

**NOT
KNOW
DAY
NOR
HOUR**



APOCALYPTIC DRAMA!



FIRST COMING

Jesus' first coming did not fulfill all the promises of God—it secured all the promises of God.



SECOND COMING

The story must be finished. Jesus must receive His inheritance. The church must come to maturity.

BEING PREPARED

- Mt.24:32-35** - Lesson of All Trees (Lk.21:29)
- Mt.24:36-39** - No One Knows That Day or Hour
- Mt.24:37-39** - Days of Noah
- (Lk.17:28-30)** - Days of Lot
- Mt.24:40-42** - One Taken the Other Left
- Mt.24:43-44** - Thief in the Night
- Mt.24:45-51** - Faithful and Wise Servants
- Mt.25:1-13** - Parable of the Ten Virgins
- Mt.25:14-30** - Parable of the Talents

RAPTURE

BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD

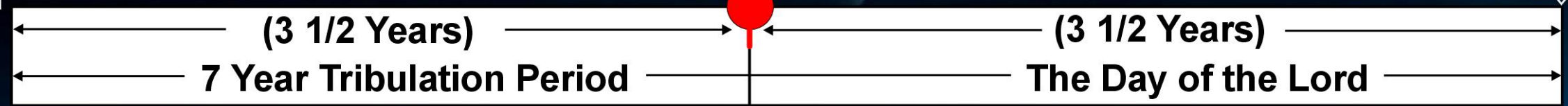
- (1) Sun, Moon, and Star Signs (Jl.2:30-31)**
- (2) Elijah the Prophet Will Come Before the Day of the Lord (Ml.4:5)**
- (3) Israel Must be a Nation, and thus Back in its Land (Da.9:27; 2Th.2:3-4)**
- (4) The Falling Away (Gk. Apostasia) (2Th.2:3-4; Mt.24:10-12), and Man of Sin Revealed.**
- (5) The Man of Sin Must Declare Himself to be God in the Temple (2Th.2:3-4; Mt.24:15)**
- (6) Peace and Safety Connected with the Beginning of the Day of the Lord (1Th.5:2-3)**

**Rapture
of the
Church**



**Abomination
of Desolation**
(Da.9:27; Mt.24:15;
2Th.2:3-4)

**Second
Coming
of Christ**

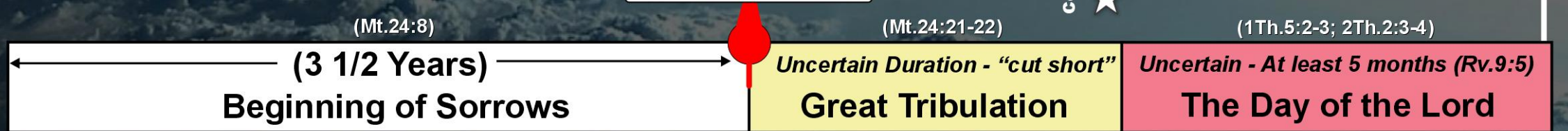


Pre-Tribulation Rapture

**Abomination
of Desolation**
(Da.9:27; Mt.24:15;
2Th.2:3-4)



**70th
Week
Ends**



Pre-Wrath Rapture

COMMANDS VERSUS WARNINGS

THE SEASON OF HIS RETURN

COMMANDS to “understand,”
“learn,” “watch,” and “be ready”

- “Understand” what begins the time of Tribulation (Mt.24:15, 21-22)
- “Learn” the meaning of the Olivet parables (Mt.24:32)
- “Be ready” and “watch” for the Coming of Christ (Mt.24:42,44; 25:13)

There are those who ignore the commands of Christ concerning His Return

THE ACTUAL DAY AND HOUR

WARNINGS not to calculate or predict
the day or hour of Christ's Return

- “You do not know what hour your Lord is coming” (Mt.24:42)
- “Coming at an hour you do not expect” (Mt.24:44)
- “You know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (Mt.25:13)

There are those who are continuing to calculate the time of His Return

Jesus commands us to recognize the season (distinguishable signs), but we cannot know the exact day nor hour of His return.



