

The Signs of Christ's Return

C. The Middle of the Tribulation

D. The End of the Tribulation

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1) The Significant Global Change on the Earth (v. 29)

Isaiah 13:10

“For the stars of the heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light.”

Ezekiel 32:7

“And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light.”

Joel 2:10

“Before them the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.”

Joel 2:30-31

“I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.”

Joel 3:15

“The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.”

Zephaniah 1:15

“A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness.”

Hebrews 1:3

“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.”

Joshua 10:12-14

“Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, ‘O sun, stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon. So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. There was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.’”

Joel 3:16

“The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth tremble.”

Haggai 2:6-7

“For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

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- 1) The Significant Global Change on the Earth (v. 29)
- 2) The Sign of the Son of Man (v. 30a)

Ezekiel 10:3

“Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the inner court.”

Ezekiel 10:18

“Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim.”

Ezekiel 11:23

“The glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.”

Revelation 1:7

“BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him.”

Zechariah 12:8-9

“In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the LORD before them. And in that day, I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.”

Zechariah 12:10-11

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem.”

Acts 2:23

“This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”

Revelation 6:16

“And they said to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.’”

Revelation 16:9

“Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.”

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- 2) The Sign of the Son of Man (v. 30a)
- 3) The Sight of the Son of Man (v. 30b)

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4) The Sound of the Trumpet

I Corinthians 15:51-52

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we always be with the Lord.”

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- 4) The Sound of the Trumpet
- 5) The Securing of God's Elect

Zechariah 14:5

“The LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You.”

Jude 14

“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints.”

Application

- 1) God is absolutely in control of all things
- 2) God will bring to pass all the promises and prophecies found in the Word of God
- 3) God is completely gracious and merciful