

Olivet Discourse

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Jesus stopped in mid-sentence! It was the favorable year but not yet the day of vengeance.

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He would be turned over to the Gentiles and crucified. 3rd day rises! They just 'ignore' it.

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When will this happen? That is when will the temple be thrown down?

And what is the *second* question? 24:3 see ICor.1:22

What will be the (supernatural) sign of your appearance (as King). Synchronous w/End?

And what is the *third* question? 24:3

What will be the (supernatural) sign of the end of the (present) age? i.e. Kingdom set up.

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***Right then; *Pentecost; *AD70 - now; *yet in the future (7 year Tribulation).**

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Birth pains are at the end, not the beginning, not whole time. This must be near the birth!

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No one has endured from Olivet, Pentecost, AD70 even till now, let alone to the End!

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For obvious reasons! It's still not preached to all nations. This will be @ Rev.14:6-7.

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This is the Antichrist, standing in the Holy Place. No temple now. Must be in the future.

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This is described in detail in Rev.6-20. None of this has happened yet.

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Obviously these supernatural events have not taken place. These are tribulation events.

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One generation will experience this whole panorama of events. Generation ~ 40 - 60 years.