

Analysis of Matthew 24 and Revelations 18 & 19 & 20

- 1) In Matthew 23 Jesus had just left the temple where he had told his disciples and the crowd that they should follow the instructions of the teachers of the law and Pharisees because they were sitting in Moses seat. Meaning they had his authority. However, he said it in this way, "...you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach." Then Jesus list 7 woes against the teachers of the law and the Pharisees, concluding this by calling them snakes and a brood of vipers. Jesus then ends chapter 23 by telling the crowd and the disciples, "For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Meaning his second coming.
- 2) Matthew 24 opens with Jesus and his disciples walking away from the temple and Jesus telling his disciples that not one stone of the temple will be left on the other. Then when Jesus was sitting on Mount Olives his disciples came to him privately and ask when will all of this happen and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age? Then Jesus begins to outline what will happen during this time period.
 - a) Vs. 4-5 → Many False Teachers and Prophets will come in the name of Jesus claiming to be the Christ, so stay alert and do not fall for these deceptions which are from Satan, Antichrist.
 - b) Vs. 6-8 → during this period there will be wars and rumors of wars between almost every nation and kingdom. These wars and climate change do to things like earthquakes will cause famines. These are events which will take place during the Tribulations.
 - c) Vs. 9-14 → these verses talk about all of the bad things that the world will do the Christians and that some will actually fall away from the faith. Like the mark of the "beast" and controlling all commerce.
 - d) Vs. 15 → these verse now resets the timeline to the middle of the Tribulations, "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that cause desolating,' spoken of by Daniel the Prophet"

this is when the Antichrist will break his treaty with Israel and set in the rebuilt temple and proclaim himself to be God. Dan. 9: 27

- e) Vs. 16-21 → talks about how terrible it will be during the last half of the Tribulations, unequal to anything that has ever been or ever will be.
 - f) Vs. 23 → states that if God had not cut short those days all men would have perished and God did this for the sake of his elect (Tribulation saints, Jews & Gentiles)
 - g) Vs. 24-26 → again Christ is telling his church that there will be false prophets and Antichrist which will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive people even the elect, but that these deceptions will not work on true believers because they are held firmly in Gods hand.
John 10: 25-30
 - h) Vs. 27-31 → ALL MEN, will see the real Christ when he comes to reign, as he will come like lighting flashing in the sky and all of the heavenly bodies will be shaken and change their natural state. When his event happens all men will see and know that this is the Christ and the unsaved will morn. This is the same event as described in Rev. 19: 11-21.
 - i) Vs. 32-35 → is the lesson of the fig tree
 - j) Vs. 36-51 → No one knows the day or the hour so keep watch for Christ return.
- 3) OVERVIEW ANALYSIS of REVELATION CHAPTER 18 & 19 & 20
- a) Chapter 18 is the fall of the Antichrist world government and religion
 - b) Chapter 19:1-5 → Praise in heaven for the fall of Babylon
 - c) Vs. 6-10 → wedding supper or at least the completion of the wedding feast (this event is in heaven)
 - d) Vs. 11-21 → final battle, Armageddon, (now back on earth)
 - e) Chapter 20: 1-3 → Satan/ dragon is chained
 - f) Vs. 4-6 → tribulation martyrs
 - g) Vs. 7-10 → 1000 yrs. is over an Satan released
 - H) Vs. 11-15 → Great White Thrown Judgment

SUMMARY

Matthew 24 and Revelations 19 are talking about the second coming of Christ to rule during the 1000 years as also discussed in Revelations 20. Neither of these scripture passages is talking about the Rapture. See John 14:1-3 for the promise of the Rapture and 1 Cor. 15:50-57 & 1 Thess.4:13-18 for the description and events within the Rapture.