

Sequence of End-Times Events

This chart identifies key words and phrases (identified by arrows ►) that provide timing markers for major end-times events. The goal is to clarify the sequence and duration of events.

Matthew 24:4-31	Mark 13:5-27	Luke 21:8-28	Other Scriptures
Beginning of Birth Pains			
vv 4-7: deception, wars, rumors of wars, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, famines, earthquakes	vv 5-8: deception, false Christs, wars, rumors of wars, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, earthquakes, famines	vv 8-11: deception, false Christs, wars, uprisings, national (ethnic) conflict, kingdom (international) conflict, great earthquakes, famines, pestilences, fearful events, great signs from heaven	
v 8: these are the beginning of birth pains	v 8: these are the beginning of birth pains		
Great Distress/Tribulation (3½ years)			
vv 9-14 ► “then” (at that time): Christians persecuted, killed, hated by all nations; many turn away from the faith; betrayed, hated; false prophets, increased wickedness; agape of most (Christians) grows cold; those who stand firm will be saved	vv 9-13: Christians arrested, betrayed, killed, hated by everyone; those who stand firm will be saved	v 12-19 ► “before all this”: Christians seized, persecuted, betrayed, killed, hated by everyone; those who stand firm will be saved	2 Thess. 2:2-3 ► rebellion, man of lawlessness revealed before Day of the Lord
v 15: abomination in the temple	v 14: abomination where it doesn’t belong		Dan. 9:27 ► abomination is set up half-way through 7-year treaty
vv 16-18: flee Judea	vv 14-17: flee Judea	vv 20-22: Jerusalem surrounded by armies; time of punishment v 21: flee Judea	
v 21 ► “then” (at that time): great/unequaled distress	v 19: unequaled distress	v 23: great distress, anger/wrath (not God’s, see Rev. 6:12-17) v 24: Israelis killed, taken prisoner	Dan. 7:25; 12:1: unequaled distress for 3½ years
vv 23-24 ► “at that time”: false Christs	vv 21-22 ► “at that time”: false Christs		
		v 24: Jerusalem trampled until times of the Gentiles are fulfilled	Rev 11:2 ► Jerusalem trampled 42 months
v 14 ► “then” (at that time): end (of the age, v 3) will come, after gospel preached to whole world	v 10: gospel must be preached to all nations		Joel 2:28-31 ► worldwide revival before cosmic disturbance and Day of the Lord

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Cosmic Disturbance			
v 29 ► “immediately after the distress” (v 21): sun dark, moon dark, stars fall, heavenly bodies shaken	vv 24-25 ► “following that distress”: sun dark, moon dark, stars fall, heavenly bodies shaken	vv 25-26: signs in sun, moon, stars; sea roaring, tossing; heavenly bodies shaken	Joel 2:30-31; Acts 2:20 ► before Day of the Lord: wonders in heavens, on earth; blood, fire, smoke; sun dark, moon red
Day of the Lord Begins			
vv 30-31 ► “then” (at that time): sign of Son of Man visible, elect gathered	vv 26-27 ► “at that time”: Son of Man visible, elect gathered	vv 27-28 ► “at that time”: Son of Man visible, our redemption	Rev 7:3-4, 9, 14 ► before Jesus gathers the elect: 144,000 sealed from Israel Rev. 7:9, 14 ► believers in heaven came out of great distress Rev. 15:2 ► believers in heaven, victorious over the beast Rev 14:14-19 ► elect gathered before God’s wrath Rev. 6:12-17 ► God’s wrath after cosmic disturbance