**But of that day and hour no
one knows, not even the
angels of heaven, but My
Father only.**

MATTHEW 24:36





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- **Mt.24:4-31 Jesus lays out in detail all these signs.**
- **Did Jesus really mean no one can know, and no one should know?**
- **Or did Jesus just mean know one knows and if you remain in your ignorance there will be no consequences?**
- **There are several reasons why you can know, and the Lord requires that you know.**





NOT KNOW — MUST KNOW



NOT KNOW

- Mt.24:36, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”
- Mt.25:13, “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”



MUST KNOW

- Mt.24:32, “Now learn this parable... know that summer is near”
- Mt.24:33, “when you see all these things, know that it is near”
- Mt.24:39, “did not know until the flood came”
- Mt.24:42, “Watch therefore, for you do not know”
- Mt.24:43, “if the master of the house had known...he would have watched”



NOT KNOW — MUST KNOW



- **You can know and should know.**
- **If you do not know there will be consequences for it.**
- **In both cases where Jesus says we can NOT KNOW, He specifically refers to “days” and “hours.”**
- **The point to NOT KNOW is to discourage date setting. This certainly includes Biblical Feast dates.**

Reasons We Should Know

COMMAND TO WATCH



Jesus Gave Us Signs Before He Comes (Mt.24-25)



REASON 1

- **Jesus spent verses 4-31 explaining in great detail why you can know the signs that will lead up to His Coming.**
- **In verses 15-31 He describes specific things that will take place in Jerusalem that will trigger the final 3 1/2 years.**
- **This sign of the abomination is the preeminent sign that we are living in the end times.**
- **Jesus does not mention the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week, only the midpoint (Mt.24:15).**





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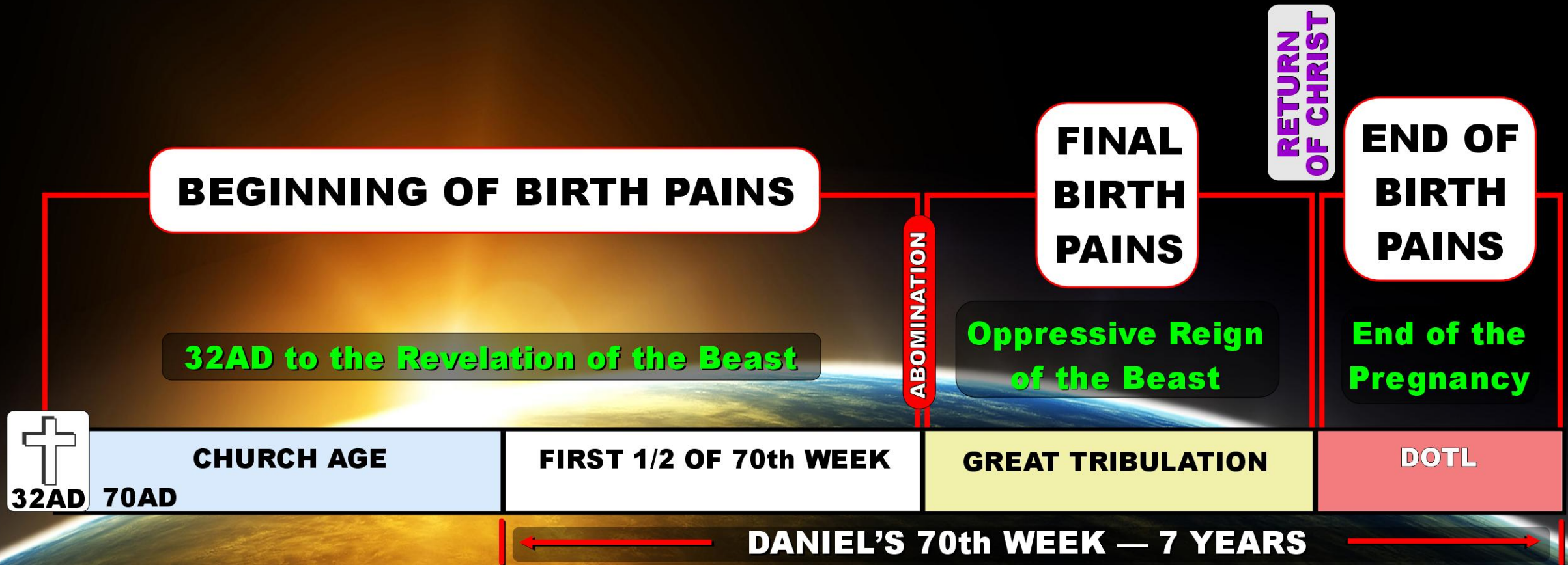


