

Alignment of Major Bible End Times Prophecies

For relevance of the scripture passages used, see Note 1

“What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” (Mt 24:3)

Beginning of Birth Pains

childbirth analogy: contractions; increasing frequency & severity

Jews return to Israel (began prior to or during Beginning of Birth Pains)
gathering from worldwide dispersion begins (Jer 30:3; Eze 34:13; 36:24; 37:21; 39:27; Amos 9:14-15)
Israel united, not separate kingdoms (Eze 37:21-22)

Deception
deception, false Christs (Mt 24:4-5; Mk 13:5-6; Lk 21:8)

Fearful events
fearful events & great signs from heaven (Lk 21:11)
hail & fire, 1/3 earth burned (Rev 8:7, Trumpet #1); causes crop failures & famine?
blazing mountain into sea, 1/3 oceans polluted (Rev 8:8-9, Trumpet #2)
blazing star on rivers & springs, 1/3 polluted (Rev 8:10-11, Trumpet #3)
1/3 sky darkened (Rev 8:12, Trumpet #4)
smoke from Abyss, locusts torment people, 5 months (Rev 9:1-11, Trumpet #5)

Wars, violence
white horse (religion), bow (warfare), crown (victorious), conquest (goal: world domination) (Rev 6:1-2, Seal #1)
white horses go toward west (Zech 6:6); i.e., west of Israel
wars, violence; ethnic (racial, religious, geographical) & national (Mt 24:6-7; Mk 13:7; Lk 21:9-10)
red horse, sword, takes peace from earth (Rev 6:3-4, Seal #2)
red horses go throughout earth (Zech 6:7)
200 million troops near Euphrates River, 1/3 mankind dies (Rev 9:13-19, Trumpet #6)
Israel's enemies attack – first war (Ps 83), second war (Eze 38-39; Joel 1:1-2:11)

Worldwide revival begins
timing: begins sometime after northern army invades Israel (Joel 2:20, 28)
God pours his Spirit out on all people (Joel 2:28-29)
gospel preached to all nations (Mt 24:14)

Famines, earthquakes
famines, earthquakes in various places (Mt 24:7; Mk 13:8; Lk 21:11)
black horse, scales, food shortages, hyperinflation (Rev 6:5-6, Seal #3)
black horses go toward north (Zech 6:6); i.e., north of Israel

Plagues
plagues in various places (Lk 21:11)
pale/ashen/green horse, 1/4 of earth killed by sword, famine, plague, beasts (Rev 6:7-8, Seal #4)
dappled horses go toward south (Zech 6:6); i.e., south of Israel

Lawless one revealed
timing: revealed before Day of the Lord (2 Th 2:2-3)
3½ years before abomination set up in temple (Dan 9:27)

Great Distress/Tribulation

childbirth analogy: labor pains; most severe distress in human history

Lasts 3½ years

timing: begins when abomination set up (Dan 9:27, middle of 7 years; Mt 24:15, 21; Mk 13:14-19)

timing: Elijah comes before Day of the Lord (Mal 4:5)

distress, oppression of saints 3½ years (Dan 7:25; 12:1, 7)

Jerusalem trampled 42 months, 2 witnesses prophesy 1,260 days (Lk 21:24; Rev 11:2-3)

beast given worldwide authority 42 months (Rev 13:5)

Worldwide, Oppressive Kingdom

timing: God will set up his kingdom on earth during the time of this kingdom (Dan 2:44)

crushes, smashes, devours, tramples whole earth (Dan 2:40; 7:23; Rev 13:4?)

divided, mixed kingdom; 2 “feet,” one part stronger than the other, not strongly united (Dan 2:33, 41)

10 rulers: “toes” (Dan 2:42), same mixture as the “feet” (Dan 2:42-43); “horns” (Dan 7:7, 24; Rev 13:1?)

its people have same mixture, won’t remain united (Dan 2: 43)

different from all other kingdoms (Dan 7:7, 23)

Abomination in the Temple (Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Mt 24:15)

lawless one in God’s temple, exalts himself above all gods, declares self to be God (Dan 7:8, 11, 25; 11:36-37; 2 Th 2:3-4; Rev 13:5-6)

false religion (Dan 11:38-39)

