The Signs of Christ’s Coming
(A Prelude To The Book of Revelation)

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Objectives:
After reading this report the reader should understand the following;

1. That the signs/prophesies in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, concerning Christ’s return, coincide with the prophesies found in the book sealed with Seven Seals (The book of Revelation);
2. That Christ foretold the signs/prophesies that would unfold before his return;
3. That the generation/people who lived during the time period of Christ and his Disciples, would be brought back to live again before Christ returns.

**Matthew 24:1-51**

Message to reader: Matthew, Mark and Luke

In Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 Christ explains to Peter, James, John and Andrew, the signs/prophesies that will occur in the earth before his return. The aforementioned signs/prophesies coincide with the prophecies found in the book sealed with seven seals, see Revelation 5:1-2, 5 and Revelation 6:1. He explains that the same generation, in their time period, will be brought back before his return, see Matthew 24:34. Matthew and Marks’ writings focus on the time period of the end. However, Luke’s writings include the time periods of the disciple’s ministry and the end time.

Please note: This report (Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21) will concentrate on the prophecies concerning Christ’s return, these prophecies are also written in the book of Revelation.
THE TEMPLE

Matthew 24:1: “And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple:” [The temple located in Jerusalem that was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.] “and his” [Jesus’] “disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.” The physical appearance of the temple and surrounding buildings.

Matthew 24:2: “And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things?” [Everything pertaining to the temple, including the surrounding buildings] “verily I” [Jesus] “say unto you,” [The disciples] “There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord, see Isaiah 13:9-10, 13 and Revelation 6:12.


CHRIST’S ANSWER

Matthew 24:4: “And Jesus answered and said unto them,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “Take heed that no man deceive you.”

THE SIGN OF THY COMING

TIME PERIOD: THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SEALS

Matthew 24:5: “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

Matthew 24:6: “And ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “shall hear of wars and rumours of wars:” [Peter, James, John and Andrew will be brought back before the return of Christ, they will hear of wars and rumours of wars] “see that ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “be not troubled: for all these things” [False Christ, wars and rumours
of wars] “must come to pass, but the end” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord/The coming of Christ] “is not yet.”


Matthew 24:8: “All these” [False Christ, wars and rumours of wars, nations rising against nations, etc.] “are the beginning of sorrows.”

THE SIGN OF THY COMING
TIME PERIOD: THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SEALS

Matthew 24:9: “Then shall they” [The deceived, see verse 5] “deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.” See Mark 13:9-11.


Matthew 24:11: “And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” See Revelation 17:12-14.

Matthew 24:12: “And because iniquity” [sin] “shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” See verse 10.


Matthew 24:14: “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached” [By the 144,000] “in all the world” [To all nations/kingdoms who teach and follow false doctrine; i.e. Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Atheist etc., and all (Churches and Israelite groups) that add and/or take away from the words of Christ, see Proverbs 30:5-6, Matthew 5:19 and 2 Peter 2:1-3] “for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” See Mark 13:24-27.
THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Matthew 24:15: “When ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew raised up again in the last kingdom] “therefore shall see the abomination of desolation,” [See Revelation 13:15] “spoken of by Daniel the prophet,” [See Daniel 12:10-11] “stand in the holy place,” [Jerusalem] “(whoso readeth, let him understand)” The words written in verses 15-22 are “dark sayings,” see Psalms 49:4. These “dark sayings” are prophesies concerning the Great Tribulation which shall take place during the reign of the Beast whose deadly wound was healed and the False Prophet, see Daniel 12:1 and Message to reader: The Period of Great Tribulation (3 ½ Years).


Matthew 24:17: “Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:”

Matthew 24:18: “Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.”

Matthew 24:19: “And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!”

Matthew 24:20: “But pray ye that your flight” [See Revelation 12:14] “be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:“

Matthew 24:21: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” See Daniel 7:21, Daniel 12:1 and Revelation 13:7.

