

Prophetic Events Leading Up To Christ's Second Coming Matthew 24:15-44

1) Signs of the end (24:15-31)

- a) A rebuilt Jewish temple
- b) A seven year peace treaty in Israel
- c) An image of a man in the Jewish temple
- d) Global tribulation
- e) Sun, moon, stars failing to give light
- f) Glorious return of Christ

2) Reasons the prophecy relates to the future, not AD 70

- a) "You" as a prophetic future (Isa 33:17-24; 66:10-14; Zech 9:9)
- b) Analogy of birth pangs signifies beginning (24:8)
- c) Enduring to end (24:13) signifies tribulation, not disciples' generation
- d) Gospel has yet to go global (24:14)
- e) No temple yet built for abomination of desolation (24:15)
- f) Global tribulation yet to occur (24:21)
- g) Sun and moon darkened; sign of Christ in sky yet to occur (24:30)
- h) Christ hasn't returned

3) Lessons to learn

- a) No one knows the day of Christ's return
- b) Don't be misled by ignorant or false teachers
- c) Life is not perpetual; everything comes to an end
- d) Be alert to our "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13)
- e) Shun worldly worries