Unequaled distress (Jer 30:5-7; Dan 7:25; 12:1; Mt 24:15-21; Mk 13:14-19; Lk 21:20-24)

Deception, the lawless one, the beast

overthrows 3 of 10 kingdom rulers (Dan 7:8, 24)

deception, false Christs, great signs & miracles (Mt 24:23-24, 26)

beast with power, throne, authority (Rev 13:1-4)

beast & image worshiped, death to all who refuse (Rev 13:4, 8, 14-15)

lawless one, counterfeit miracles, signs, wonders, evil, deception (2 Th 2:9-10; Rev 13:13-14)

mark of the beast required to buy or sell (Rev 13:16-17)

Land of Israel divided (Dan 11:39; Joel 3:2)

Israel isolated & devastated

all nations against Israel (Zech 12:3)

all Israel’s allies abandon her (Jer 30:14)

Jerusalem a cup of reeling for surrounding nations; Judah & Jerusalem besieged (Zech 12:2)

Jerusalem & Israel devastated (Zech 14:2; Mt 24:16-22)

Israel punished, wrath (Lk 21:22-24); Satan’s/man’s wrath, vengeance (see Note 7)

slaughter in Israel (Dan 11:33; Zech 13:8)

Israelis killed or taken prisoners to all nations (Zech 14:2; Lk 21:24)

Persecution

believers betrayed even by family, hated by everyone (Mt 24:10; Mk 13:12-13; Lk 21:16-17)

believers arrested, killed (Mt 24:9; Mk 13:9, 11, 12; Lk 21:12, 16)

Christian martyrs; more will die (Rev 6:9-11, Seal #5); beheaded (Rev 20:4)

war against saints, conquered (Dan 7:21, 25; Rev 13:7, 10, 15)

saints need patient endurance (Rev 13:10; 14:12)

Apostasy, wickedness

timing: rebellion occurs before Day of the Lord (2 Th 2:2-3)

many abandon the faith – rebellion, apostasy (Mt 24:10; 2 Th 2:3; 1 Tim 4:1)

wickedness increases, love of most turns cold (Mt 24:12; 2 Tim 3:1-5, 13)

Worldwide Revival ends

timing: ends before the cosmic disturbance & day of the Lord (Joel 2:20, 28, 31)

Elect, remnant of Israel will survive (Jer 30:7-9; Dan 12:11-12; Zech 12:3-9; 13:8-9; 14:2-5; Mt 24:22; Mk 13:20; Rom 9:27-29)

The end of the age

timing: after the gospel has been preached to all nations (Mt 24:3, 14)
times of the Gentiles are fulfilled (Lk 21:24)

Cosmic Disturbance

childbirth analogy: birth, delivery: transition to Jesus' kingdom on earth

timing: immediately after the distress/tribulation (Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24-25)

timing: before the Day of the Lord (Joel 2:30-31)

wonders in heavens & on earth: blood, fire, smoke (Eze 39:16; Joel 2:30; Acts 2:19); includes volcanic eruptions?
sun & moon darkened, stars fall, heavenly bodies shaken (Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24-25; Lk 21:25-26)
sea roaring & tossing (Lk 21:25)

severe earthquake, sun black, moon blood red, stars fall, terrain changes (Joel 2:31; Rev 6:12-15, Seal #6; Rev 11:13)

people hide in caves, terrorized (Isa 2:10, 19, 21; Lk 21:26)

earth shaken from its place, possible earth impact (Isa 2:19, 21; 13:13; 24:18-20)

effects last 30 days? (see Note 6)

Day of the Lord, Initial Stages

childbirth analogy: new arrival; Jesus returns to earth as King of kings

Will know Day of the Lord is near

timing: after lawless one is revealed (2 Th 2:3)

know redemption is near (Mt 24:33; Mk 13:29; Lk 21:28, 31)

won't know exact time (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:32; Lk 21:28-31)

saints not to be surprised by Day of the Lord (1 Th 5:4)

Seventh Trumpet (Rev 11:15-19)**Jesus visible**

Son of Man visible with power & great glory (Mt 24:30; Mk 13:26; Lk 21:27)

Lord comes from heaven, loud command, archangel, trumpet call (1 Th 4:16)

Lord revealed from heaven, blazing fire, powerful angels (2 Th 1:7)

Jesus visible, Israel & nations mourn (Zech 12:10; Mt 24:30; Rev 1:7)