Matthew 24:22: “And except those days” [The days of great tribulation] “should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake” [The righteous that endure unto the end, see verse 13] “those days” [The forty and two months/3 ½ years, the days of great tribulation] “shall be shortened.”
FALSE CHRISTs AND FALSE PROPHETS

Matthew 24:23: “Then” [During the Great Tribulation] “if any man shall say unto you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.”

Matthew 24:24: “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders;” [See Revelation 13:13 and Revelation 17:12-13] “insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”


Matthew 24:26: “Wherefore if they shall say unto you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “Behold, he” [Christ] “is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he” [Christ] “is in the secret chambers; believe it not.”

Matthew 24:27: “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” See Revelation 1:7.

Matthew 24:28: “For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.” See Revelation 19:11, 17-18, 21.
**THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE/THE DAY OF THE LORD**

**TIME PERIOD: THE SIXTH SEAL**

Message to reader: The Day of the Lord

The Sixth Seal (Revelation 6:12), The Seventh Vial (Revelation 16:17-18) and The Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15), will occur on The Day of the Lord. All nations/people will see the fierce anger of the Lord, and the Lord will destroy the sinners out of the earth, see Isaiah 13:9. The following events will take place on that great and terrible day!

The Seventh Trumpet:
The Sixth Seal/The Seventh Vial:

- The Most High shall shake the heavens and the earth (The Great Earthquake), and stars from heaven shall fall upon the earth, see Isaiah 2:19, Isaiah 13:13, Isaiah 24:20-21, Joel 3:16, Matthew 24:29, Revelation 6:12-14 and Revelation 16:17-21

- The Most High will cause the sun, moon and stars shall not to shine their lights, see Isaiah 13:10, Ezekiel 32:7-8, Joel 3:15, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24, Acts 2:20 and Revelation 6:12

- The sign of the son of man (Christ) with the clouds of heaven shall appear, see Matthew 24:30, Mark 13:26, Luke 21:27 and Revelation 1:7

- Christ sends his angels to gather the Elect, see Ezekiel 34:11-12, Matthew 24:31, Mark 13:27 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- By fire and his sword will Christ plead with all flesh, see 2 Peter 3:10, Isaiah 66:15-16, 2 Esdras 15:34-37, 40-42, Wisdom of Solomon 5:20-23, Jeremiah 25:30-33, Zephaniah 3:8, Zechariah 14:12 and Malachi 4:1

- The destruction/judgment of Babylon, see, Isaiah 13:19, Isaiah 34:8-10, 2 Esdras 15:43-44 and Revelation 18:1-2, 8-10

- The victory of Christ over the Beast, False Prophet and the armies gathered in the valley of decision (Armageddon), see Revelation 19:11, 15, 19-21

Matthew 24:30: “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:” [The clouds] “and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,” [See Revelation 1:7 and Revelation 14: 9-10, 17-20] “and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Matthew 24:31: “And he” [Christ] “shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” See Ezekiel 34:11-12, Mark 13:27 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Matthew 24:32: “Now learn a parable” [See Psalms 49:4] “of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:”

Matthew 24:33: “So likewise” [Just as summer follow spring, see verse 32] “ye,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “when ye shall see all these things,” [The prophecies/signs of Christ’s return, see verses 4-26] “know that it” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord, see verses 27-31] “is near, even at the doors.”

Matthew 24:34: “Verily” [Truthfully] “I” [Christ] “say unto you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “This generation” [The same generation/people that lived during the time of Christ and his disciples] “shall not pass,” [Depart] “till all these things” [Prophesies] “be fulfilled.” The same generation/people will be on earth to fulfill these prophesies; they will be brought back, before Christ returns, see Revelation 1:7.

NO ONE KNOWS THE DAY OR HOUR

Matthew 24:36: “But of that day” [The exact day (The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord)] “and hour” [The exact hour] “knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father” [The Most High] “only.” It is important to note: Peter, James, John and Andrew will know the season of the coming of Christ, see Luke 21:28 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.

Matthew 24:37: “But as the days of Noah were,” [See Genesis 6:11-13] “so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Explained in verses 38-41.

