

MIDDLE EAST PEACE – THE FULFILLMENT OF BIBLE PROPHECY (Part 4 of 9)

Every false belief system has an agenda designed to fulfill a specific purpose; namely, to uphold, defend and promote the falsehoods that are being taught, NO MATTER WHAT. This is why the heresy known as Dominion Theology, affirms that the Biblical Tribulation already occurred in AD70 and is no longer a relevant part of Bible prophecy. This in turn, allows for the placement of Christ's return to earth far off in the distant future, so that the Church on earth can usher in the Kingdom of God on earth, without our Lord's direct intervention. This also dovetails perfectly with the blatant fabrication that there will be no Rapture of the Church, with the Church serving as the permanent replacement for Israel in God's redemptive plan and purpose for our world. These teachings have no connection whatsoever to Biblical reality. We can know that with absolute certainty because of what Jesus Himself tells us in Matthew 24:29-31 –

“But IMMEDIATELY (emphasis added) after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”

Jesus tells us here that His return to earth will occur IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation of those days. If that tribulation occurred in AD70, then WHERE IS HE? It is obvious that He is not here on earth but still in heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father. What this passage tells us is that the Biblical Tribulation has not yet taken place. It will occur at some point in the future, and when it does, Christ's return to earth, in order to establish God's Kingdom on earth, will follow IMMEDIATELY thereafter. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. But now that this issue has been settled once and for all, we need to return to the critical connection which Jesus establishes between His prophetic teaching and the 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy, in Matthew 24:15 –

“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),”

Christ's validation of Daniel's 70th Week here is unmistakable. Even Matthew emphasizes it by alerting us to the fact that what we are reading in Matthew 24:15, is of the utmost prophetic significance. We are being told by our Savior Himself that this final week of Daniel's prophecy, as yet unfulfilled, but as a promise to take place on Israel's behalf, is one and the same with the Tribulation portrayed for us in Revelation 4:1-19:21. Just as Daniel's 70th Week consists of seven years, so will this yet future period of God's judgment on earth, known as the Tribulation.

But notice this. Jesus is not referring to the beginning of the Tribulation on earth, but to its midpoint, three-and-one-half years after its inception (Daniel 12:11). And according to Daniel's prophecy in regard to the nature of that final and 70th week, we can also know that it will not begin randomly. The Tribulation will have a specific point of historical commencement, with the confirmation of a treaty which will bring a comprehensive peace to the Middle East. This why we must return to Daniel 9 and take a much deeper look into vv26-27, next.