Jesus begins to reign

world belongs to Christ (Rev 11:15, Trumpet #7)

Christ begins to reign (Dan 7:13-14; Rev 11:15, 17); i.e., takes control

Son of Man, gold crown (Rev 14:14)

Lord reigns, glory & power (Rev 19:1, 6)

144,000 sealed from Israel (Rev 7:3-4)

timing: before Jesus gathers the elect (Rev 7:3-4, 9, 14)

<p>Gathering of the Elect (the “Rapture” of the church) timing: during day of the Lord, after rebellion/apostasy occurs & man of lawlessness is revealed (2 Th 2:1-3) timing: after sun & moon darkened (Mt 24:29-31, cosmic disturbance) timing: believers in heaven came out of great distress/tribulation (Rev 7:9, 14) timing: believers in heaven after “beast” persecuted them (Rev 15:2) loud trumpet call (Mt 24:31; 1 Co 15:52; 1 Th 4:16; Rev 11:15) elect gathered (Mt 24:31; Mk 13:27; see Note 2 for explanation of “the elect”) bodies of the dead will rise from the dust/grave, shout for joy (Isa 26:19; Eze 37:12; Dan 12:2; Hos 13:14) believers rise to meet Lord in the air (1 Th 4:16-17) mystery of God accomplished (Rev 10:7; Eph 3:4-6) harvest of earth (Rev 14:15-16) multitude in heaven, first resurrection (Rev 19:1-9; 20:4-6)</p>
<p>Temple in heaven opened (Rev 11:19; 15:5)</p>
<p>God’s wrath imminent wrath seen coming (Rev 6:16-17), is announced (Rev 11:18), is imminent (Rev 15:1)</p>
<p>Judgment seat of Christ timing: Day of the Lord, after Jesus’ appearance (Rev 11:18; 22:12) timing: at the resurrection (Lk 14:13-14) location: in heaven (Lk 6:23) all saints there (2 Co 5:10) saints rewarded (Lk 14:14; Rev 11:18) rewards proportional to good works (Mt 16:27; 1 Co 3:8; Eph 6:8; Rev 22:12)</p>
<p>Wedding supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:7-9)</p>
<p>Temporary calm calm after disturbance, Lord returning, people disappearing? (1 Th 5:3) silence in heaven ½ hour (Rev 8:1, Seal #7)</p>
<p>God’s Wrath timing: after cosmic disturbance (Rev 6:12-17) angels with God’s wrath (Rev 15:6) no one can enter temple until after God’s wrath (Rev 15:8); no salvation? sudden destruction while people saying “peace & safety” (1 Th 5:3) winepress of God’s wrath (Isa 63:2-6; Rev 14:17-20; Rev 19:15) God’s wrath (Rev 16:2-14, Bowls #1 - #6) Jews protected on earth during God’s wrath (Isa 26:19-21)</p>
<p>Jesus returns to earth (Second Coming) timing: after God’s wrath, “I come like a thief” (Rev 16:14-15) Jesus conqueror on white horse, armies of heaven (Rev 19:11-16); angels (Mt 16:27; 25:31; 2 Th 1:7), saints (Rev 17:14), holy ones (1 Th 3:13) Jesus returns to Mount of Olives with all the holy ones, mountain splits, protects Jews (Zech 14:4-5; also Acts 1:10-12) 144,000 standing with the Lamb on Mt Zion (Rev 14:1-5)</p>
<p>Armageddon timing: after Jesus returns to earth (Rev 16:15-16; 19:11-21) world’s armies gather at Armageddon; preparation for attack on Jerusalem (Rev 16:16) Jesus destroys world’s armies attacking Jerusalem (Zech 12:9; 14:4, 12-15; Joel 3:14-17; Rev 19:17-21) plague destroys armies; flesh, eyes, tongues rot suddenly (Zech 14:12, 15; Rev 19:15) enemy soldiers panic, kill each other (Zech 14:13)</p>

Jesus destroys satanic trinity

Jesus overthrows & destroys lawless one (2 Th 2:8)
 beast & false prophet thrown into lake of fire (Rev 19:20)

“It is done!” (Rev 16:17, Bowl #7)

lightning, rumblings, thunder (Rev 11:19; 16:18)

