

## Sequence of End-Times Events

This chart identifies key words and phrases (identified arrows ►) that provide timing markers for major end-times events. The goal is to clarify the sequence and duration of events.

| Matthew 24:4-31  | Mark 13:5-27   | Luke 21:8-28   | Other Scriptures  |
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| <b>Beginning of Birth Pains</b>  |  |  |   |
| vv 4-7<br>deception, wars, rumors of wars, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, famines, earthquakes  | vv 5-8<br>deception, false Christs, wars, rumors of wars, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, earthquakes, famines | vv 8-11<br>deception, false Christs, wars, uprisings, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, great earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful events, great signs from heaven | Joel 2:20, 28 ► after northern army invades Israel: worldwide revival begins  |
| v 8<br>these are the beginning of birth pains  | v 8<br>these are the beginning of birth pains  | Note: no reference to “birth pains”; maybe Great Distress occurs “before all this” (v 19), before “fearful events” and “great signs from heaven”   |   |
| <b>Great Distress/Tribulation</b>  |  |  |   |
| vv 9-14 ► “then, at that time”: Christians: persecuted, killed; hated by all nations; many turn away from the faith; betrayed; agape of most (Christians) grows cold; stand firm, will be saved false prophets, increased wickedness | vv 9-13<br>Christians: arrested; betrayed; killed; hated by everyone; stand firm, will be saved gospel must be preached to all nations       | v 12-19 ► “before all this”: Christians: seized; persecuted; betrayed; killed; hated by everyone; stand firm, will be saved  | Jer. 30:5-7; Dan. 7:25; 12:1 ► unequaled distress for 3½ years<br>Dan. 9:27 ► half-way through 7-year treaty: abomination is set up, Great Distress begins<br>Joel 2:28-31 ► before cosmic disturbance, Day of the Lord: worldwide revival ends<br>2 Thess. 2:2-3 ► before Day of the Lord: apostasy, rebellion occurs<br>2 Thess. 2:2-3 ► before Day of the Lord: man of lawlessness revealed<br>Rev 11:2 ► Jerusalem trampled 42 months |
| v 15<br>abomination in the temple  | v 14<br>abomination where it doesn’t belong  |  |   |
|  |  | vv 20-22<br>Jerusalem surrounded by armies; time of punishment (not from God)  |   |
| vv 16-18<br>flee Judea   | vv 14-17<br>flee Judea   | v 21<br>flee Judea   |   |
| v 21 ► “then, at that time”: great distress, unequaled   | v 19<br>unequaled distress   | v 23<br>great distress, anger/wrath (not God’s)  |   |
|  |  | v 24<br>Israelis killed, taken prisoner Jerusalem trampled   |   |
| vv 23-24 ► “then, at that time”: false Christs   | vv 21-22 ► “then, at that time”: false Christs   |  |   |
| v 14 ► “then, at that time”: end (of the age, v 3) will come after gospel preached to whole world  |  | v 24 ► “until”: times of the Gentiles are fulfilled  |   |

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| <b>Cosmic Disturbance</b>   |  |  |   |
| v 29 ► “immediately after the distress”:<br>sun dark, moon dark, stars fall, heavenly bodies shaken | vv 24-25 ► “following that distress”:<br>sun dark, moon dark, stars fall, heavenly bodies shaken | vv 11, 25-26<br>fearful events, great signs from heaven; signs in sun, moon, stars; sea roaring, tossing; heavenly bodies shaken | Joel 2:30-31 ► before Day of the Lord: wonders in heavens, on earth; blood, fire, smoke; sun dark, moon red   |
| <b>Day of the Lord</b>  |  |  |   |
| vv 30-31 ► “then, at that time”:<br>sign of Son of Man visible, elect gathered                      | vv 26-27 ► “then, at that time”:<br>Son of Man visible, elect gathered                           | vv 27-28 ► “then, at that time”:<br>Son of Man visible, our redemption   | Rev 7:3-4, 9, 14 ► before Jesus gathers the elect: 144,000 sealed from Israel<br>Rev. 7:9, 14; 15:2 ► after persecuted by “beast”: believers in heaven came out of great distress<br>Isa. 26:19-21; Rev 14:14-19 ► before God’s wrath: elect gathered<br>Rev. 6:12-17 ► after cosmic disturbance: God’s wrath |