REASON 1

- **Jesus tells us the generation that sees that event will not pass away until all these things take place.**
- **Jesus spent much time explaining all the signs that will take place expecting us to understand them.**
- **If Jesus did not expected us to understand them He would not have answered their question. He may have said, “Guys you cannot know” or “Do not worry about it.”**



BIRTH PAINS IMAGERY



Birth pains are those intermittent pushes which indicates a pregnancy is moving toward its “end” (Mt.24:6). Before that “end” (Mt.24:13-14) can occur, there must be the final birth pains which are the body's actions to bring that baby into the world, and thus “end” that pregnancy.

Reason 2: The Lesson From the Fig Tree

Matthew 24:32-35

**Now learn this parable from
the fig tree: When its branch
has already become tender
and puts forth leaves, you
know that summer is near.**

MATTHEW 24:32





The Lesson From the Fig Tree (Mt.24:32-35)



REASON 2

- **In a positive way you know summer is near when the sign of the trees puts forth its leaves.**
- **You know that a season is near. It is not telling us the exact day or hour, but the general season.**



**So you also, when you
see all these things,
know that it is near—at
the doors!**



MATTHEW 24:33





The Lesson From the Fig Tree (Mt.24:32-35)



REASON 2

- **In the same way you look at a tree and know summer is coming.**
- **Leaves on a tree and “these things” are indicators of a coming season. What are the “these things”?**
- **“These things” are everything He has laid out in verses 4-31.**
- **“So you also” connects the tree example and the “these things” events together.**





The Lesson From the Fig Tree (Mt.24:32-35)



REASON 2

- **These events are like the new leaves.**
- **The “know” connects to Jesus’ Coming. You know that He is near, at the doors.**
- **Jesus’ Second Coming is for believers.**
- **The fig tree parable teaches that you can know, and should know.**



**Assuredly, I say to you,
this generation will by
no means pass away
till all these things
take place.**

MATTHEW 24:34





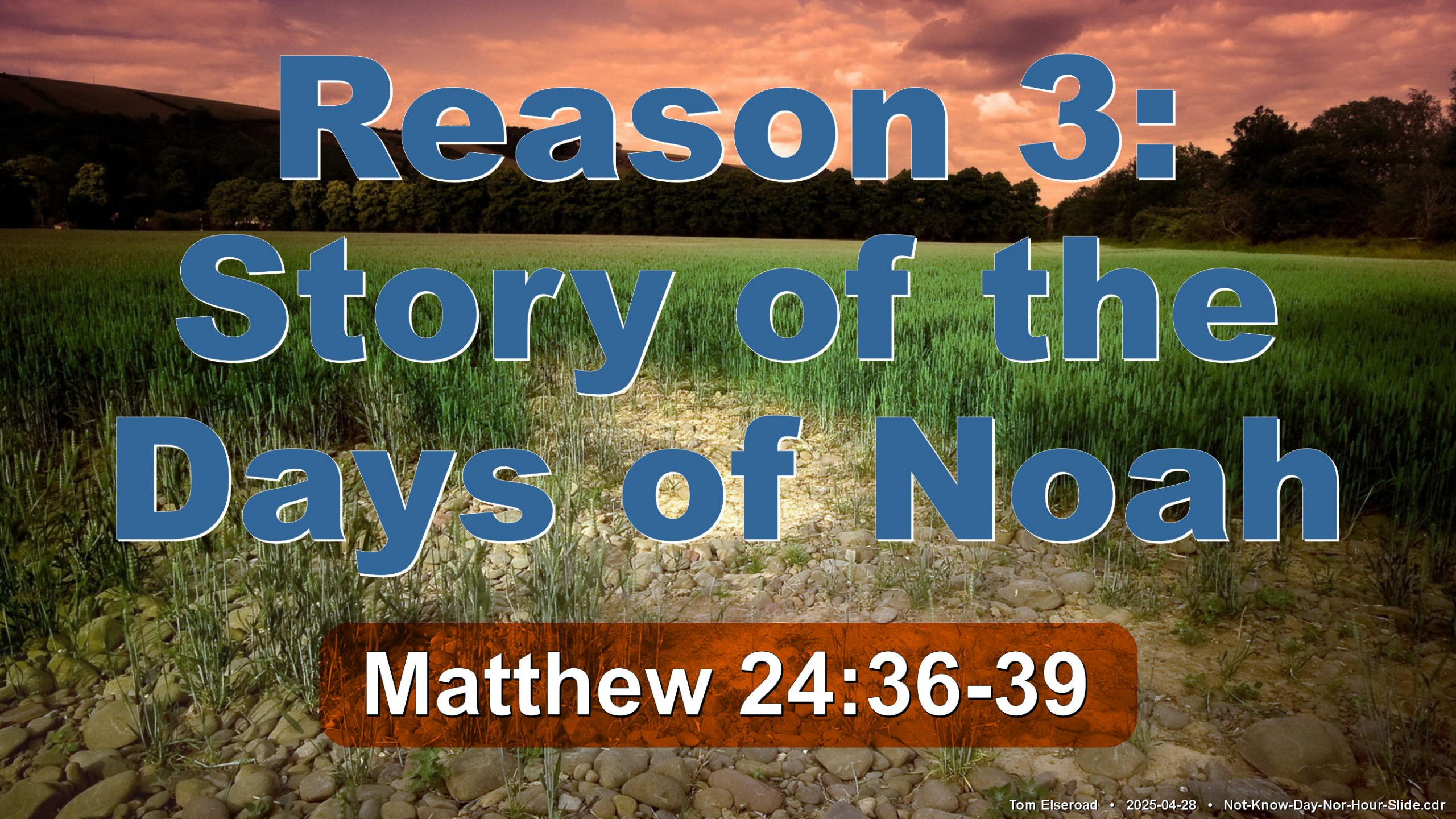
The Lesson From the Fig Tree (Mt.24:32-35)