Worst earthquake ever

earthquake (Rev 11:19)
 worst earthquake ever, cities collapse (Rev 16:18-19)
 every mountain & island disappears (Rev 16:20)

Babylon receives God’s wrath (Rev 16:19)
 Babylon destroyed, never again inhabited (Isa 13:19-22; Rev 18 - 19:3)

great hailstorm (Rev 11:19)
 huge hail, 100 lbs each (Rev 16:21)

Satan/devil thrown into Abyss for 1000 years (Rev 20:2-3)

Day of the Lord, Continued (1000 years)
 life in Jesus’ kingdom

Reign of peace, justice, righteousness begins (Isa 9:7)

timing: begins 45 days after beginning of Day of the Lord? (See Note 6)
 Jesus (son of David) reigns over Israel & whole earth (Isa 2:3-4; 11:1-5; Jer 23:5-6; 30:9; Eze 37:24; Zech 14:9)
 saints possess kingdom (Dan 7:22, 27)
 Jesus & believers reign over whole earth 1000 years (Rev 20:4, 6)

National Israel included in new covenant (regarding when this occurs, see Note 4)

new covenant (Jer 31:31)
 new covenant of peace (Eze 34:25; 37:26)
 Israel is God’s people, Lord is their God (Jer 30:22; 31:1; Zech 13:9)

Israel forgiven

cleansed from sin & impurity (Jer 31:34; Eze 36:25; Zech 3:9; 13:1-2)
 in a single day (Zech 3:9)
 new heart, new spirit; God’s Spirit in them, poured out on them (Eze 36:26-27; 39:29)
 Israel’s righteousness seen by nations (Isa 62:2)

Israel at peace

peace with nations & wildlife (Isa 2:4; 11:6-9; 60:18; 65:25; Jer 30:10; Eze 34:25, 27-28; Mic 4:3)
 Jerusalem secure, never again destroyed (Jer 31:40; Zech 14:11)

Land transformed

land around Jerusalem transformed (Zech 14:10)
 Jerusalem raised up (Isa 2:2; Zech 14:10; Mic 4:1)
 river flows from Jerusalem to Dead Sea & Mediterranean Sea (Eze 47:1-5; Zech 14:8)
 river changes the Dead Sea to freshwater (Eze 47:8-10)
 fruit trees of all kinds line the river, for food & healing (Eze 47:7, 12)

Israel’s cities & ruins rebuilt

Jerusalem rebuilt (Jer 30:18)
 towns inhabited, ruins rebuilt (Eze 36:10, 33, 35; Isa 61:4)
 foreigners rebuild walls (Isa 60:10)

Israel prosperous, productive

trees & crops productive, land like the garden of Eden (Eze 34:27, 29; 36:29-30, 35)

bounty of the Lord: grain, wine, oil, flocks, herds (Jer 31:12, 14)

every man has vine & fig tree (Zech 3:10; Mic 4:4)

wealth of nations brought to Israel (Isa 60:5-6, 11; 61:6)

people build houses, plant vineyards, enjoy the work of their hands (Isa 65:21-22; Jer 31:5, see Note 3)

Jewish exiles return

remaining Jewish exiles return to Israel (Jer 23:3, 8; 30:19; 31:8, 10)

as king of Israel, Lord gathers exiles from nations (Isa 11:10-16)

Lord beckons Gentiles to bring Jews back to the land (Isa 49:22; 60:3-4, 9)

land is full of people, too small (Isa 49:19-21; Eze 36:37-38)

Healthy human life

extended life span (Isa 65:20, see Note 3)

people bear children (Isa 65:20, 23; see Note 3)

Nations come to Israel

Lord reigns, settles disputes for nations, teaches his ways (Mic 4:2-3, 8)

all nations go to Jerusalem to celebrate Feast of Tabernacles; else, no rain (Zech 14:16-19)

people of all nations come to Israel (Isa 60:2-3)

even government leaders of nations care for Jewish children (Isa 49:22-23)

foreigners shepherd the flocks, work the fields & vineyards (Isa 61:5)

Satan/devil

released after 1000 years, gathers world's armies against God's people, defeated (Rev 20:7-9)

thrown into lake of fire (Rev 20:10)

Existing heaven & earth

disappear (Rev 20:11; 21:1)

heavens & elements destroyed by fire/heat (2 Pet 3:10, 12)

