

The Days will Come, Part 2 (The Great Olivet Discourse Series)



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OPENING COMMENTS



- ✧ In our last Revelation related study, we touched upon The Great Olivet Discourse taught by our Lord
- ✧ I argued that out of all Scripture and apart from Revelation, Daniel's visions and this particular teaching of our Lord are the most comprehensive of all end times prophecy in both OT/NT, respectively
 - ✧ Yes, our Lord's parables also gives us more clues, insights, into His return, the end times and the kingdom of God, but the Olivet Discourse was given to His disciples in plain language and is comprehensive
- ✧ To kick off this series, we mainly used Luke's account (Lk 21), but I also integrated Matthew's parallel account (Mt 24) so that we had a complete picture of this Great Olivet Discourse

GOAL FOR LAST STUDY



The Goal for that study was to ascertain:

1) What our Lord meant when He said “the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down” during this discourse

☞ Hence the title of this study, “The Days will Come”

More specifically:

1. What Temple was our Lord referring to; and
2. What “sign” was our Lord referring to in His explanation to His disciples

We wanted to know the answer to these 2 questions to see where the Olivet Discourse fell with respect to Daniel’s visions and John’s visions in the book of Revelation (beginning w/the breaking of the 1st Seal, etc.)

RECAP FOR 1ST QUESTION



For the 1st question:

1. What Temple was our Lord referring to;
 - ✧ I observed that what is widely taught and held is that our Lord was prophesying about the destruction of the 2ND Temple in 70AD by the Romans - this was teaching I was exposed to and held before we set out on this journey
 - ✧ Although this is a TRUE and HISTORICAL fact, this event DOES NOT fully meet what our Lord said.
 - ✧ Allow me to re-show it to you

Luke 21:6 “As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.”



☞ “these things” in context we learned are “the temple buildings”

So Lk 21:6 can be read this way:

“As for [the temple buildings] which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.”



When we employ our ROEs (do not add or take away; literal fulfillment), when Jesus said

☞ “in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down” = there will not be a single stone left upon another stone which will not be torn down”

☞ So to what degree was the 2nd Temple destroyed? What did Jewish historian Josephus tell us?



CHAPTER 8

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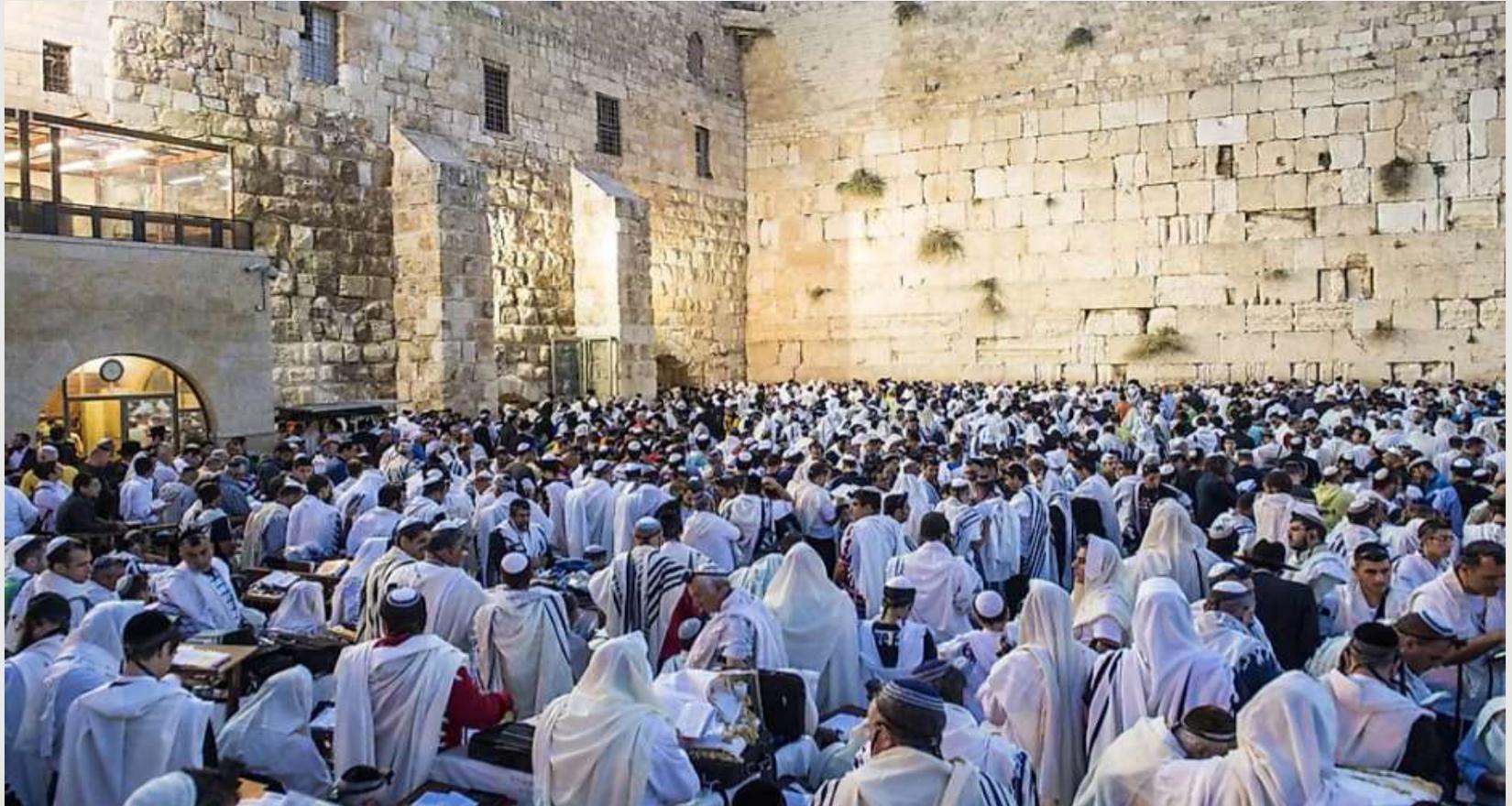
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Lk 21:6