REASON 2

- **“This generation” is not the time of the disciples.**
- **The generation that sees these things will not pass away until all of these things takes place.**
- **When you see this preeminent sign of the Abomination, know this generation will not pass till Christ comes.**
- **A generation will be held accountable because the signs will tell you that you are that generation.**



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Reason 3: Story of the Days of Noah

Matthew 24:36-39

³⁶But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

MATTHEW 24:36-39



**³⁸For as in the days before the flood,
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, until
the day that Noah entered the ark,
³⁹and did not know until the flood
came and took them all away, so also
will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

MATTHEW 24:36-39





Story of the Days of Noah (Mt.24:36-39)



REASON 3

- **Did they know a flood was coming during the days of Noah? No, they did not know.**
- **Ignorance of those swept away was not because they did not have the information, but because they suppressed it—they rejected it.**
- **The book of Hebrews and Peter tell us Noah preached for 120 years to prepare the people of the earth for the flood.**
- **Not knowing is a negative statement that brings with it catastrophic results.**



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Reason 4: Parable of the Thief

Matthew 24:42-44

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

MATTHEW 24:42-44





Parable of the Thief (Mt.24:42-44)



REASON 4

- **The command is to “watch.” Be ready because you do not know the hour of the Lord's coming.**
- **Verse 43: “But” if the master had “known” the hour, he would stay awake.**
- **So how do we obey the command to “watch” (staying awake) in the generation of the Lord's return?**
- **The answer is by knowing the general season that He is going to return.**





Parable of the Thief (Mt.24:42-44)



REASON 4

- **We do not need to know the exact day nor hour He is returning. We do need to know what part of the night, so we can stay awake.**
- **The only way to stay awake is if you have been taught and have a sense of urgency in your heart.**
- **Intellectually you understand that He has given ample signs to explain these things.**



Reason 5: Parable of the Faithful and Wicked Servant

Matthew 24:45-51

**⁴⁵Who then is a faithful and wise servant,
whom his master made ruler over his
household, to give them food in due season?**

**⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master,
when he comes, will find so doing.**

**⁴⁷Assuredly, I say to you that he will make
him ruler over all his goods. ⁴⁸But if that
evil servant says in his heart, 'My master
is delaying his coming,'**

