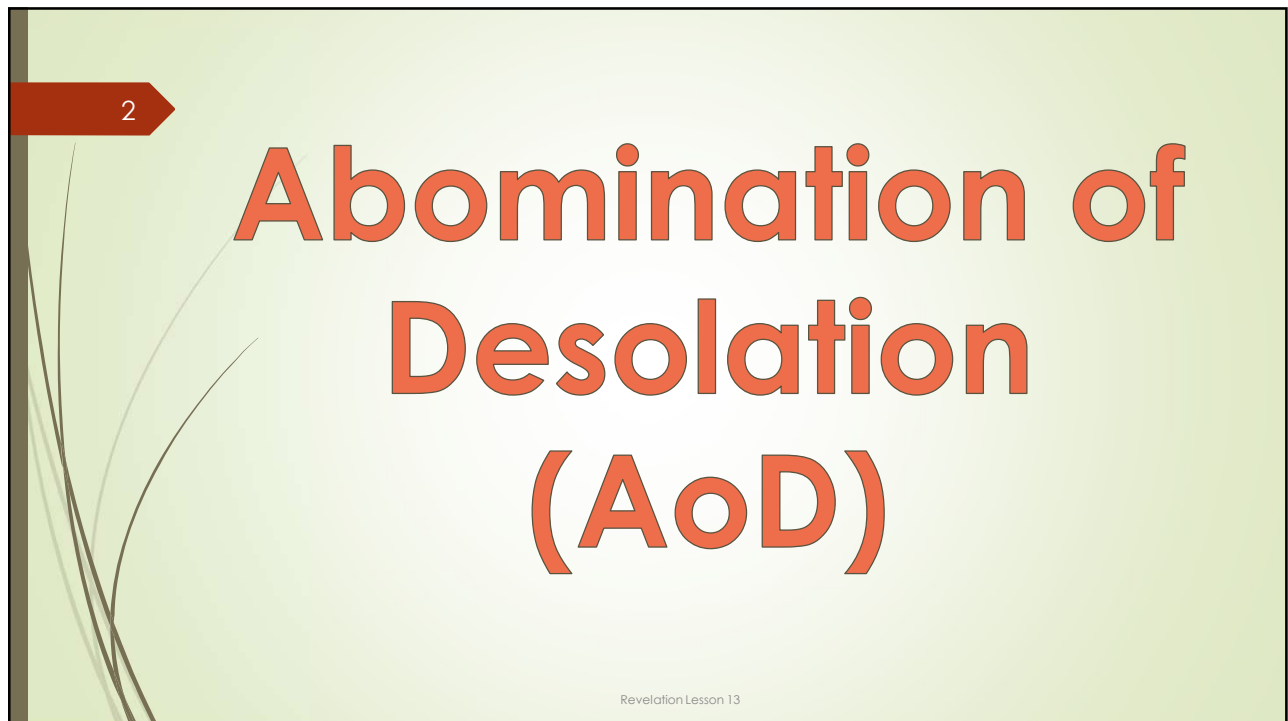


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A study of Revelation

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Abomination of Desolation (AoD)

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1. Abomination of Desolation

► Definition of Terms:

► **Abomination**

- Strong's #8251 $\gamma\iota\lambda\psi$ (šiq·qūš)- Disgusting, filthy, idolatrous, an idol, detestable, disgusting
- Something that causes disgust or hatred

► **Desolation**

- Strong's #8074 $\mu\eta\psi$ (šō·mêḡ) - To stun, devastate, appalled, astounded, horror
- A state of complete emptiness or destruction

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2. Daniel's AoD Prophecies

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1. A future ruler will make a treaty with the people of Israel.
2. The terms of this treaty will be for a "week"
 - ▶ which we take to be a period of seven years.
3. Midway through this time, the ruler will gather his troops and put an end to the sacrifices and offerings in the temple.
4. At that time the ruler will desecrate the temple, setting up some type of sacrilegious object.
5. The desecration of the temple will continue until the judgment of God is finally meted out on the ruler and his followers, **1,290** days (3½ years and 1 month) later.

