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THE SETTING:

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple (fulfilled AD 70)

1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came to him to show Him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said to them,

“Do not look upon all these things.
Assuredly, I say to you,

not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying,

1 Then as He went out of the temple,

one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!”

2 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings?

Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

5 Then,

as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations,

He said,

6 These things which you see- the days will come when not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

7 So

they asked Him, saying,

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THE THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

concerns the sign for the destruction of the Temple

4 “Tell us, when will these things be?”

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“Teacher, but when will these things be?”

And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”

And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?”

QUESTION 2

concerns the signs for the Second Coming of Christ.

“And what *will be* the sign of Your coming?”

QUESTION 3

concerns the signs for the approach of the Tribulation (the end or consummation, ‘suntelia’, of the age)

“and of the end of the age?”

THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS

AGE (therefore these are not signs of any of these three events)

4 And Jesus answered and said to them:

“Take heed that

no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’

and will deceive many.

5 ¶ And Jesus, answering them, began to say:

“Take heed that

no one deceives you.

6* “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’

and will deceive many.

8* And He said:

“Take heed that you not be deceived.

For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am *He*,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’

Therefore do not go after them.

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6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end ('telos') is not yet.

These previous events do not mean we are in the Tribulation.

THE START OF THE TRIBULATION

(Part of the answer to question 2)

7 For (then) nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

And there will be

famines,

pestilences,
and earthquakes
in various places.

8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows (birth pains).

9* "Then they will deliver you up to Tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10* "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

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7 "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet.

8 For (then) nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles.

These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

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9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines

and pestilences;

and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

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11 “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

12 “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 “But he who endures to the end (of the Tribulation) shall be saved (by the Return of Christ).

14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end (‘telos’, the Return of Christ) will come.”

(This is the worldwide preaching of the gospel in the Tribulation)

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9 But watch out for yourselves, for

they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues.

You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake,

for a testimony to them.

10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

(This is the world-wide preaching of the gospel in the Church-Age).

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FLASHBACK TO THE FIRST CENTURY (instruction to the disciples for their testimony under persecution)

12 But

before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up

to the synagogues and prisons.

You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake.

13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

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11 “But

when they arrest *you*
and deliver you up,
do not worry beforehand, or
premeditate
what you will speak.

But whatever is given you in
that hour, speak that; for it
is not you who speak, but
the Holy Spirit.

12 “Now brother will
betray brother to death,
and a father *his* child; and
children will rise up against
parents
and cause them to be put
to death.

13 “And you will be hated
by all for My name’s sake.

But he who endures to the
end shall be saved.

14 Therefore settle *it* in
your hearts

not to meditate beforehand
on what you will answer;
15 for I will give you a
mouth and wisdom which all
your adversaries will not be
able to contradict or resist.

16 You will be
betrayed
even by parents
and brothers,
relatives and friends;
and they will put *some* of
you to death.

17 And you will be hated by
all for My name’s sake.

18 But not a hair of your
head shall be lost.

19 By your patience
possess your souls.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1

- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
TEMPLE.

When?- in the disciples’
generation.

The sign? Jerusalem surrounded
by armies (fulfilled in AD67)

20 But when you see
Jerusalem surrounded by
armies, then know that its
desolation is near.

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Provision for the believer's protection in the terrible times of Daniel 9:26:

21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in her midst depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

THE SIGN OF MID -

TRIBULATION (Daniel 9:27)

and the start of the Great-Tribulation. The Sign- antichrist's Abomination of Desolation. (Answering Question 2 - this sign tells us when Christ's

Coming is 3 and a half years away)

15,16 Therefore when you see the 'Abomination of Desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

14 "So when you see the 'Abomination of Desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

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This prophecy is the key to the preservation of the believers in Israel at this time.

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down

to take anything out of his house.

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 For then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world

until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake

those days will be shortened

(The days are shortened by the personal return of the Lord to save believing Israel).

COUNTERFEIT SIGNS of Christ's Return to be rejected. (Question 2)

23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*.

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15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.

16 "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

17 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

18 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

19 "For *in* those days there will be Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

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21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, 'Look, *He is* there!' do not believe *it*.

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24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; *or* 'Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!' do not believe *it*.

The True Signs of the Return of Christ.

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (it will be visible top all, nobody will have to tell you, as in v23-26)

28 For wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered together.

(Where and when?-it will when the the armies of the world gather at Armageddon to destroy Israel).

Blackout:

29 Immediately after the Tribulation of those days

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from heaven,

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22 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

23 "But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

24 But in those days, after that Tribulation,

the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars of heaven will fall,

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25 And

there will be signs in the sun,
in the moon,

and in the stars;

and on the earth distress of nations,
with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

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and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,

and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Regathering of Israel

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds,

from one end of heaven to the other.

Answers to Question 3-

the signs of being in the time just before the Tribulation)

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and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then He will send His angels,

and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

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26 “men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things (the world-conditions in the Tribulation that Jesus described in answering question 2) begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (the rapture) draws near.”

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THE FIG-TREE (Israel)

32 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.

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

34 Assuredly, I say to you,
this generation
(that sees the Fig-Tree arise)
will by no means
pass away
till all these things
take place.

35 Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but My words will
by no means pass away.

The Rapture - the sign that
the Tribulation is about to begin).

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

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28 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.

29 So you also,
when you see
these things happening,
know that
it is near-
-at the doors!

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

31 Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but My words will
by no means pass away.

32 But of that day and
hour no one knows,
not even
the angels in heaven, nor
the Son,
but only the Father.

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29 Then He spoke to them
a parable:
“Look at the Fig Tree,
and all the Trees.”

30 When they are
already budding,
you see
and know for yourselves
that summer is now near.

31 So you also,
when you see
these things happening,
know that
the kingdom of God
is near.

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

33 Heaven and earth
will pass away,
but My words will
by no means pass away.

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37 But as the days of Noah so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

38 For 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,

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

41 Two women grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

42 Watch therefore,

for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

33 "Take heed, watch and pray;

for you do not know when the time is.

34 But take heed to yourselves,

lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man (in the Rapture)."

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34 *For the son of man is*
like a man going to a far
country,
who left his house
and gave authority
to his servants,
and to each his work,
and commanded the
doorkeeper to watch.

35 Watch therefore,
for you do not know
when the master of the
house is coming
-in the evening,
at midnight,
at the crowing of the
rooster,
or in the morning--
36 lest, coming suddenly,
he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you,
I say to all: Watch!"

The Thief in the Night.

43 But 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.

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