

Great Tribulation – Setting the Stage!

Grace Bible Chapel

Olivet Discourse Outline #5 – Matt. 24:21-28

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Context: We are now into the second half of the “Day of the Lord” or what is called the “Great Tribulation” by our Lord. Christ focuses His answers to two of the questions, asked about the future, on the Jews who have become believers and are living in the last three and one-half years before His promised return. He especially desires these new Christians to know what to expect, how to survive the difficult days, and to know the glory of His coming. In teaching them, we are looking over their shoulder and gaining wonderful insights not only for the future, but also to aid us in understanding the nearness of these events to the time in which we are now living. These verses also include rich insight into the days leading up to the Lord’s return, and the differences between the coming rapture and His second coming to the earth.

Broad outline (underlined is the immediate context).

- I. Complex Questions
- II. Circumstances
- III. Compelling Answers
 - A. Conditions in the first half (4-14)
 - B. Conditions in the second half (15-28)

Key Words (Matt. 24:21-28)

- behold (4)
- days (2)
- great (2)
- false (2)
- mislead
- tribulation

Introduction:

B. Conditions in the second half (Matt. 24:15-28) continued...

- Severe misery (Vs. 21)

- Specific duration (Vs. 22)

- Spurious influences (Vs. 23-26, 28)

- Spectacular entry (Vs. 27)

Closing:

