



End Time Preservation

Tuesday Night Teaching – (outline) – 9-1-2020

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Matthew 24:3-8 *3 - 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?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 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. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

The Disciples ask Jesus, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Jesus said that there would be false christs, wars, nation against nation and kingdom (a way to rule against another kingdom (a way to rule), famines pestilences and earthquakes.

Another sign is found in **Dan 8:23** - *"And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors (those rioting, a rebelling against authority) have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes.*

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Here Jesus is talking about His second coming not the rapture.

The Rapture can happen at any time - **1 Thess. 4:15-18** *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

But Jesus told them in Matthew chapter 6 "see that you are not troubled".

We will have no reason to trouble if we understand that we are in this world but not of this world.

John 8:23 - *And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.*

John 15:18-20 - *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.*

This is the key to our preservation, operating from above.

In order to live in peace in times you must know this.

The world hates us because we are different, we are the Church of Jesus Christ.

Everything we see going on now is all about satan's attack on the church.

Everything else is to divert our focus, trying to keep people out of God's kingdom or stopping the saints from doing the work God has called us to do.

Eph 6:19-20 - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Paul never lost focus of his kingdom work.