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3. Jewish Daily Sacrifice

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- ▶ 1. A lamb was sacrificed twice daily, morning and evening, on the altar of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem
- ▶ 2. [\[II\]](#) In **167 BC**, a **Greek ruler** by the name of **Antiochus IV** desecrated the temple in Jerusalem. Antiochus called himself "Epiphanies" ("illustrious one" or "god manifest").
 - ▶ He set up an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt offering, and he sacrificed a pig on the altar. Antiochus went even further in his atrocities, slaughtering a great number of the Jews and selling others into slavery. And he issued decrees forbidding circumcision and requiring Jews to sacrifice to pagan gods and eat pig meat.

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- ▶ 3. In 63 BC (BCE), the Romans captured Jerusalem and Judea became an outpost of the Roman Empire, ...
- ▶ 4. [\[III\]](#) ... * [to be discuss soon, later at topic #4.]
- ▶ 5. [\[IV\]](#) In 66 CE the Jews rose in revolt against the Romans as their ancestors had once done against Antiochus. The resulting First Jewish–Roman War ended in **70 AD** (CE) when the legions of the **Roman general Titus** surrounded and eventually captured Jerusalem; the city and the temple were razed to the ground, and the only habitation on the site until the first third of the next century was a Roman military camp.

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- ▶ 6. Sacrifices were stopped after the Temple's destruction because **the Torah** specifically commands Jews **not** to offer **sacrifices** just anywhere;
 - ▶ they are only permitted in the place that G-d has chosen for that purpose. It would be a sin to offer sacrifices in any other location.
 - ▶ Instead, the Jews offer **prayers!**

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- ▶ 7. ** **[IV]** The Antichrist who, **in the end times**, will establish a covenant with Israel and then break it by doing something similar to what Antiochus Epiphanies did in the temple.
 - ▶ The sacrilegious object Jesus called “the **abomination of desolation**”
 - ▶ [Satan],
 - ▶ the “image of **the beast**” or the Antichrist’s,
 - ▶ the false prophet,
 - ▶ will order to be set up and worshiped (Rev 13:15).

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AoD - Daily Sacrifice

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- 8. Those who are alive during the tribulation should be watchful and recognize that the breaking of the covenant with Israel and the abomination of desolation will herald the beginning of the worst 3½ years in history (see **Matt 24:21**).
- “Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (**Luke 21:36**).

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4. * [III] Jesus as the AoD

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► **Daniel 12:11-12** “And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a **1290 days**. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the **1335 days**.” (ASV)

- Continual burnt-offering
 - perpetual daily “sacrifice”
 - “Sacrifice” giving up something for someone else.
 - 1. Sacrifice for yourself
 - 2. Sacrifice for others
 - 3. Sacrifice to come close to God

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► Why does Daniel's AoD prophesy

- applied to the **1st Coming of Jesus [III]** and
- **NOT the 2nd** Coming of Christ?

► **Daniel 12:11-12** ... the **abomination that causes desolation** is set up, there will be 1,290 days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

- The 1st century Jews observed feast days, as their temple was still in place
- There was **1290** days between the Fall Feast to Passover
 - 3.5 years plus a month (**360x3+180+30**)
- There was **1335** days between the Fall Feast to Pentecost
 - 3.5 years plus a month plus 45 days (**360x3+180+30+45**)

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- ▶ During the **Fall Feast**
 - ▶ **John the Baptist** started his public ministry
 - ▶ The Jews were expecting their Messiah
 - ▶ **Luke 3:15**, "The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah."
- ▶ {1} **Jesus was baptized** with water by John the Baptist during the **Fall Feasts (Feast of the Atonement)**
 - ▶ **Day 0**,
 - ▶ **Day 1290**, **Jesus was crucified (On Passover)**
 - ▶ **Day 1335**, **Jesus baptized these people in the Holy Spirit** and with tongues of fire coming down on them. The blessed day indeed! **That's Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4)**

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- ▶ God began to initiate His new covenant.
 - ▶ He was getting rid of the old way of doing things, the **Old Covenant (The Law)**
 - ▶ He was beginning to operate in the **New Covenant**,
 - ▶ the one that would have to be ratified in the blood of Christ which we know happened at **Passover**.
- ▶ Once **Jesus** came,
 - ▶ God's old way of interacting with His people,
 - ▶ through **sacrifices** and **offerings** and **temple ritual** and all of that was brought to an abrupt halt.
 - ▶ He would now communicate and interact with His people **directly and personally through His Son**.

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- ▶ When **Jesus** came,
 - ▶ He actually became the **new temple**.
- ▶ In **John 2: 18-19**, “the Jews demanded, “What sign can You show us to prove Your authority to do these things?”
 - ▶ Jesus answered, “**Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again.**”
 - ▶ **Vv 20-21**, “This temple took forty-six years to build,” the Jews replied, “and You are going to raise it up in three days? But Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body.”

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- ▶ When **Jesus** was crucified,
 - ▶ the veil in the **temple was torn into two** and
 - ▶ the **earthquake** and
 - ▶ the **rocks split** and
 - ▶ also the **Mosaic system**. (**Matt 27: 45-55**)
- ▶ After He was raised from the dead,
 - ▶ His disciples remembered that he'd said this, and then they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (**John 2:22**)
- ▶ **Jesus' body was referred to as the veil of the temple. Hebrews 10:19-20.**

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► The New Covenant

- Jesus Christ is the temple, He is the true temple.
- In His conversation with Samaritan woman, Jesus indicated that the temple worship that they were all familiar with, was passing away. And in fact, had really become for all intent and purposes, from God's perspective, a thing of the past, sacrifices and offerings, were taken away. (**John 4: 19-23**).

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► Why Jesus was "The Abomination of Desolation"

- Remember the definition of "**abomination**" and "**desolation!**"
- {2} Jesus, an **abomination**?
 - Detestable, filthy, disgusting?
 - That is "offensive" to most Christians!
 - But to the Jews at the time when they saw Jesus hanging on the cross, they thought Jesus got what He deserved, specially the Jewish leaders. As far as they were concerned, Jesus was a blasphemer.

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► Why Jesus was “The Abomination of Desolation”

► In **2 Corinthians 5:21**, “He (that is God) made Him (that is Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us that in Him (or on our behalf) so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

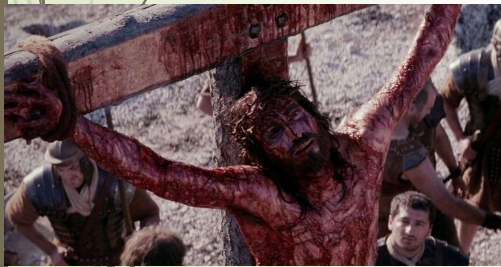
- The day when Jesus was crucified,
 - God took all the sins of the world,
 - from the beginning of time,
 - sins that people haven't committed yet,
 - and poured all of them on Jesus.
- Jesus became sin for us
 - so that **in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

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► Why Jesus was “The Abomination of Desolation”

- When God looked at Jesus hanging on the cross,
 - He saw the most vilest, filthiest, disgusting person who ever walked the face of the earth.
 - God turned His face away from Jesus.
 - Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
 - This is **Jesus**, He became the abomination, the filthy, vile, disgusting person **on our behalf.**