Final Judgment

[people from the nations lived in Jesus' millennial kingdom; assumption: if they chose righteousness, their names were entered in the book of life]

great white throne, second resurrection (Rev 20:11-13)

people judged according to what they had done (Rev 20:12-13)

people thrown into lake of fire if their names aren't in the book of life (2 Th 1:8-9; Rev 20:15; 21:8)

Death & realm of the dead destroyed (Rev 20:14)

Eternity

New creation

new heaven, new earth; new Jerusalem descends from heaven (Isa 65:17-18; 66:22; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 3:12; 21:1-27)

New Jerusalem

now God dwells among his people, Israel (Eze 37:27-28; 48:35; Rev 21:3)

no temple in the city because God Almighty & Lamb are its temple (Rev 21:22)

light of sun & moon not needed, glory of God gives the city light (Rev 21:23; 22:5)

the nations walk by that light, their glory & honor brought into it (Rev 21:24, 26)

city gates will never be shut (Rev 21:25)

only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life may enter the city, have access to the tree of life; all others must stay outside (Rev 21:27; 22:14-15)

within the city, river of water of life flows from God's throne, lined with tree of life bearing fruit monthly, its leaves for healing of nations (Eze 47:1, 7, 12; Rev 22:1-2)

Old order has passed away

no more mourning, crying (Isa 65:19; Rev 21:4)

no more death, pain (Rev 21:4)

no more curse (Rev 22:3)

People born in eternity

population will increase under everlasting covenant, when God's throne is on earth (Eze 37:26-27)

there will be "impure" people on earth (Rev 21:27; 22:15; also, see Note 5)

Believers reign with Christ

forever in eternity in Jerusalem (Rev 22:5)

believers judge angels & the world/cosmos/universe (1 Co 6:2; Rev 2:26-27)

Notes

Note 1: Passages included and their relevance to the end times:

- Isaiah 2
 - v 1, the last days
 - v 3, nations come to Jerusalem to learn God's ways & law
 - v 4, no more war
 - vv 19 & 21, people hide from dread of the Lord
- Isaiah 11
 - vv 1-5, descendant of Jesse rules, believed to be Jesus
 - vv 6-9, animals no longer dangerous, feed together
 - v 12, exiles gathered from four quarters of the earth
- Isaiah 13
 - v 9, day of the Lord
- Isaiah 24
 - vv 18-23, worldwide devastation when Lord begins to reign
- Isaiah 49
 - v 6, refers to Jesus, who will restore Israel & be a light for the Gentiles
- Isaiah 60
 - vv 1-2, Lord's glory over Israel
 - v 4, people gathered
 - v 7, God will adorn his glorious temple
 - vv 19-20, light of sun & moon not needed, Lord is everlasting light
- Isaiah 61
 - vv 1-2a, Jesus applied these verses to himself during earthly life, will fulfill remainder when he returns
- Isaiah 62
 - v 1, Jerusalem's righteousness & salvation will exist only when Lord returns
- Isaiah 63
 - vv 2-3, parallels Rev 14:19-20; 19:13 & 15
- Jeremiah 23
 - v 3, Israel gathered from the nations
 - vv 5-6, "The Lord Our Righteousness" reigns over land of Israel
- Jeremiah 30
 - v 3, Israel gathered from the nations
 - v 9, David their king
- Jeremiah 31
 - v 8, Israel gathered from the nations
 - v 31, new covenant
 - v 40, Jerusalem never again destroyed
- Ezekiel 34
 - v 13, Israel gathered from the nations
 - v 25, covenant of peace
 - v 28, safety from nations & wild animals
- Ezekiel 36
 - v 24, Israel gathered from nations
 - vv 25 & 33, cleansed from impurities & sins
 - v 26-27, new heart & new spirit; God's Spirit in them
- Ezekiel 37
 - v 21, Israel gathered from the nations
 - v 22, united as a single nation
 - v 26, everlasting covenant of peace
 - v 27, God will dwell among them

