

ISRAEL DURING THE TRIBULATION
PART 1: THE OLIVET DISCOURSE
(Matthew 24 - 25)

- I. SETTING of the Discourse (Matt. 23)
 - A. TWO DAYS before Christ's CRUCIFIXION
 - B. Follows His pronouncement of WOES upon the Scribes and Pharisees
 - C. Follows His announcement of Israel's BLINDNESS

- II. QUESTIONS of the Disciples (Matt. 24:3)
 - A. "When will THESE THINGS happen?"
 - B. "What will be the sign of YOUR COMING and of the END of the AGE?"

- III. INTERPRETATION of the Discourse
 - A. Amillennial—ALL of these predictions were fulfilled in the PAST
 - B. Post-Tribulation Rapture—First part deals with the CHURCH age, and the second deals with the KINGDOM
 - C. Pre-Tribulation Rapture—ALL these predictions deal with the FUTURE end of the JEWISH age

- IV. The TRIBULATION Period (Matt. 24:4-26; cf. Dan. 9:27)
 - A. The FIRST HALF of Daniel's 70th Week is a period of "TRIBULATION" (24:4-8; cf. Rev. 6:5-6)

1. Israel is PUNISHED but relatively SAFE
 2. Israel's PERSECUTION begins mid-week
- B. The SECOND HALF of Daniel's 70th Week is described as "GREAT Tribulation" (24:9-26; cf. Rev. 12:12-17)
1. The Desolator will cause Israel to FLEE from the land
 2. Unbelieving Israel will be deceived by the FALSE PROPHET and go into apostasy (Rev. 13:1-13; 2 Thess. 2:11)
 3. Believing Israel will TESTIFY of Christ's soon RETURN
- V. The Second Advent of Christ (Matt. 24:27-31)
- A. It is the FINAL EVENT of the Tribulation (24:29)
 - B. It will be preceded by "SIGNS" (24:30)
 - C. It will be SUDDEN in appearing but not MOMENTARY in duration (24:27)
 - D. It will be EVIDENT, being viewed by the ENTIRE WORLD (24:30)
- VI. The Regathering of Israel—Those who FLED after Antichrist broke His COVENANT (Matt. 24:31)
- VII. The Judgment on ISRAEL (Matt. 24:37 – 25:30)
- A. Believing Israel will be TAKEN INTO the Kingdom
 - B. Unbelieving Israel will be CAST OUT and judged
- VIII. The Judgment on GENTILE NATIONS (Matt. 25:31-46)