Matthew 24:38: “For as in the days that were before the flood” [See Hebrews 11:7] “they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,”

Matthew 24:39: “And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” See 2 Esdras 13:29-20. In the days leading up to Christ’s return, the wicked shall not understand the teachings of the 144,000, and shall be destroyed, see Daniel 12:10.

Matthew 24:40: “Then” [When Christ returns/The Day of the Lord] “shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken,” [See verse 31] “and the other left.” See verse 30.

Matthew 24:41: “Two women shall be grinding” [or working] “at the mill; the one shall be taken,” [See verse 31] “and the other left.” See verse 30.


Matthew 24:43: “But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.”

Matthew 24:44: “Therefore be ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew/Servants of the Lord] “also ready:” [Watch for, understand, and prepare yourselves for the coming of Christ, see verses 4-27] “for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

Matthew 24:46: “Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.” See verses 9-10, 12-13 and Revelation 6:9-11.


Matthew 24:48: “But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;” See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4.

Matthew 24:49: “And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;” See verses 9-12 and Luke 21:34-35.

Matthew 24:50: “The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,” See verses 37-39.

Mark 13:1-37

THE TEMPLE

Mark 13:1: “And as he” [Christ] “went out of the temple,” [The temple located in Jerusalem that was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.] “one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!” In Jerusalem, surrounding the temple.

Mark 13:2: “And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord, see Isaiah 13:9-10, 13 and Revelation 6:12.

Mark 13:3: “And as he” [Christ] “sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him” [Christ] “privately,”


THE SIGN OF THY COMING

TIME PERIOD: THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SEALS

Mark 13:5: “And Jesus answering them” [Peter, James, John and Andrew, see verse 3] “began to say, Take heed” [Know this/understand/be warned] “lest any man deceive you:”

Mark 13:6: “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

Mark 13:7: “And when ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “shall hear of wars and rumours of wars,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew will be brought back before the return of Christ] “be ye not troubled: for such things” [False Christ, wars and rumours of wars] “must needs be; but the end” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord/The coming of Christ] “shall not be yet.”
Mark 13:8: “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles:”
[See 2 Esdras 11:1, 3, 26-31 and 2 Esdras 12:21-28] “these” [False Christ, wars and rumours of wars, nations rising against nations, etc.] “are the beginnings of sorrows.”

THE SIGN OF THY COMING
TIME PERIOD: THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SEALS

Mark 13:9: “But take heed to yourselves: for they” [The deceived, see verse 6] “shall deliver you” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.” See Revelation 10:8-11.


Mark 13:11: “But when they shall lead you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.”

Mark 13:12: “Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.”
See Matthews 24:9-10, 12.


THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Mark 13:14: “But when ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “shall see the abomination of desolation,” [See Revelation 13:15] “spoken of by Daniel the prophet,” [See Daniel 12:10-11] “standing where it ought not,” [Jerusalem] “(let him that readeth understand,)” [The words written in verses 14-20 are “dark sayings,” see Psalms 49:4]. These “dark sayings” are prophesies concerning the days of great tribulation, see Daniel
12:1 and Message to reader: The Period of Great Tribulation (3 ½ Years).] “then let them” [The followers of Christ living during that time period; the kingdom of the Beast whose deadly wound was healed and the False Prophet] “that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:” See Revelation 12:13-14.

Mark 13:15: “And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:”

Mark 13:16: “And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.”

Mark 13:17: “But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!”

Mark 13:18: “And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter:”

Mark 13:19: “For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.” See Daniel 12:1 and Matthew 24:21.

Mark 13:20: “And except that the Lord had shortened those days,” [The days of the great tribulation] “no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen he” [The Most High] “hath shortened the days.” The period of the Great Tribulation, see Matthews 24:22.

FALSE CRISTs AND FALSE PROPHETS

Mark 13:21: “And then” [During the Great Tribulation] “if any man shall say to you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew raised up again in the last kingdom] “Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:”

Mark 13:22: “For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.” See Revelation 13:11-14 and Revelation 17:12-13.

THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE/THE DAY OF THE LORD
TIME PERIOD: THE SIXTH SEAL

Mark 13:24: “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,”


Mark 13:26: “And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” See Revelation 1:7 and Revelation 14:9-10, 17-20.

