

Day of the Lord Project—Lesson 2

The Timing of the DOTL

Introduction

- Now that we have defined what the Bible says about the DOTL, we will consider the verses as to the timing of when the DOTL comes to earth.
- In this study we want to demonstrate that the DOTL comes to earth with the second coming of Christ and, therefore, does not include the 70th week of Daniel/tribulation period.
- Matthew 24:3-31—is a foundational text that summarizes the entire tribulation and helps pinpoint when the DOTL comes to earth.
- Matthew 24:5—speaks of false Christs that shall come.
 - Daniel 9:27—the signing of the covenant between Israel and the Man of Sin is what begins Daniel’s 70th week.
 - Daniel 7:1-25—the little horn is the AC that will make war with Israel
 - Daniel 8:23-25—uses a peace platform to achieve power before he turns on Israel
 - Daniel 11:21—Man of Sin consolidates his power through peace and flattery
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:3 – unbelievers will be saying “peace and safety” right up until the Second Coming.
- Matthew 24:15—the abomination of desolation occurs in the middle of the 70th week.
 - Daniel 9:27—in the middle of the week, worship in the temple stops and is replaced by the abomination of desolation.
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:4—the Son of Perdition goes into the temple, claims to be God, and men will worship him.
- Matthew 24:22 – the days of the tribulation are shortened (Mark 13:20).
 - This does not refer to days being reduced to 23 hours or the Lord Jesus Christ returning prior to the end of the 70th week.
 - Psalm 102:23-24—to shorten the days of a man’s life is to cause his life to come to a premature end (Psalm 89:45)
 - Matthew 24:22—refers to God returning prior to the natural course of events playing itself out entirely, which would have destroyed all flesh on the earth.
 - This explains how the tribulation is worse than the Flood (Matt. 24:21). The Flood ran its natural course, and eight people were, nevertheless, able to survive. If the tribulation were to run its natural course, no one would survive.

- Matthew 24:27—Christ begins to talk about his Second Coming back to earth at the end of the 70th week.
- Matthew 24:29-30—after the tribulation of those days, certain cosmic disturbances will occur. Then they shall see the Son of Man coming. Matthew 24 takes its readers through the entire 70th week of Daniel in summary form.
 - Malachi 4:5—before the great and dreadful DOTL comes, the prophet Elijah will be sent.
 - Revelation 11:3-6—Moses and Elijah are commonly understood to be the two witnesses during the first half of the tribulation. If Elijah needs to be sent before the DOTL comes, then the first half of the 70th week on the earth cannot rightly be called the DOTL.
 - Joel 2:31—the cosmic disturbances must take place before the coming of the DOTL. Matthew 24:29-30 tells us that these events occur immediately following the tribulation. Therefore, the combined witness of these verses demonstrates that the DOTL comes after the tribulation with the Second Coming of Christ back to earth.
- Acts 1:11—the 11 are told that Jesus Christ will return to earth in like manner. He ascended from the Mount of Olives.
- Zechariah 14:1-9—Christ stands upon the Mount of Olives in the DOTL.
- Summary of the events when the DOTL comes:
 - Christ returns and stands upon the Mount of Olives.
 - Day of Battle/Armageddon
 - Judgment of the Nations
 - First Resurrection
 - Millennial Kingdom
 - Satanic Revolt
 - Second Resurrection and Great White Throne
 - New Heavens and New Earth
- This is the day when the Lord alone shall be exalted, i.e., the DOTL.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:6—the 70th week is the time of the adversary. The Lord alone is not exalted; rather, Satan exalts himself.
- Summary: There are three conclusive reasons that the DOTL cannot come to earth prior to the Second Coming.
 - First, it cannot occur until after the tribulation and the cosmic disturbances that follow the tribulation (Matt. 24:29-30, Joel 2:30-31, Rev. 6:12-17).

- Second, it cannot include the tribulation on earth because the beast is exalted during that time (Isa. 2:11, 2 Thess. 2:3-4).
- Third, the DOTL is the presence of the Lord (Zeph. 1:7). Thus, the DOTL comes when the Lord Jesus Christ himself arrives and cannot begin prior to his physical presence.