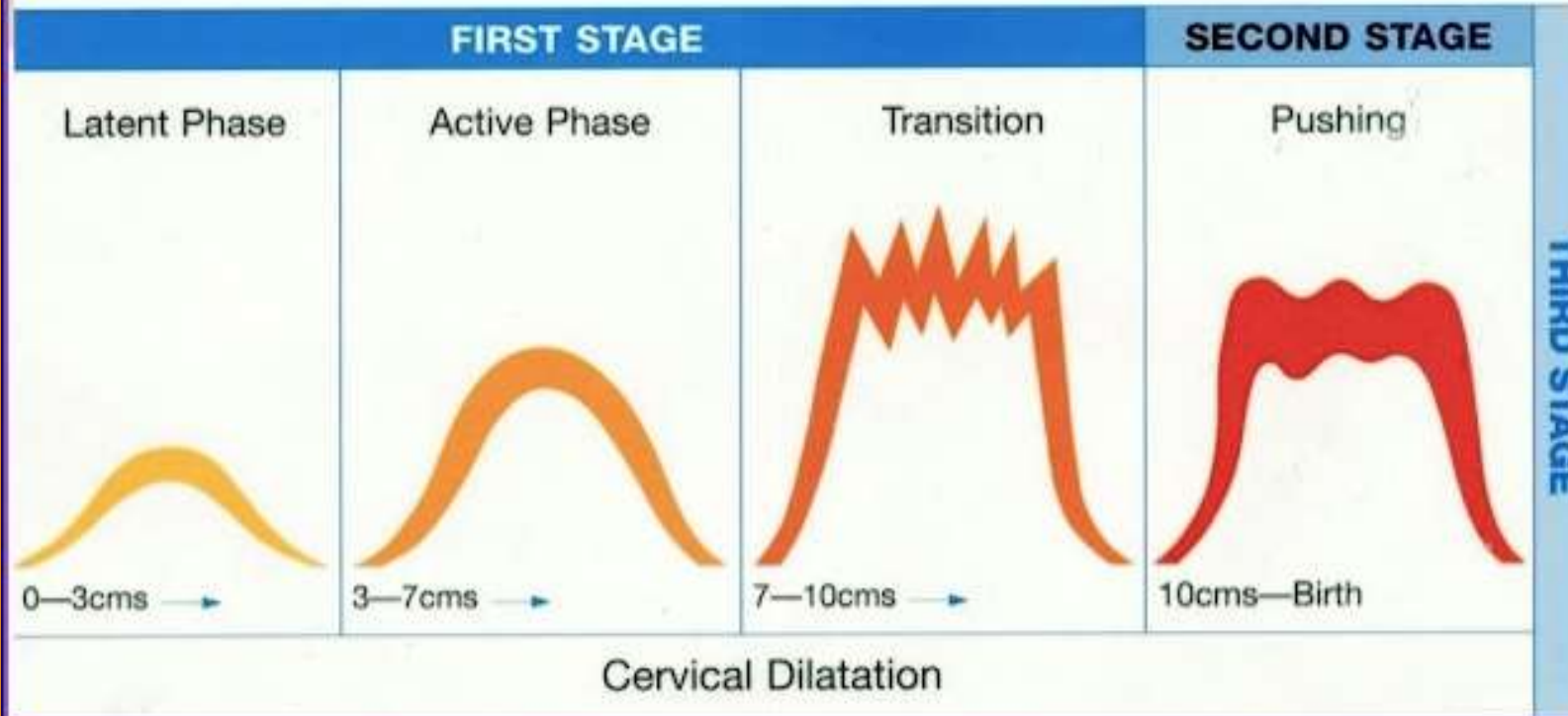


- ❧ Line up all 3 accounts
- ❧ Group the verses as best we can
  - ❧ Share same characteristics
  - ❧ Paying close attention to TIME MARKERS
- ❧ I will continue to rely on Luke's account for the sequential order
- ❧ Label them (SIGN 1, SIGN 2, etc.)
- ❧ Give them a short title (to help index them)
- ❧ Give them a short description (to help summarize them)
- ❧ Categorize them into the different stages in labor [more on this]
- ❧ We will be walking through this so please pay attention – ready?