- ❧ So Josephus tells us that while the Romans demolished the city, Titus did not overthrow every tower – in other words there remains a stone left upon another that was not torn down
- ❧ Is this corroborated in the present time?
- ❧ Is this the case even now?

The Wailing Wall



The Wailing Wall



According to worldatlas.com:

The Wailing Wall is also popularly referred to as the Western Wall. It is the only remaining part of the second temple in Jerusalem's Old City. Jerusalem is claimed as the capital city of both Israel and Palestine. Presently, the wall has become a place of pilgrimage and prayer that is sacred to followers of Judaism. According to the ancient Jews, the wall was held as one of the holiest places before the Romans destroyed the city in 70 CE. The Wailing Wall has its history that can be traced back to the 2nd Century BCE, although the upper part of the wall was added much later. At present, the wall outlines part of the larger wall that surrounds the Muslim Al-Aqṣā Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, and therefore, there is a dispute over the control or access to the wall.



Lk 21:6



CASE IN POINT: Luke 21:6 prophesy has NOT been fulfilled yet!

Meaning any teachings that hold the view that when our Lord said, “As for these things [the temple buildings] which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down” He was prophesying of the 2ND Temple destruction in 70AD must reconsider their position for we just proved this through Scripture and history that this is unfulfilled even to this very day!

Lk 21:6



WE LEARNED THIS TRUTH: Instead our Lord was prophesying about yet a future temple (3RD Temple) that will be fully destroyed; it was that 3RD Temple that He, Daniel, & Paul spoke about during the end times! The 3RD Temple is where the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION will occur and where the man of lawlessness will be revealed and display himself in that Temple proclaiming to be God!

☞ This was a recap of our 1st question... now a recap of our 2nd question...

RECAP FOR 2ND QUESTION



For our 2nd question, we looked to find out:

2. What “sign” our Lord was referring to in His explanation to His disciples concerning when the temple buildings will be destroyed and what will be the sign of His coming and the end of the age are about to take place

☞ To answer this, I tried my best to harmonize both Lk 21 and Mt 24

☞ I then tried to identify each distinct sign and event and labeled them

☞ SIGN #1, SIGN #2, SIGN #3, etc.