- Ezekiel 47
 - vv 1-12, describes river from the temple, restoration of the land and Dead Sea that will only be possible after Lord returns
- Daniel 2
 - vv 44-45, God sets up eternal kingdom during time of 10 kings (vv 41-43)
- Daniel 7
 - vv 25-28, everlasting kingdom handed over to the saints after leader of 10 kings oppresses saints 3½ years
- Daniel 9
 - vv 27, one who causes desolation places abominations in temple
- Daniel 11
 - v 31, abomination that causes desolation
- Daniel 12
 - v 1, time of distress more severe than any other
 - v 2, resurrection of the dead
 - v 11, abomination that causes desolation
- Zechariah 3
 - v 9, Israel's sin removed in a single day
- Zechariah 6
 - vv 1-8, horses and chariots match the four horsemen of Revelation 6:1-8
- Zechariah 12
 - vv 2-3, Jerusalem causes surrounding people to reel or stagger as if drunk; all nations gathered against the city
 - v 9, Lord destroys all nations that attack Jerusalem
 - vv 10-14, Israel see Jesus, mourn for him
- Zechariah 13
 - v 1, Israel cleansed from sin & impurity
- Zechariah 14
 - v 2, all nations attack Jerusalem
 - v 3, Lord fights against those nations
 - v 4, Lord stands on Mount of Olives
 - v 8, river of living water flows from Jerusalem
 - v 9, Lord king over whole earth
 - v 10, land of Israel transformed
 - v 11, Jerusalem secure, never destroyed again
- Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21
 - Jesus' discourse on the last days
- 1 Thessalonians 4
 - vv 16-17, Lord returns, resurrection of dead believers, all believers caught up to be with him
- 1 Thessalonians 5
 - v 2, day of the Lord
- 2 Thessalonians 1
 - v 7, Jesus revealed from heaven, blazing fire, powerful angels
 - vv 8-9, punishment on those who reject gospel
- 2 Thessalonians 2
 - v 1, Lord's return & gathering of believers
- Revelation 6-8:1
 - Seals
- Revelation 8-11
 - Trumpets
- Revelation 13-14
 - Beast's kingdom
- Revelation 15-16
 - Bowls
- Revelation 19-22

- God's kingdom

Note 2: Who are the elect or chosen ones in Mt 24?

- Mt 24:15-25 centers on Jerusalem/temple (v 15), Judea (v 16), the Jews (re Sabbath, v 20)
- two references to "the elect" (Mt 24:22, 24); also, "this people" (Lk 21:23), "the elect" (Mk 13:20)
- Gentile believers are God's chosen people (1 Pet 2:9-10) with the Jews (Eph 2:12-19; Ro 11:11-12, 17-26)
- very significant: 144,000 Israelis sealed (Rev 7:34) *before* the elect are gathered
- conclusion: the elect are Jewish & Gentile believers in Jesus the Messiah/Christ

Note 3: Does Isaiah 65:17-25 describe the millennium or eternity? [speculation]

- Isa 65:17 refers to the new heavens & new earth, implying the following verses relate to eternity after existing heavens & earth are destroyed by fire (2 Pet 3:10, 12; Rev 10:11; 21:1)
- Isa 65:20 states anyone who dies at age 100 will be thought a mere youth; also, anyone who misses (fails to reach) 100 will be considered accursed
- however, death & realm of the dead will be destroyed, thrown into the lake of fire (Rev 20:14) before appearance of the new heaven & new earth (Rev 21:1), so there will be no death on the new earth (Rev 21:4)
- radical changes make existing heavens & earth "new"
- conclusion: references to "new heavens and new earth" in Isa 65:17 and 66:22 seem to do two things: (1) show the ultimate fulfillment of conditions during the millennium, just as Pentecost ushered in the "last days" nearly 2000 years later, and (2) show figuratively that the world under Jesus' reign during the millennium will be like a "new heavens and new earth" compared to the old world order it replaced.

