



## **SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE**

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**The Revelation**

### **OPENING & PRAYER:**

Today, we explored what may be the most significant event in all of human history: the second coming of Jesus Christ, also known as "the revelation." While the world celebrates the humble birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, His return will be the exact opposite—global, unmistakable, and glorious. Every eye will see Him, every tongue will confess, and the world will witness the King of Kings and Lord of Lords coming in power. This is not just a doctrine to debate, but a reality that the entire Bible points toward, with over 300 Old Testament references and nearly every New Testament book mentioning His return.

"Father, I thank you for Your word and Your promises. I ask for guidance and direction as we study what is coming and how we as Christians are to prepare for it. In Jesus' name I pray, amen."

## SCRIPTURE:

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **Zechariah 14:1-2**

Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. **Zechariah 14:3-5**

Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You. **Zechariah 14:5b**

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, **Jude 14a**

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." **Matthew 24:1-2**

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? **Matthew 24:3**

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **Matthew 24:4-6**

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. **Matthew 24:7-8**

"Then they will deliver you (The Jewish People) up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **Matthew 24:9-10**

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:11-14**

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **Matthew 24:15-16**

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **Matthew 24:17-19**

And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. **Matthew 24:20-22**

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. **Matthew 24:23-25**

"Therefore, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe, it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. **Matthew 24:26-28**

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **Matthew 24:29**

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, 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. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. **Matthew 24:30-31**

"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! **Matthew 24:32-33**

Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **Matthew 24:34-36**

## GO DEEPER:

We drew a clear distinction between the rapture and the revelation. The rapture is when Christ comes in the air for His bride, the church, and only believers are affected. It is imminent, joyful, and without specific signs. In contrast, the revelation is when Christ returns with His saints to the earth, following a period of tribulation and judgment. This event is marked by many clear signs, including global turmoil, deception, wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes, and a growing hatred toward Israel. The Bible is explicit: as the end draws near, the world's animosity toward the Jewish people will intensify, and Jerusalem will become the epicenter of global conflict.

Jesus Himself outlined three key questions in Matthew 24: When will the temple be destroyed? What are the signs of His coming? And what is the end of the age? The destruction of the temple was fulfilled in AD 70, just as Jesus predicted. The signs of His coming are increasingly evident in our world today—technological explosion, the rebirth of Israel, the return of the Jews to their homeland, and preparations for the third temple. The end of the age is tied to the generation that witnessed Israel's rebirth in 1948, and while we cannot set dates, we are called to discern the times.

Ultimately, the call is to live prepared—ready for Christ's return at any moment, but also planning and working as if He may tarry. The signs are all around us, and the promise is sure: Jesus will return, and He will reign as King. Let us live with urgency, hope, and faithfulness, sharing the good news and loving others until that glorious day.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS:

### **- The Distinction Between the Rapture and the Revelation**

Understanding the difference between the rapture and the revelation is crucial. The rapture is a private event for believers, marked by Christ coming in the air to receive His church, while the revelation is a public, global event where Christ returns with His saints to judge and reign. This distinction shapes our expectations and helps us interpret biblical prophecy with clarity and hope. **[12:21]**

### **- The Centrality of Israel in God's End-Time Plan**

God's covenant with Israel remains unbroken, and the Jewish people are at the heart of end-time prophecy. The increasing hostility toward Israel and the Jewish people is not merely political but deeply spiritual, as the enemy seeks to undermine God's promises. Blessing Israel aligns us with God's purposes, and we must resist the world's rhetoric and stand with what Scripture declares. **[09:15]**

### **- The Signs of the Times Are Accelerating**

Jesus gave clear signs to watch for: deception, wars, famines, pestilence, earthquakes, and a surge in lawlessness and hatred. These are not random events but signals that the world is moving toward its appointed climax. The exponential increase in knowledge, the rebirth of Israel, and preparations for the third temple are all prophetic markers that should awaken us to the lateness of the hour. **[29:16]**

### **- The Generation That Sees Israel's Rebirth**

Jesus said the generation that witnesses the rebirth of Israel will not pass away until all these things are fulfilled. While we cannot pinpoint the exact length of a generation or set dates, the restoration of Israel in 1948 is a prophetic milestone. This should stir us to live with a sense of urgency, recognizing that we are living in unprecedented times foretold by Scripture. **[35:47]**

### **- Living Prepared and Purposeful**

The call is not to speculate about dates but to live every day as if Jesus could return at any moment. Preparation means walking in faith, holiness, and mission—loving God, loving people, and sharing the gospel. At the same time, we plan and labor for the future, trusting God's timing and remaining steadfast until He comes. **[41:11]**

## LEARNING AND GROWING:

1. Why do you think Jesus gave so many signs about His return, but still said that no one knows the day or hour? How does this tension affect how believers should live? **[35:47]**
2. What is the difference between the rapture and the revelation (second coming) as described in the sermon? **[12:21]**
3. Jesus warned about deception, lawlessness, and love growing cold. Are there areas in your life where you see these dangers? What steps can you take to guard your heart? **[18:50]**
4. What are some of the specific signs Jesus said would happen before His return? (Look for at least three from Matthew 24.) **[18:50]**
5. The sermon encouraged us to “plan and labor for the future, trusting God’s timing and remaining steadfast until He comes.” What is one area where you need to balance being prepared for Christ’s return with faithfully working and planning for the future? **[41:11]**

## CLOSING PRAYER:

“Father, thank you for the opportunities to grow in our faith. As we read through what is to come, we put our faith and trust in You. There may be questions, but when we lean on You, those questions seem small and insignificant. Thank you for guiding us through this world and guiding us to You. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”