

# The Feast of Passover (Day 6 of 10)

## *Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events*

### Scripture Context

#### The Passover Overview Things to Come

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*"And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered."*

Joel 2:30-32

### On the sixth day:

#### Monday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 12<sup>th</sup>) – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week (continued)

- Jesus answers two of the disciple's questions about the future as they leave the Temple Mount area.

#### Matthew 24:1-25:46, Mark 13:1-37 and Luke 21:5-36

#### The Temple Mount Discourse

##### Matthew 24:1-2, Mark 13:1-2 and Luke 21:5-7

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#### AD 31, April 21, Monday Afternoon (Abib 12) [2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week]

And as He was going out of the temple,<sup>1</sup> one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down." And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things be?<sup>2</sup> And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"<sup>3</sup>

#### Warnings

##### Luke 21:8-11

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And He said, "**See to it that you be not misled**; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is at hand'; **do not go after them**. And when you hear of wars and disturbances, **do not be terrified**; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately." Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

#### Answer to Question #1 When?

##### The Apostolic Witness

##### Mark 13:9-11 and Luke 21:12-19

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"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name. "Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."

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<sup>1</sup> **Going out of the Temple.** Jesus had left the Temple and was probably exiting through the eastern (Golden) gate headed for the Mount of Olives, which lies directly across the Kidron Valley.

<sup>2</sup> **Teacher, when therefore will these things be?** This is the disciple's first question.

<sup>3</sup> **What will be the sign when these things are about to take place?** This is the disciple's second question

**Answer to Question #2 Sign?**  
**Desolation of Jerusalem<sup>4</sup>**

**Luke 21:20-24**

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"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, **then recognize that her desolation is at hand. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of the city depart,<sup>5</sup> and let not those who are in the country enter the city;** because these are days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled. Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land, and wrath to this people,<sup>6</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles<sup>7</sup> be fulfilled."

**Monday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 12<sup>th</sup>) – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week (continued)**

- Jesus answers three more of the disciple's questions about the future while seated on the Mount of Olives (Olivet Discourse)<sup>8</sup>

**The Olivet Discourse**

**Matthew 24:3 and Mark 13:3-4**

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And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives<sup>9</sup> opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately,<sup>10</sup> saying, "Tell us, when will these things<sup>11</sup> be,<sup>12</sup> and what will be the sign of Your coming,<sup>13</sup> and of the end of the age?"<sup>14</sup>

**Answer to Question #3 When?**

**The Apostasy**

**Matthew 24:9-14 and Mark 13:12-13**

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"Then they will deliver you to tribulation,<sup>15</sup> and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time many will fall away<sup>16</sup> and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false

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<sup>4</sup> **Desolation of Jerusalem.** Roman legions under Titus, the eldest son of the Roman emperor Vespasian, conquered the city of Jerusalem and tore the Temple down on the ninth of Ab (late August) in 70 AD.

<sup>5</sup> **Let those in the city depart.** Titus and his Roman legions surrounded the city of Jerusalem in the spring of 70 AD. When they temporarily withdrew from their siege the Christians fled the city and went to Pella, a city on the eastern side of the Jordan River in current day Jordan..

<sup>6</sup> **Wrath to this people.** According to Josephus Flavius, the Jewish historian, 1,100,000 Jews were slain and 97,000 were carried away captive as slaves by the Romans in the war of 66-70 AD.

<sup>7</sup> **The times of the Gentiles.** After the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, Jews were allowed to remain there until the Bar Kokhba Revolt (131-135 AD). They were expelled from the city of Jerusalem in 134 AD and it was renamed Aelia Capitolina. The city remained under foreign (Gentile) control until June 8, 1967 when it was liberated from Jordan in the Six Day War. In 1980, a proclamation was issued that declared Jerusalem a united city under Israeli sovereignty.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus' predictions of future events are discussed in future lessons.

<sup>9</sup> **Sitting on the Mount of Olives.** This was probably the Garden of Gethsemane, which is located on the lower portion of the Mount of Olives directly across from the eastern (Golden) gate.

<sup>10</sup> **Questioning Him privately.** When Jesus left the Temple all of His disciples were with Him and they asked Him the first two questions about the future. Here we see only Peter, James, John and Andrew continue privately questioning Jesus while He is sitting on the Mount of Olives. They asked Him three more questions about the future. **Therefore the disciples actually asked Jesus a total of five questions.**

<sup>11</sup> **These things** refer to the other events (wars, plagues, famines, etc.) that Jesus described while answering their first questions about the Temple: when it would be torn down and the sign associated with it. Like us these four disciples were curious about these "other things" and came to Him privately asking more questions.