MATTHEW 24:45-51



**⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants,
and to eat and drink with the drunkards,
⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on
a day when he is not looking for him and at
an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹and will
cut him in two and appoint him his portion
with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.**

MATTHEW 24:45-51





Parable of the Faithful and Wicked Servant (Mt.24:45-51)



REASON 5

- **This is a leadership lesson.**
- **The wicked servant always says, He is delaying, and He is not coming back for a long time.**
- **The challenge of leaders today is to feed the people the needed food (Bible truth) in due season.**
- **It is comparable to being abusive and intoxicated. It is like he beats the servants and gets drunk with them.**
- **We need to be giving food in due season, appropriate for the hour in which we live.**





NOT KNOW — MUST KNOW



SUMMARY

- **It is clear we should NOT set dates for the return of Christ.**
- **It is clear that you CAN know the general season of Christ's Return.**
- **Once you see that single event (Abomination) take place, know you will see all the events described take place.**

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

IMMINENCE AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

(MATTHEW 24:4-8; 28:18-20)

**Great
Commission**



Go Into All The World



Church Age

CHRIST PROMISES TO BE WITH THE CHURCH TILL THE END OF THE AGE



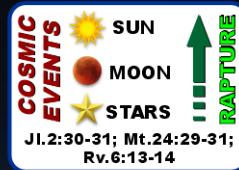
**End of
the Age**

Day of the Lord

- The disciples ask for a sign that announces the end of the age (Mt.24:3)
- Jesus replied that intervening events must happen before the end of the age (Mt.24:4-8).
- These events include False Christs, wars and rumors of wars, famines, and earthquakes. These are called the “beginning of sorrows (birth pangs)”
- These events are not the signal the end has occurred, but that it has NOT occurred (Mt.24:6).
- Jesus warns them not to think the end has arrived when they witness the intervening events.
- The “beginning of sorrows” will not be as intense as the “great tribulation” (*megas thlipsis*) (Mt.24:21).
- The “birth pangs” suggests three stages of intensity: (1) beginning of sorrow, (2) great tribulation (intense birth pangs), (3) the birth or arrival of Jesus at the end of the age.
- Jesus’ explicit teaching of intervening events before His return rejects the notion of an imminent or “any moment” rapture. How can anyone suggest Jesus’ return is imminent right up to the end of the age?

THE TIMES AND AGES

DANIEL'S
70TH
WEEK
BEGINS



TIME OF THE END

Da.8:17,19;
11:35,40;
12:4
• "knowledge
shall increase"

70TH WEEK

DAY OF
THE LORD

END OF THE AGE

Da.12:13; Mt.13:39,40,49; 24:3; 28:20

- The church remains on the earth till the end of the age (Mt.28:20)
- Begins at an unknown time when Jesus arrives in the clouds (Mt.24:29-31). Opening of the 7th seal

70TH WEEK

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

GREAT WHITE THRONE

THIS AGE (THIS PRESENT EVIL AGE)

Mt.12:32; Lk.16:8; 1Co.1:20; 2:6,8; 3:18; Ga.1:4; Ep.1:21

- People can be spiritually delivered from this present evil age through faith in the saving work of Christ on the cross.



ADAM'S CURSE
REMOVED

FALL OF
ADAM

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DANIEL'S

70TH

WEEK

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

GREAT WHITE THRONE

AGE TO COME

Mt.12:32
Mk.10:30
Lk.18:30
He.6:5

- The eternal age

NEW HEAVEN
AND EARTH



**He who leads into captivity shall go
into captivity; he who kills with the
sword must be killed with the sword.
Here is the patience and the faith of
the saints.**

REVELATION 13:10





**“He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”
(Rv.13:10)**

- This may be the most difficult temptation.**
- This is when someone has a sword to your throat, saying recant your faith in Jesus and bow down to AC.**
- “Take the Mark of the Beast or you die.”**
- This requires patience and faith.**
- This is a temptation to apostatize.**
- If you take the Mark you have sealed your fate.**





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(Rv.13:10)**

- Do not under estimate the persecution.**
- Do not think to yourself, “I would never do that.”**
- You will give in if you are not relying on the strength of the HS (if you are not the true elect).**
- God's elect rely on the HS.**
- The AC will persecute those that will not worship him.**

