MATTHEW 24:

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

EZEKIEL 13:

16 To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

17 Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

*Because of the war in Israel against Iran there is much speculation of events from different sources of religion. Most believing of a revival in Israel or the entire nation of Israel being saved in one day mostly doing the tribulation period which they believe to be either 3 ½ years or 7. This started mostly after Israel became a nation in 1948 when this became a sign of the end for many religions.*

*Most answers at least an answer we need will be found in the word of God not in the minds of those who speculate.*

*This scripture is often used to make Israel a sign*.

MATTHEW 24:

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

LUKE 21:

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold **the fig tree, and all the trees;**

*One time the Lord compared Israel to the fruit of the fig tree but in no other place does the fig tree in itself represent Israel. It is mentioned with other trees and vines but not by itself.*

HOSEA 9:

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

JOEL 1:

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

*God will not allow man and his intelligence to determine his symbols in scripture He tells us who and what represents Israel.*

JEREMIAH 11:

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

HOSEA 14:

6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

ROMANS 11

17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert graffed in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

ROMANS 11:

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be graffed into their own olive tree?

*Israel is at war and has been many times before.*

MATTHEW 24:

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

*Days of Noah also is used as a sign of the end but wrongly.*

MATTHEW 24

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

MATTHEW 24:

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

MATTHEW 24:

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

*The sign has nothing to do with people eating and drinking marrying and giving in marriage except it continues as it has always been and people will be surprised with the coming of the Lord.*

*I believe the book of Revelation is about the whole bible instead of just something in the future in also speaks of history and present tense happenings.*

*Jesus was prophesying of things to come until the end.*

MATTHEW 28:

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

*I do not believe an event could take place until Christ released it to be.*

REVELATION 6:

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

*People are prophesying that these events are future, but I believe most are happening now.*

MATTHEW 24:

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake..

REVELATION 6:

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

*These souls under the altar are not just a future cry but includes every saint that has ever been killed for their testimony and the Word they held. That would be New Testament Word not the Old Testament law.*

ROMANS 10:

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

GALATIANS 2:

21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

*Seals are a confirmation of witnesses about the truth of the Word.*

JOHN 11:

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

I THESSALONIANS 4:

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

*As far as end time signs this is what Christ said*.

MATTHEW 24:

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

MARK 13:

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

*This is the only sign Christ gave to those who asked*.

MATTHEW 24:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

I THESSALONIANS 5

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

*Seeds planted will continue to grow until harvest and you will always find two or three sometimes more scripture witnesses.*

MATTHEW 24:

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

II CORINTHIANS 11

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

REVELATION 16:

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

*All three speaking the same thing with the same spirit released*.

MATTHEW 24:

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

II TIMOTHY 3:

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

MATTHEW 24:

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

*The sixth seal is opened by Christ, and it is the coming of the* *Lord.*

REVELATION 6:

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

*The 6th seal reveals several things that will occur, and I do not believe suddenly but over a period of time. The time of event to unfold will start at the coming of the Lord and when judgment first starts that may run to the rocks and mountains but they will begin to curse God and blaspheme and do not repent. Soon they will not hide in any rock, den or mountain.*

REVELATION 16:

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

REVELATION 16:

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 **And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

*Chapter 17 reviews the city of Babylon and reveals the beast from the bottomless pit and the judgment to come to Babylon through the ten kings.*

*Chapter 18 shows Babylon’s judgment.*

*Chapter 19 continues the coming of the Lord.*

REVELATION 19:

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war

REVELATION 19:

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

REVELATION 19:

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

*At this time Babylon is already judged and gone. This ends all earthly rule, by the kingdoms of the earth and Satan is bound for a thousand years. Peace on earth.*

REVELATION 20:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

LUKE 19:

15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

LUKE 19:

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.

17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

REVELATION 22:

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

II CORINTHIANS 5:

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

*When the sixth seal is opened there were two requests made by those crying to the rocks and mountains hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne and the wrath of the lamb.*

REVELATION 20:

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

*It would seem that judgment does not take place on this earth where I cannot tell but heaven and earth are gone at the judgment and a new heaven and earth is shown at chapter 21*.

REVELATION 21

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

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Here is what every believer knows from the testimony of Holy Scripture and from the experience and conviction of his own heart (John 16:8-11).  We know, recognize and confess the problem and plague of our own heart, is sin (Rom. 3:9-12; 5:12).  But thank God, we also know the solution for sin, Christ and Him crucified (1Cor. 2:2), Christ our propitiation for sin (Rom. 3:25).  Christ Jesus crucified (Rom. 4:25), the Substitute (2 Cor.5:21), Surety (Heb.7:22), Satisfaction (1John 4:10) and Saviour (Matt. 1:21) is our only answer to every just charge against us, “*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.  Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”* (Rom. 8:33-34).

**TRUE FAITH**

When the Lord is pleased to bring a person to Christ in faith, He takes away his despair but not his sorrow over sin. True faith gives a person pardon but does not make him presumptuous. True faith gives a person rest and assurance in Christ but does not allow him to be indifferent and leave off being watchful and dedicated to spiritual growth. True faith gives a person strength, knowledge, and a good hope; but it never promotes pride nor al­lows him to boast. True faith brings a person to live for God but at the same time makes him more attentive to his earthly relationships and duties. He becomes a more loving, caring, generous husband, wife, parent, brother, sis­ter, and neighbor.

When Paul said to the Roman church, "*Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world*" (Rom.1:8), it is certain he referred to their labor of love and works of faith; for true faith can only be revealed to others by the FRUIT OF FAITH. One cannot see our hearts, but they can see and hear what comes FROM our hearts and hands.  **Henry T. Mahan**