<sup>12</sup> **When will these things be?** This is Peter, James, John and Andrew's first question to Jesus while He is seated on the Mount of Olives. It is also the third overall question disciples asked Jesus about the future that day.

<sup>13</sup> **What will be the sign of Your coming?** This is Peter, James, John and Andrew's second question to Jesus while He is seated on the Mount of Olives. It is also the fourth overall question disciples asked Jesus about the future that day.

<sup>14</sup> **What will be the sign of the end of the age?** This is Peter, James, John and Andrew's third question to Jesus while He is seated on the Mount of Olives. It is also the fifth overall question disciples asked Jesus about the future that day.

<sup>15</sup> **Tribulation.** Many people confuse two Biblical concepts: tribulation and God's wrath. Tribulation is affliction or suffering endured by the saints in this world at the hands of men. (Ref: John 16:33) The wrath of God refers to the anger of God poured out on the ungodly. (Ref: 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10)

<sup>16</sup> **Fall away.** The word used here is apostasy, which means defection from truth, falling away, forsake. Some New Testament references to this concept can be found in: Galatians 1:6-9, 1 Timothy 4:1-3, Hebrews 3:12, Hebrews 6:4-6, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Peter 3:17-18, 1 John 2:18-19 and Jude 3-4

prophets<sup>17</sup> will arise, and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."

### The Abomination of Desolation<sup>18</sup> and Great Tribulation

#### Matthew 24:15-22 and Mark 13:14-20

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"Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place<sup>19</sup> (let the reader understand), **then let those who are in Judea<sup>20</sup> flee to the mountains; let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.** But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! **But pray** that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;<sup>21</sup> for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall. And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.

### Coming of the Son of Man

#### Matthew 24:23-28 and Mark 13:21-23

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"Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' **do not believe him.** For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. **Behold,** I have told you in advance. If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' **do not go forth,** or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' **do not believe them.** For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming<sup>22</sup> of the Son of Man be. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

### Answer to Question #4 Sign of Christ Coming?

#### The Cloud

#### Matthew 24:29-31, Mark 13:24-27 and Luke 21:25-28

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But immediately after the tribulation of those days there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,<sup>23</sup> AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will

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<sup>17</sup> **False prophets.** A prophet is one who is supposed to declare God's will to people. In the Old Testament a prophet was considered false when he came in the name of the Lord and 1) told people to serve other gods or 2) the sign (miracle, prophecy, etc.) he declared did not come to pass. Jesus added another test when He told his disciples to discern the prophet's fruit (character): Was his behavior producing the fruit of the Holy Spirit?

<sup>18</sup> Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11

<sup>19</sup> **Standing in the Holy Place.** Many Christians confuse the Desolation of Jerusalem (conquering and controlling the City of Jerusalem by the Gentiles) prophesied in Daniel 9:26 with the Abomination of Desolation (desecration of the Holy Place by Antichrist) in Daniel 9:27. Jesus even cautioned the readers to be discerning about this issue.

In order for the Abomination of Desolation to take place either a Tabernacle or Temple has to be in existence. The abomination occurs when something is placed, erected or established in the Holy Place portion of the Tabernacle or Temple. In the original Tabernacle only three furnishings were permitted to be in the Holy Place: The golden altar (altar of incense), the seven-branched golden lampstand and the table of showbread with its twelve loaves of bread. The prophecies also indicate that the regular sacrifices and offerings to God that were ongoing at the time would be stopped.

A type of this abomination occurred once before but not for the full duration indicated in the prophecies of Daniel (8:9-14 and 12:11-12). In 167 BC, Antiochus IV - Epiphanes (God Manifest) set up a likeness of himself in the Temple, stopped the sacrifices and sacrificed a pig on the altar of burnt offerings. The Temple was cleaned and rededicated to God a little over three years later in 164 BC. The original story is found in the book of 1 Maccabees 4:36-61. The eight-day Jewish feast of Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple.

The Apostle Paul also refers to this event in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. "Let no one in any way deceive you, for it [The Day of the Lord] will not come unless the apostasy (falling away) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."

<sup>20</sup> **Judea.** At the time of Jesus, Judea was an area falling within a thirty-five mile radius of its capitol, Jerusalem.