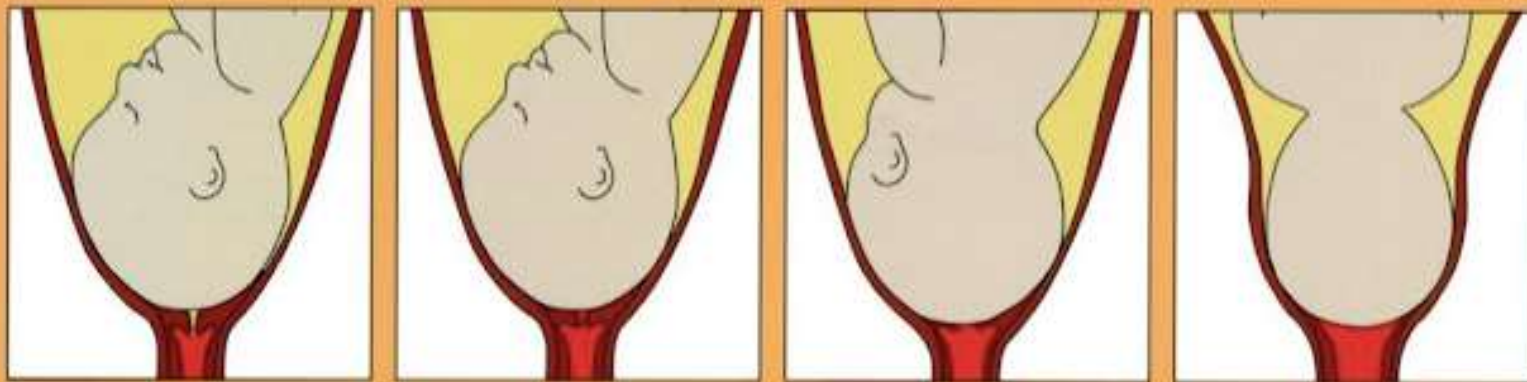
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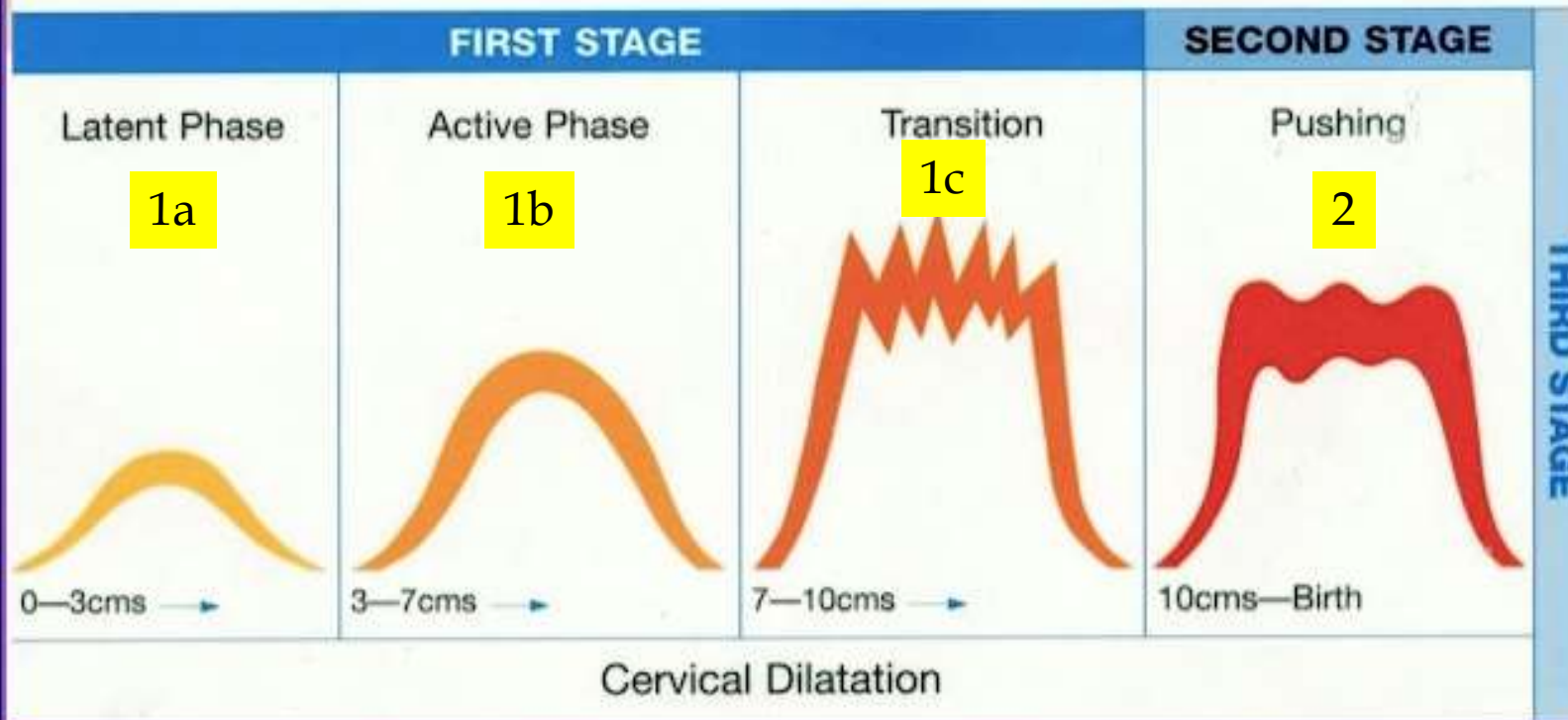
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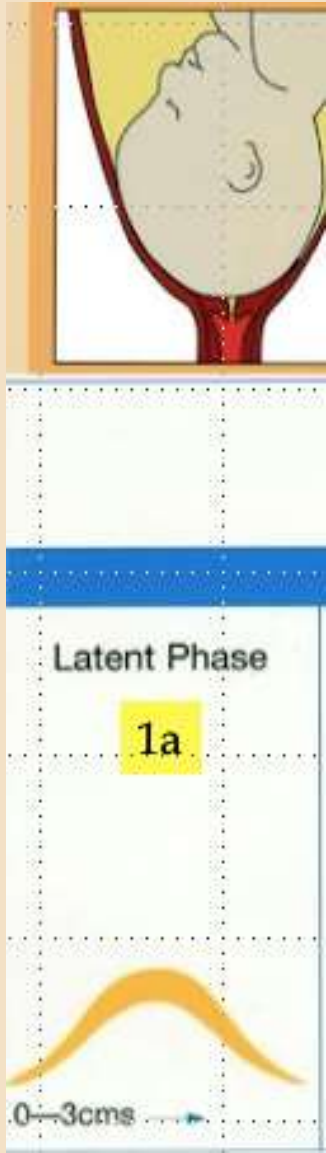