Note 4: When does God include national Israel in the new covenant? [speculation]

- Eze 37:24, 26 indicates God will make a covenant of peace with Israel after [Son of] David rules over Israel; may refer to beginning of millennial reign
- Eze 39:21 indicates Israel will know the Lord is their God when he displays his glory & punishes the nations; may refer to God's wrath or Armageddon
- Zech 12:10 & 13:1 suggest God will pour out his Spirit on house of David & inhabitants of Jerusalem when they look at the one they pierced & mourn for him, which is before the elect are gathered & before God's wrath; "on that day" likely refers to the Day of the Lord (1000 years long), not a 24-hour day
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Note 5: How can there be "impure" people on earth in eternity? [speculation]

- the book of life (Rev 20:15, relevant during millennium) isn't the same as the Lamb's book of life (Rev 21:27, relevant during eternity)
- anyone whose name wasn't in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire at the end of Jesus' millennial reign, before the new heavens and earth; i.e., before world population enters eternity (Rev 20:15-21:1)
- those who are added to the Lamb's book of life "wash their robes" in eternity by appropriating Jesus' death for their sin, accepting Jesus as their Savior (Rev 22:14; see 7:14)
 - they live a blessed life, can enter New Jerusalem and receive healing from the tree of life (Rev 22:14)
- those who don't "wash their robes" choose to live impure lives (Rev 21:27; 22:15)
 - their names aren't included in the Lamb's book of life, so they cannot enter New Jerusalem or receive healing from the tree of life (Rev 21:27; 22:15)
 - they won't die for their sin because the curse of death has been abolished (Rev 20:14; 22:3) and they will always be free to "wash their robes" if they choose to do so
- conclusion: those who "wash their robes" or choose not to must be born in eternity, after the old earth is destroyed

and the unrighteous are thrown into the lake of fire

Note 6: How long will the cosmic disturbance last and when will people begin to live under Jesus' rule? [speculation]

- Dan 12:1-7: 3½ years or 1260 days (30-day months) of great distress after abomination is set up
- Dan 12:11: 1290 days will occur after abomination is set up
 - suggests end of current world system and beginning of Day of the Lord after 1290 days
 - cosmic disturbance follows Great Distress/Tribulation and precedes Day of the Lord
 - conclusion: cosmic disturbance will last 30 days (1290 minus 1260 days)
- Dan 12:12: people who reach 1335 days will be blessed
 - assume people blessed because they begin experiencing the blessings of Jesus' kingdom
 - conclusion: 45 days (1335 minus 1290 days) during Day of the Lord for gathering of the elect, God's wrath; then Jesus returns to earth to reign

Note 7: Who is the source of vengeance and wrath against Israel during the Great Distress?

- Lk 21:22: time of "punishment/vengeance" (context: Jerusalem & Judea)
 - Greek word *ekdikesis* is translated "vengeance" or "punishment" in the New Testament
 - God as the source: Lk 18:7-8; Heb 10:30
 - Jesus as the source: 2 Th 1:8
 - people as the source: Acts 7:24; Ro 12:19; 1 Pet 2:14
 - source not specified: Lk 21:22; 2 Co 7:11
- Lk 21:23: time of "wrath" against Israel
 - Greek word *orge* is translated "anger," "wrath" or "punishment" in the New Testament
 - God as the source: Mt 3:7; Jn 3:36; Ro 1:18; 2:5, 8 (context); 3:5; 4:15 (Mosaic law); 5:9; 9:22; 12:19; Eph 2:3 (context); 5:6; Col 3:6; 1 Th 1:10 (context); 2:16; 5:9 (context); Heb 3:11; 4:3; Rev 6:17; 11:18; 14:10; 16:19; 19:15
 - Jesus as the source: Mk 3:5; Lk 3:7; Rev 6:16, 17
 - people as the source: Ro 13:4-5; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8; 1 Tim 2:8; Jas 1:19, 20; Rev 11:18
 - source not specified: Lk 21:23
- Conclusions
 - Scripture frequently attributes both vengeance and anger/wrath to people; sometimes acting as Satan's agents. Because the sources of the vengeance in Lk 21:22 and the anger/wrath in Lk 21:23 are not specified, automatically attributing them to God is not justified. Scripture clearly shows that Satan will fiercely attack Christians in the end times, so it is reasonable to conclude he also will fiercely attack Israel; current world politics supports that conclusion.
 - The belief that God pours out his wrath on Israel during the Great Distress/Tribulation likely was based originally on anti-Semitism. That interpretation violates the clear sequence of end-time periods – Great Distress, Cosmic Disturbance, then Day of the Lord – by forcing the Great Distress to be part of the Day of the Lord, when God pours his wrath out on the world. This in turn leads to the widely-held erroneous belief in a pre-tribulation rapture. Such interpretation seems to force scripture to conform to pre-existing beliefs.

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