Mark 13:27: “And then shall he” [Christ] “send his angels, and shall gather together his elect” [See Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:20.] “from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.” See Ezekiel 34:11-12, Matthew 24:31 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Mark 13:28: “Now learn a parable” [See Psalms 49:4] “of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “know that summer is near:”

Mark 13:29: “So ye in like manner,” [Just as summer follow spring, see verse 28] “when ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “shall see these things come to pass,” [The prophesies spoken by Christ, see verses 5-23] “know that it” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord, see verse 4] “is nigh, even at the doors.”

Mark 13:30: “Verily” [Truthfully] “I” [Christ] “say unto you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “that this generation” [The same generation/people that lived during the time of Christ and his disciples] “shall not pass,” [Depart] “till all these things” [Prophesies] “be done.” The same generation/people will be on earth to fulfill these prophesies; they will be brought back, before Christ returns, see Revelation 1:7.

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Mark 13:32: “But of that day” [The exact day (The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord)] “and that hour” [The exact hour] “knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son,” [Christ] “but the Father.”

Mark 13:33: “Take ye heed,” [Know this/understand/be warned] “watch and pray: for ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “know not when the time” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord] “is.” It is important to note: Peter, James, John and Andrew will know the season of the coming of Christ, see verses 28-29, Matthew 24:32-33 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.


Mark 13:35: “Watch ye therefore:” [Watch/understand and obey Christ] “for ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “know not when the master of the house” [Christ] “cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning:” See Matthew 24:36.


The Seven Seals
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1. Wars and rumors of wars
2. The Great Tribulation
3. Christ returns, the Elect delivered

The Two Witnesses (144,000)
The 6th Seal, the Day of the Lord
1,000 years
Forever

The Seven Seals

Matthew 24:4-14
Mark 13:5-8

Matthew 24:15-26
Mark 13:9-23

Matthew 24:27-31
Mark 13:24-27

THE TEMPLE

Luke 21:5: “And as some spake of the temple,” [The temple located in Jerusalem that was destroyed by the Romans] “how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he” [Christ] “said,”

Luke 21:6: “As for these things” [The temple adorned with goodly stones] “which ye” [The disciples] “behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord, see Isaiah 13:9-10, 13 and Revelation 16:18.


THE SIGN OF THY COMING
TIME PERIOD: THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD SEALS

Luke 21:8: “And he” [Christ] “said, Take heed that ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.”

Luke 21:9: “But when ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “shall hear of wars and commotions,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew will be brought back in the last kingdom, before the return of Christ, they will hear of wars and commotions] “be not terrified: for these things” [False Christ, wars and commotions] “must first come to pass; but the end” [The Great Earthquake/The Day of the Lord] “is not by and by.”

Luke 21:10: “Then said he” [Christ] “unto them,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:”

Luke 21:11: “And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”
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THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE/THE DAY OF THE LORD
TIME PERIOD: THE SIXTH SEAL

Luke 21:25: “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;”


THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Luke 21:29: “And he” [Christ] “spake to them” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;”

Luke 21:30: “When they now shoot forth, ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.”

Luke 21:31: “So likewise” [Just as summer follows spring, verse 30] “ye,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “when ye see these things” [Prophesies, verses 8-11, 25-28] “come to pass, know ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.”
Luke 21:32: “Verily” [Truthfully] “I” [Christ] “say unto you,” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “This generation” [The same generation/people that lived during the time of Christ and his disciples] “shall not pass away,” [Depart] “till all be fulfilled.” The same generation/people will be on earth to fulfill these prophesies; they will be brought back, before Christ returns, see Revelation 1:7.


WATCH AND PRAY

Luke 21:34: “And take heed” [Know this/understand/be warned] “to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.” See Matthew 24:48-51.


Luke 21:36: “Watch ye therefore,” [Watch/understand and obey Christ] “and pray always, that ye” [Peter, James, John and Andrew] “may be accounted worthy to escape all these things” [Prophesies] “that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” See Matthew 24:45-47.