

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Where were you on September 11th when you heard the news that there was a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center? What were your first thoughts?

2. Do you think it is important to study the future events that are foretold in the Scriptures? Why or why not?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about being prepared for the return of Christ:
 - a) Matthew 25:13
 - b) Luke 12:40
 - c) Luke 21:36
 - d) John 14:3
 - e) Romans 13:12
 - f) I Thessalonians 4:16-17
 - g) I Thessalonians 5:2

4. Is the Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming the same event? If not, how would they differ?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to pray for the peace and safety of our nation and the people of Israel. (Psalm 122:6)
 - I am going to do a personal study of end time prophecy.
 - I am going to memorize Matthew 24:42.

Cornerstone Church
Matthew 24:3-25

February 28, 2026
Special Message

The Signs of the End Times

I. Introduction

A. The Present Conflict with Iran

B. Are We Living in the Last Days?

(See Hebrews 1:1-2; Acts 2:16-17; Joel 2:28; II Timothy 3:1; James 5:3; II Peter 3:3)

“Bible prophecy is not given to scare us, but to prepare us.”

Pastor Greg Laurie

C. The Proper Attitude Toward the Last Days

(See Romans 13:11-12; Hebrews 10:24-25; I Peter 4:7; James 5:8; Matthew 24:45-51; Luke 12:35-38)

II. The Signs of the End of the Times

A. The Increasing Apostasy

(See II Thessalonians 2:3; I John 2:22-23; II Peter 3:4; II Timothy 3:1-5)

B. The Rapture of the Church

(See I Thessalonians 4:13-18; II Corinthians 2:2-4; I Corinthians 15:51-58)

C. The Tribulation Period

(See Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 3:10; Revelation 9:6; Daniel 11:31; Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14; Revelation 8:7-9:21; Revelation 11:15-19)

D. The Second Coming of Christ

(See Revelation 19:11-21; Revelation 14:20; Revelation 19:20; Revelation 19:17-18; I Thessalonians 5:2; Revelation 1:7; I Thessalonians 4:17; Zechariah 14:4)

E. The Millennium

(See Revelation 20:2-7; Revelation 19:15; Daniel 7:14; Isaiah 11:4; Isaiah 65:20; Isaiah 2:2-4)

F. Future Judgments

(See Revelation 20:11-15; John 5:22-27; II Corinthians 5:10)

III. Conclusion

A. The Role of Iran

(See Jeremiah 49:34-39; Isaiah 21:2; Ezekiel 38-39)

B. The Believer's Response

(See I John 3:2-3; I Corinthians 11:25-26; John 14:3)

IV. Communion

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

Passage of Study

Matthew 24:3-25

³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. ⁶ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ¹² Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. ¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ "Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. ¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²² Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance.

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