☞ After going through this tedious exercise, I came up with 12 distinct and unique signs and events and to keep tabs, I labeled them

☞ Here is the summary of them...

THE 12 “SIGNS”



- ❧ **SIGN #1:** Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ (I am the Christ) and, ‘The time is near’
- ❧ **SIGN #2:** You (Israel) will hear of wars and (rumors of wars or) disturbances
- ❧ **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:** Are beginning of birth pangs (like contractions in labor)

THE 12 “SIGNS”



- ❧ **SIGN #7:** You (Israel) will be delivered to tribulation, betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends and they will put some of you to death. Many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another, and you will be hated by all nations because of My Name
- ❧ **SIGN #8:** Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many
- ❧ **SIGN #9:** Jerusalem surrounded by armies, [THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION will follow]
- ❧ **SIGN #10:** Many (beginning in Judea) 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 ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION is erected in the temple of God

THE 12 “SIGNS”



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

And last but not least, the FINAL sign:

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

- ☞ Then, what came to my mind was, coincidentally there are 12 hours in a clock
- ☞ So to help organize these I placed each sign next to its corresponding hour and here is what we came up with originally...

Great (Global) Tribulation

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SIGNS 7-10:
Jerusalem's Tribulation

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SIGNS 1-6: Birth Pangs



“the days will come”



So for our 2nd question we learned “the sign” He gave His disciples concerning when the temple buildings will be fully destroyed, His return and the end of the age are about to take place, wasn’t a “single” sign, but a sign consisting of at least 12 distinctive signs and events!

- ✧ TRUTH: “the sign” = the 12 SIGNS (our Lord’s entire response)!
- ✧ 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 sign – comprised of at least 12 major events! Taking us to the very end of the age!
- ✧ CASE IN POINT: When SIGN #1 takes place, the prophetic clock starts ticking, followed by SIGNS #2-12!
- ✧ Here is a newer and improved clock showing this...

