

THE WORST TIME TO BE ALIVE Matthew 24:15-28

I. **The Great Tribulation and the presence of the Antichrist (15).**

Daniel 9:27: Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; **but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end** to sacrifice and offering. **And on the wing of abominations** shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.

Daniel 11:31: And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place *there the abomination of desolation*.

Daniel 12:11: And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and **the abomination of desolation** is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

2 Thessalonians 2:4: who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, **so that he sits as God in the temple of God**, showing himself that he is God.

II. **The Great Tribulation and the presence of chaos (16-22).**

A. **Chaos that will cause people to flee (16-20).**

Luke 17:13: In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods *are* in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

B. **Chaos that has been shortened by God (21-22).**

Daniel 12:1: At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; and **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation**, *even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.

Revelation 7:14: And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, **"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

III. **The Great Tribulation and the presence of confusion (23-25).**

Revelation 13:13-14: **He performs great signs**, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth** by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

2 Peter 3:17: You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, **being led away with the error of the wicked.**

IV. The Great Tribulation and the presence of counterfeit teaching (26-28).

2 Thessalonians 2:9: The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working **of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.**

Revelation 1:7: Behold, He is coming with clouds, **and every eye will see Him**, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Luke 17:37: And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, **"Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."**