

Table A – Alignment of Gospel End Time Descriptions
(original)

	Matthew 24:4-31	Mark 13:5-27	Luke 21:8-28
Beginning of Birth Pains			
1	vv 4-7 deception wars, rumors of wars, national conflict ethnic conflict earthquakes famines end is still to come (v 6)	vv 5-8 deception, false Christs wars, rumors of wars, national conflict ethnic conflict earthquakes famines end is still to come (v 7)	vv 8-11 deception, false Christs wars, revolutions, national conflict ethnic conflict earthquakes famines plagues fearful events great signs from heaven
2	v 8 all these are the beginning of birth pains	v 8 these are the beginning of birth pains	
3	vv 9-14 ► “then” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) persecuted, killed betrayals hated by all nations stand firm, will be saved gospel to whole world many turn away from the faith false prophets increase of wickedness, love grows cold	vv 9-13 arrested, killed betrayals hated by all men stand firm, will be saved gospel to all nations	v 12-19 ► “before all this” (Gk, <i>pro</i>) persecuted, arrested, killed betrayals hated by all men stand firm, will be saved
4	v 14 ► “then” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) end will come		
Great Distress/Tribulation			
5	v 15 ► “so” (Gk, <i>oun</i>), “therefore” abomination	v 14 abomination	
			vv 20-22 Jerusalem surrounded by armies time of punishment
	vv 16-20 those in Judea flee to the mountains	vv 14-18 those in Judea flee to the mountains	v 21 those in Judea flee to the mountains
	v 21 ► “then” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) great distress, unequalled	v 19 unequaled distress	v 22-23 punishment, great distress, anger/wrath
			v 24 Israelis killed, taken prisoner Jerusalem trampled
	vv 23-24 false Christs	vv 21-22 ► “at that time” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) false Christs	
Cosmic Disturbance			
	v 29 ► “immediately after” cosmic disturbance	vv 24-25 ► “in those days” cosmic disturbance	vv 25-26 cosmic disturbance
Day of the Lord			
	vv 30-31 ► “at that time” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) sign of Son of Man gathering of the elect	vv 26-27 ► “at that time” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) men see Son of Man gathering of the elect	vv 27-28 ► “at that time” (Gk, <i>tote</i>) men see Son of Man our redemption

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Mt 24:9-14

⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Mt 24:3

“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’”

Mt 24:4-6

⁴ “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.”

Mt 24:7-8

⁷ “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

Dan 9:27

“He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

1 Th 5:1-3

¹ “Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. “

Dan 12:1, 7

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people – everyone whose name is found written in the book – will be delivered.... ⁷ The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, ‘It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.’”

Lk 21:23(b), 24(b)

“There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.... Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

Rev 13:5, 7

“The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months.... He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.”

Dan 12:11-12,

¹¹ “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.”

Closing

God is Almighty, which I interpret to mean he has absolute authority and control. What he sets in motion, no one can stop.

He has all the details worked out, and whatever happens to us is part of his plan.

“No fear. God’s in control and we can trust him to do what’s best for us and his kingdom.”