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SIGN #1 vs. 1ST SEAL

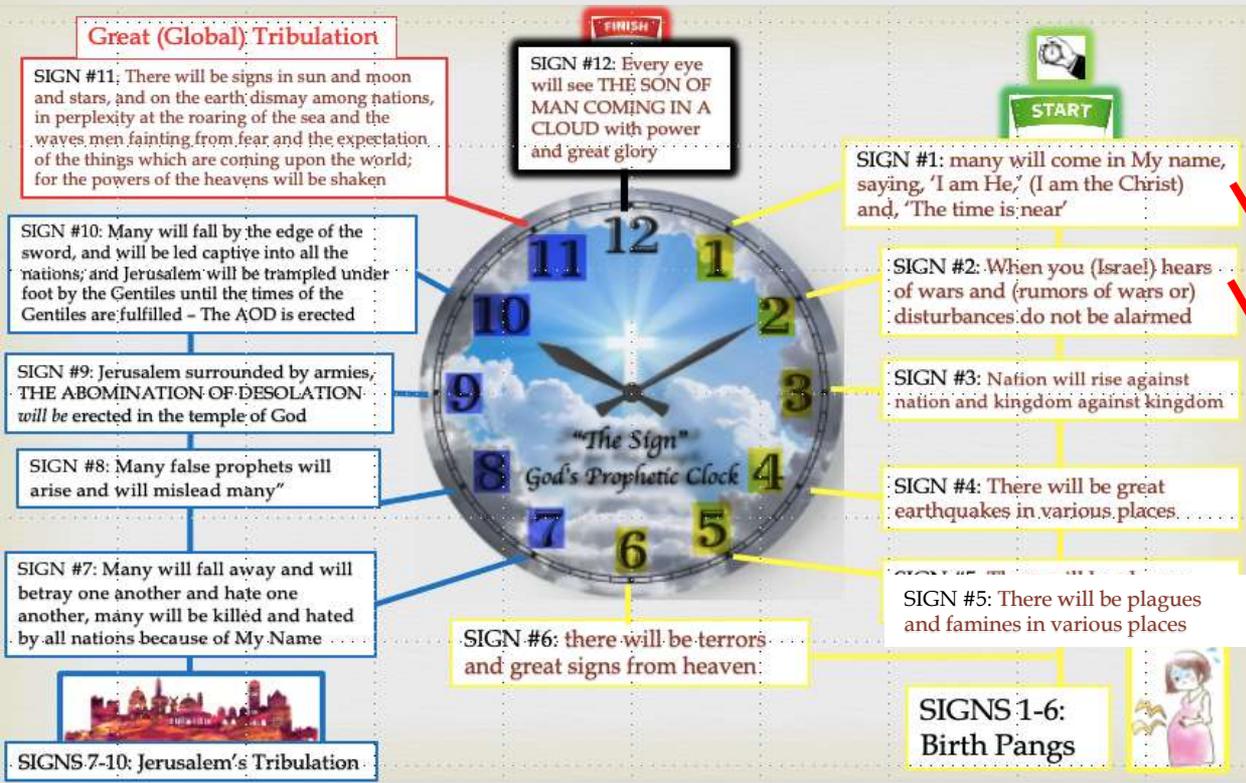


- As far as where SIGN #1 falls with respect to the breaking of the 1ST Seal and the rider on the white horse, I initially was inclined to place them together
- Looking something like this...



Revelation 6:2
 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a **bow**; and a **crown** was given to him, and he went out **conquering and to conquer.**

We know that this is referring to angelic activity.
 How will the 1st seal manifest itself on earth?
 Clue: bow + a crown was given to him + conquering and to conquer



UPON FURTHER REVIEW



- ❧ As much as I would like to help make Scripture fit, I need to guard against doing that (ROEs – must take Scripture with Scripture, must not add/take away; must not take out of context; must not impose personal bias)
- ❧ I need to be on a constant guard against my tendencies in straying away to alternative theories and be flexible wherever the Scripture takes us – and of course- continually cross check my work
- ❧ So what I'd like to do from here is to examine when the prophetic clock began with **SIGN #1** (Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' (I am the Christ) and, 'The time is near') in light of Scripture!

SIGN 1: In light of Scripture



I didn't need to look too far, 1 John 2:18:

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

❧ Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse in the month of Nisan AD 30

❧ Day or days before our Lord was crucified

❧ 1John is believed to be written before Revelation, around 85-95AD

❧ So about 50 years AFTER the Olivet Discourse, John said "even now many antichrists have appeared"

❧ TRUTH: SIGN#1 began BEFORE the end of the 1st century (85-95AD)!

Meaning SIGN#1 already started BEFORE Revelation was written (95/96AD)!

❧ IMPLICATION: The Rider on the White Horse is AFTER the 1st Sign!

DEDUCTIONS

AFTER 95/96 AD



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SIGN #1: started 85-95AD
Revelation: written 95/96 AD
1ST Seal: must come after SIGN #1 & after 95/96AD
Meaning any conquering any conquering from this rider, must implicate kingdoms and nations in power after 95/96 AD

85-95 AD

START

FINISH

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SIGNS 7-10: Jerusalem's Tribulation

1ST SEAL IS AFTER SIGN 1



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

1st Seal



Olivet Discourse

30AD

1Jn written
"even now many
antichrists appeared"

85AD

Revelation
written

96AD

SIDE NOTE FROM 1JN 2: ANTICHRIST IS COMING!



1John 2:

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- ❧ In our “The Last Hour” 1st John study, we covered this very verse
- ❧ We learned that this too was prophecy concerning the arrival of Antichrist
- ❧ So although many antichrists arrived on the scene late 1st century (85-95AD), this was also a prophetic warning that the-one-and-only Antichrist (Satan incarnate) is coming and will appear and arrive on the scene
 - ❧ Anyone want to venture to guess where?
- ❧ And our Lord warned us of this in the same Olivet Discourse, and for this I’d like to cross reference Matthew’s account...

ANTICHRIST IS COMING!



Matthew 24:23-28

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. 27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

- ❧ Both our Lord and John warned us that the Antichrist is coming
- ❧ Leading up to his arrival, false Christs and false prophets (both plural) will arise and will show great signs and wonders – similar to the acts of the apostles
- ❧ When he arrives there will be an announcement of his arrival “Behold, here is the Christ” or “There he is” and when he’s here he’ll say “I am he” and “The time is near” -This is END TIMES PROPHECY! JESUS IS NOT COMING IN THIS WAY!