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## The Progression of Labour





Mt 24	Mk 13	Lk 21	SIGN#	Short Title	Short Description	Labor Stage
<p>9 “Then [after being flogged] they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, 10 At that time [TIME MARKER] many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.</p>	<p>9 “But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 11 When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.</p>	<p>12 “But before all these things [[TIME MARKER – before v. 8-11]], they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. 13 It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; 15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. 16 But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. 18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.</p>	SIGN 1	CHURCH TRIBULATION	<p>The Church Tribulation began with the persecution of the apostles. They were flogged and killed for preaching the gospel. Other believers will follow suit.</p> <p>The apostles were betrayed by their own people and family and the church will be hated by all nations and will too be betrayed among their own family in these last days.</p> <p>The Church Tribulation will continue to the end of the age.</p>	 <p>1<sup>st</sup> Contractions Begin</p>


Mt 24	Mk 13	Lk 21	SIGN#	Short Title	Short Description	Labor Stage
<p>4 “See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.</p> <p>11 Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.</p>	<p>5 “See to it that no one misleads you. 6 Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He!’ and will mislead many.</p>	<p>8 “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them.</p>	SIGN 2	FALSE CHRISTS & FALSE PROPHETS	Following apostolic persecution many false Christs and false prophets will arrive in Jerusalem and make bold claims.	 <p>Contractions fairly mild</p>

Mt 24	Mk 13	Lk 21	SIGN#	Short Title	Short Description	Labor Stage
<p>6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.</p>	<p>7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end.</p>	<p>9 When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”</p>	SIGN 3	ISRAELI WARS	<p>For their entire existence Israel will be the subject of wars and rumors of wars amidst much turmoil and chaos.</p> <p>Although their temple and nation was taken away from them in 70AD, that is not the end of their warfare.</p>	 <p>Contractions increase</p>