<sup>21</sup> **Sabbath.** This could indicate the weekly Sabbath (about 6 pm Friday evening until about 6 pm on Saturday evening or any one of the seven Sabbaths within the Feasts of the Lord (the Appointed Times of the Lord).

<sup>22</sup> **The coming** of the Jesus will not be in secret. However, his coming will occur suddenly, from the sky, transpire quickly and will be noticeable to all just like a lightning flash.

<sup>23</sup> Isaiah 13:10 and Joel 2:30-31

be shaken, and then the sign<sup>24</sup> of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET<sup>25</sup> and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.<sup>26</sup> But when these things begin to take place, **straighten up and lift up your heads**, because your redemption is drawing near."

### Parable of the Fig Tree

(Matthew 24:32-34, Mark 13:28-30 and Luke 21:29-32)

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**"Now learn the parable from the fig tree:** when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; even so you too, when you see all these things,<sup>27</sup> **recognize that He is near**, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

### Answer to Question #5 Sign of the End of the Age?<sup>28</sup>

When Heaven and Earth Pass Away

Matthew 24:35-36, Mark 13:31-32 and Luke 21:33

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Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away. But of that day<sup>29</sup> and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

### Like the Days of Noah and Lot

Matthew 24:37-41

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"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

### Be Alert

Matthew 24:42-44

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**Therefore be on the alert**, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. **But be sure of this**, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. **For this reason you be ready too**; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will."

### Keep On the Alert

Mark 13:33-37

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<sup>24</sup> **Clouds of the sky.** The sign of Jesus' return is His appearance in the cloud. In Acts 1:9-11 two angels tell Jesus disciples that they will see Him return to the earth in the same manner in which He ascended into heaven. The specific cloud that is being talked about in Hebrew is called the Sh'khinah: the cloud of glory. It is the same cloud that led the Israelites in their wilderness wanderings, became a pillar of fire at night and filled the Temple of God. It always indicates the presence of God.

<sup>25</sup> **The Great Trumpet** referred to is a Shofar: a ram's horn. The shofar is sounded at two Feasts (Appointed Times) of the Lord: The Day of Blowing (the horn) and The Day of Atonement. These feasts mark the beginning and end of a period of time in which people are called to repentance toward God. The "last or "great trump" is known by the note it sounds: a "Tekiah Gedola." The note begins at the end of the Day of Blowing and is completed during the "closing of the gate" ceremony at the end of the Day of Atonement. This trump is blown for an extended amount of time insuring that anyone desiring to repent of his sins will be given opportunity to do so.

<sup>26</sup> *Isaiah 27:12-13*

<sup>27</sup> **These things** refer to the previous passage of Scripture concerning "signs in the heavens" since Luke's account, after departing from Matthew and Mark's, picks up in harmony with them again at this point.

<sup>28</sup> **The sign of the end of the age** is when "heaven and earth pass away" at the great white throne judgment. According to the book of Revelation this does not occur until after the 1000-year reign of Christ on earth.

<sup>29</sup> **"That day"** is referring to the day heaven and earth pass away and is known only by the Father. Also on that day a new heaven and earth will be created. Some Christians believe that this statement references the Lord's coming. If so, the "not knowing the day and hour" remains true as well because technically it depends on where an individual is living on the earth at the time of Christ's return as to what day and hour it will be. There are always two days and twenty-four hours coexisting on planet earth at any given moment in time.

**“Take heed, keep on the alert;** for you do not know when the appointed time is. It is like a man, away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert. **Therefore, be on the alert--** for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrowing,<sup>30</sup> or in the morning-- lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all, **'Be on the alert!'**”

**Monday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 12<sup>th</sup>) – 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week (continued)**

- The high priest, Caiaphas and the leaders plot together to seize Jesus before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which began at evening on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Abib.

**The Plot to Kill Jesus**

**Matthew 26:1-5, Mark 14:1-2 and Luke 22:1-2**

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And it came about that when Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be delivered up for crucifixion." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; and they plotted together to seize Jesus by stealth, and kill Him. But they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest a riot occur among the people."

**Monday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 13<sup>th</sup>) – 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the week**

- Jesus returns to Bethany and spends the night at Simon, the Leper's home.
- A woman anoints Jesus' head with perfume and Judas become indignant.

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<sup>30</sup> **Cockcrowing.** The third of the Roman night watches known as “cock-crowing” ended at 3:00 AM.