SIGN 1: Scripture



CASE IN POINT:

- ❧ SIGN#1 already started way back in 85-95AD!
- ❧ Although the prophetic clock began late 1st century, Antichrist himself will arrive on the scene towards the end of the age
- ❧ When Antichrist arrives – that’s when the destruction of the 3RD Temple, Jesus’s return, and the end of the age our Lord spoke of is AT HAND!
- ❧ That’s what Scripture tells us in light of **SIGN #1** (Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ (I am the Christ) and, ‘The time is near’)

- ❧ Next, I’d like to look at SIGNS #1-6 (Birth Pangs) in light of history since they are POST-Revelation...
- ❧ Again here are SIGNS #1-6...

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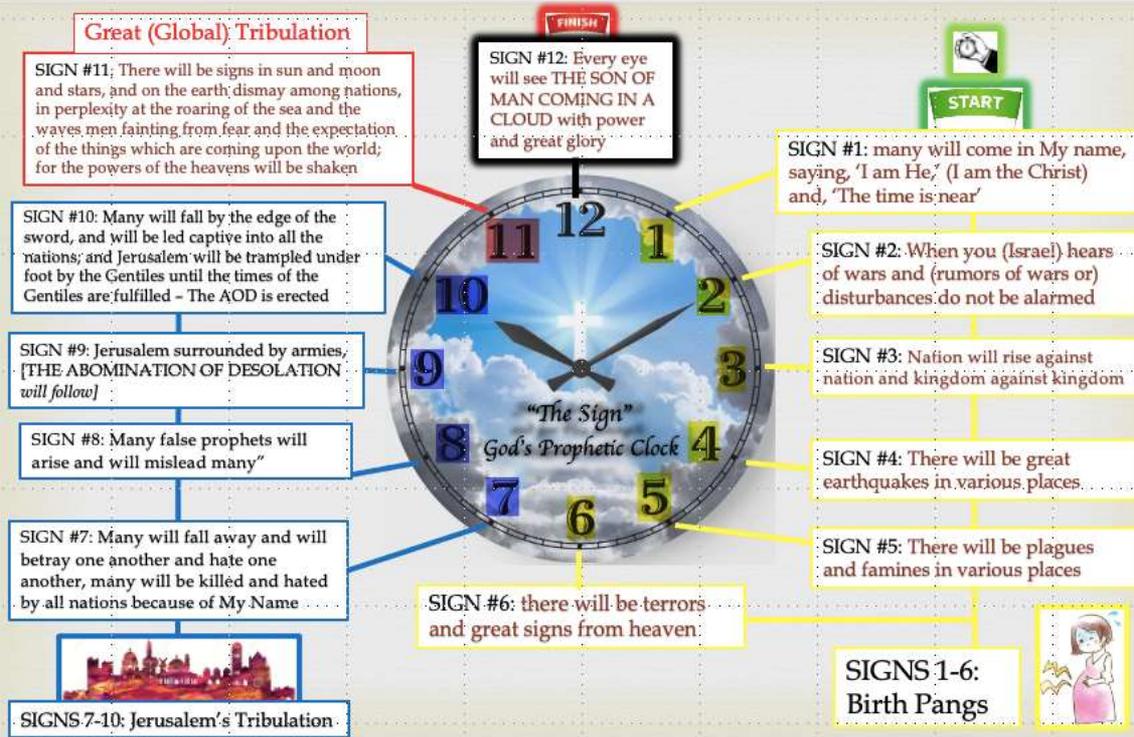
- ❧ **SIGNS #1-6:** Are beginning of birth pangs (like contractions in labor)

- ❧ From here I'd like to have some fun and check these signs against tools and resources available today to see which, if any, have been fulfilled in recorded history...
- ❧ And for that I'd like to ask for you to...



**Please
Come Back
Again!**

The Sign in Light of History



What I'd like to start doing next is to go through the SIGNS and check against history to see which, if any, have been fully fulfilled, partially fulfilled, or not fulfilled at all. Then we'll add some labels on the clock to see what's in motion and what is still to come. Amen. Amen.