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<p>23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.</p>	<p>21 And then [[TIME MARKER]] if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ'; or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him; 22 for false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.</p>	<p>[NOT MENTIONED]</p>	<p>SIGN 4</p>	<p>ISRAEL MISLEAD TO APOSTASY</p>	<p>To back up their claims false Christs and false prophets will perform great signs and wonders and many in Israel will be deceived and believe them</p> <p>Acts relived</p> <p>"an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign" – Mt 16:4</p> <p>"the apostasy" must come 1st then the son of lawlessness will appear – 2Th2:3</p>	 <p>Contractions Steady</p>

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7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom	8 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;	10 "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,	SIGN 5	GENTILE WARS	<p>Gentile nations will wage war against other Gentile nations. (1st century-end of the age)</p> <p>Very relevant in recent history and in our world today.</p> <p>i.e. WW1, WW2, Russia/Ukraine, Hamas/Israel</p>	 <p>The image consists of two parts. The top part is a medical illustration of a fetus in a uterus, shown in profile, with the cervix and vagina visible. The bottom part is a graph showing a bell-shaped curve representing a latent phase. The curve starts at the origin, rises to a peak, and then falls. A horizontal line is drawn across the peak of the curve. Below the curve, there is a scale labeled '0-3cms' with an arrow pointing to the right.</p> <p>Latent Phase 1a</p> <p>0-3cms</p> <p>"beginning of birth pangs"</p>

Mt 24	Mk 13	Lk 21	SIGN#	Short Title	Short Description	Labor Stage
<p>7b and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.</p> <p>8 But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.</p>	<p>8b there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines.</p> <p>These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.</p>	<p>11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines;</p>	SIGN 6	WORLDWIDE CALAMITIES	<p>There will be time of great earthquakes and in various places plagues and famines.</p> <p><small>(1st century-end of the age)</small></p> <p>Very relevant in recent history and in our world today.</p> <p>i.e. bubonic plague, HIV/AIDs, cancer, COVID, 1960 Great Chilean Earthquake (9.5)</p>	 <p>The Progress</p> <p>FIRST STAGE</p> <p>Active Phase</p> <p>1b</p> <p>3-7cms</p> <p>Contractions Medium Intensity</p>

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<p>12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.</p> <p>[STANDALONE]</p> <p>[MORE ON THIS]</p>						

# “lawlessness”, “lawless”



I looked at every reference of lawlessness/lawless to have a better understanding of what these mean biblically and here is what I found:

- Those who practice “lawlessness”:
  - Call Jesus “Lord, Lord” – Mt 7:22
  - Prophecy in Jesus Name and Authority, cast out demons, and perform many miracles – Mt 7:22-23
  - Are among “stumbling blocks” to the people of Israel – Mt 13:41
  - Outwardly appear righteous to men – Mt 23:28
- **INTERPRETATION: Judaizers!**

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- ☞ Furthermore, these who practice “lawlessness”:
- Void of love – Mt 24:12
  - Impure, sin is master, obey its lusts, uses body as instruments of unrighteousness – Rm 8:12-19
  - Contrasted as practicing unrighteousness – Heb 1:8
  - Practices sin (sin is lawlessness) – 1Jn 3:4

