

Olivet Discourse

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9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. NIV

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And what follows on the heels of these wars? Mt.24:7b; see Rev.6:5-8

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What does Jesus identify as one of the next Tribulation events? 24:9 see Rev.6:9-11

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To the disciples, all Jews. Looking for the kingdom to be set up. No sense for the Church.

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That this 7 year period is divided in half, by the abomination that makes desolate.

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He warns of significant deception of false Christs. This is a 'peaceful' war! No bloodshed.

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The first seal, rider on white horse (false Christ). Conquering by deception. Bow only.

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The God-given 'deluding influence' could be the 'crown given to him...'. Restraint removed

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The red horse; wars, rumors of wars, nation vs. nation, kingdom vs. kingdom. No peace.

And what follows on the heels of these wars? Mt.24:7b; see Rev.6:5-8

The black horse; extreme famine. Jesus adds in Mt.24 that there will be earthquakes.

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Great persecution of righteous souls slain for their faith / testimony. More apostasy / lies.

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The courts (gentile) and the synagogues (Jewish). Testimony for Christ will not be allowed!

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Believers betrayed by family and "all". But empowered by the Holy Spirit they endure.

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