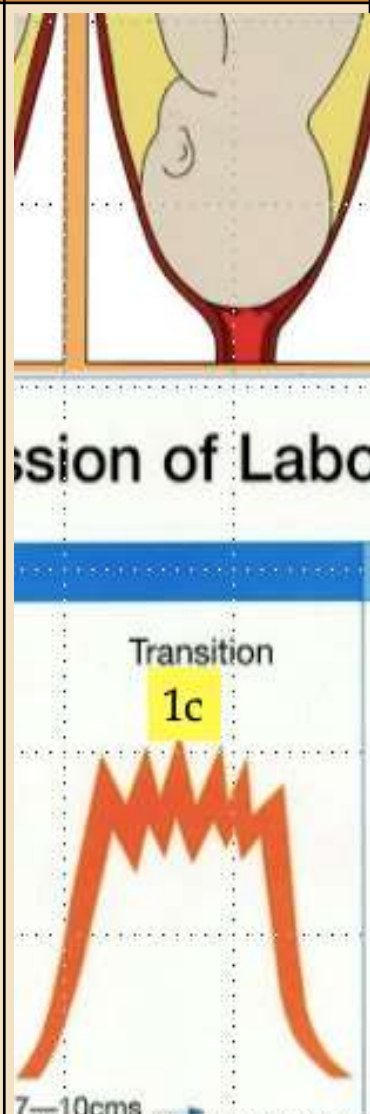
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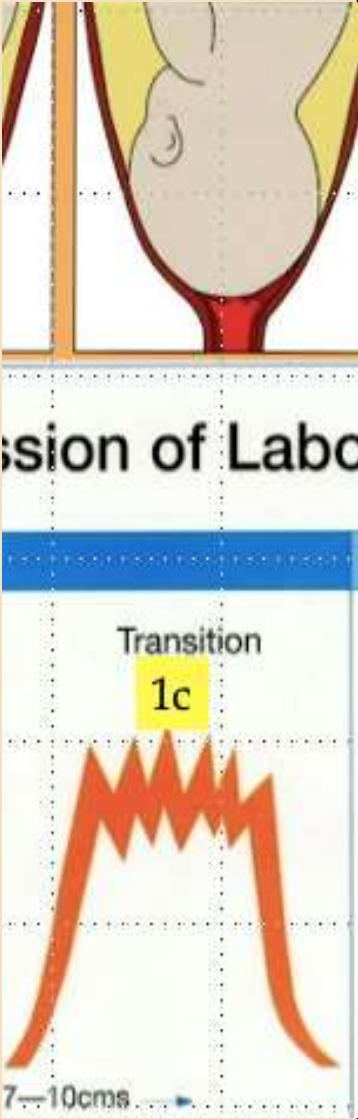


- ❧ "lawlessness is increased" has its primary focus on Judaism
- ❧ Can it be broadly applied to mean the rest of the world (such as the now in the United States)? Sure.
- ❧ But for the purposes of this exercise, we will keep it narrowly focused on dead works and Judaism
- ❧ REMEMBER THIS PRINCIPLE: "to the Jew first and also to the Greek"
- ❧ The Jews will be judged and rescued – 1<sup>st</sup> – then the rest
- ❧ Lawlessness is increased to the Jew first and also to the Greek

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<p>12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.</p> <p>[STANDALONE]</p>			SIGN 7	JUDAISM IS IN FULL EFFECT	<p>Israel will reinstitute temple worship, sacrifices, and other "dead works" and rely on works just as their fathers did at the time of Christ.</p> <p>Just as they were devoid of love at the 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Christ, they will be devoid of love at His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.</p> <p>The rest of the world will follow suit</p>	 <p>The Progress</p> <p>FIRST STAGE</p> <p>Active Phase</p> <p>1b</p> <p>3-7cms</p> <p>Contractions Medium Intensity</p>



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<p>15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.</p>	<p>14 “But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 15 The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of his house; 16 and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get his coat. 17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 18 But pray that it may not happen in the winter.</p>	<p>20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. 21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; 22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. 23 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.</p>	SIGN 8	JERUSALEM’S FINAL TRIBULATION	<p>Israel will retreat and lose their final war to Gentile nations. Most of them will either be killed or taken into captivity.</p> <p>The Abomination of Desolation is erected in the Holy Place.</p> <p>”days of vengeance”</p> <p>”the Final Period of the Indignation”</p>	 <p>ision of Labo</p> <p>Transition 1c</p> <p>7-10cms</p> <p>Contractions intensified</p>

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<p>29 “But immediately after the tribulation [[TIME MARKER]] of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 24:21 For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.”</p>	<p>19 For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. 20 Unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days.</p> <p>24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, 25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.</p>	<p>25 “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p>	SIGN 9	GREAT GLOBAL TRIBULATION	<p>The powers of the heavens are shaken.</p> <p>Great signs in heaven sun/moon darkened, asteroid shower, gravitational pull resulting in great waves of epic proportions</p> <p>Death in the masses</p>	 <p>Division of Labor</p> <p>Transition 1c</p> <p>7—10cms</p> <p>Contractions intensified</p>