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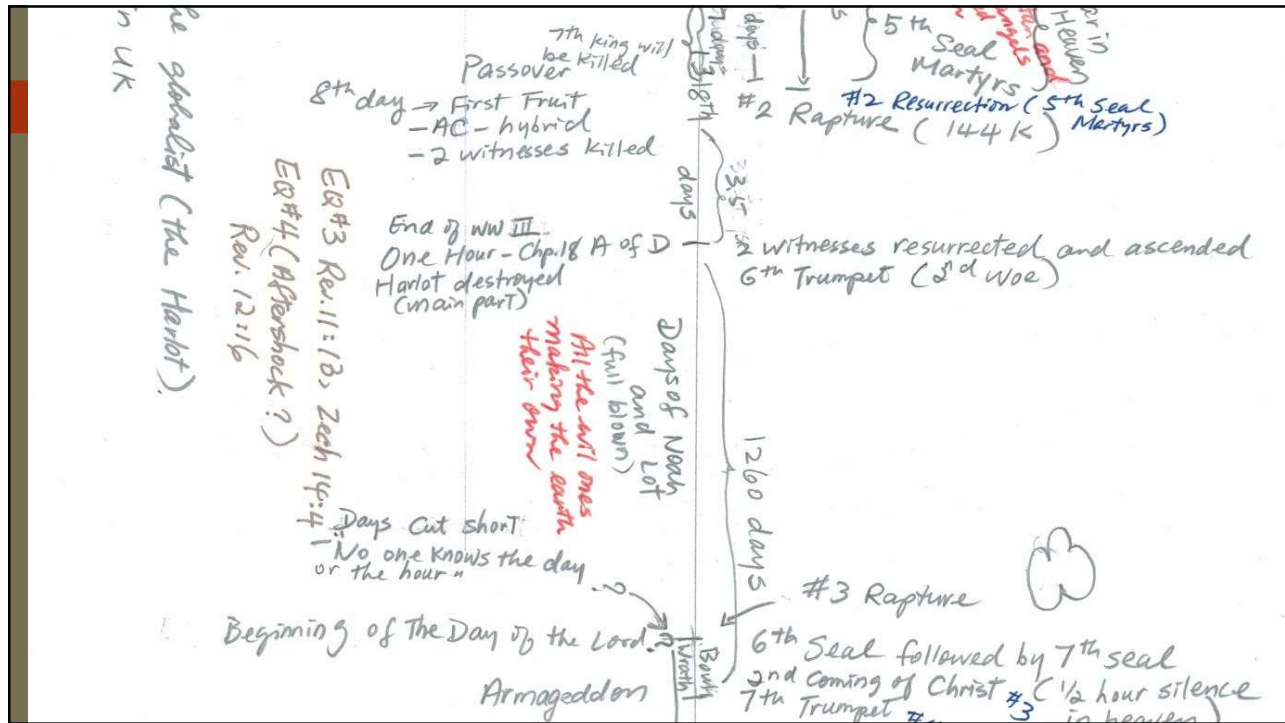
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- Remember the definition of “**abomination**” and “**desolation!**”
- Jesus, the **desolate**?
 - A “scene” that causes someone to be appalled, astonished, shocked, and horrified?
 - The reaction of the people as they watched Jesus die was prophesized actually in **Isaiah 52:14**
 - “Just as there were many who were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness”

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► Why [III] Jesus was “The Abomination of Desolation”

- **Isaiah 52:14**
 - Many were astonished at Him (that is Jesus) so His appearance was marred (disfigured) more than any form (beyond human likeness)
 - **The sin of the whole world being put on Jesus at that moment in time.** The people who saw this were appalled. It was so wicked; it was so surreal. They were desolated.
 - **Luke 23:48**, “And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned.”



5. ** [IV] The End Time AoD

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- Matthew 24:3-14 Signs of the End of the Age
- **Matthew 24:15-28 The Abomination of Desolation**
- **(1) Matt 24:15** “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘**the abomination that causes desolation**,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand”
 - When the man of lawlessness stand in the Holy Place
 - This is an important timing clue for the Jews living in Israel
 - This is a literal event. It is going to be a real person who is going to be standing in a “real” temple.

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- Two things is about to happen that will require their immediate response:
 - 1. They need to make haste and leave the newly created opening in the Mount of Olives in order to escape the persecution that is coming from the **antichrist**.
 - 2. They’ll need to understand that the **42-month (3.5 years; 1,260 days)** reign of the **beast** has just begun and the worst persecution of the Jews in history is about to take place.

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- ▶ **(2) Matt 24:16-20**, “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.”
- ▶ **Rev. 12:6**, “Then the **woman** fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there **1260 days**”

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- ▶ **Rev. 12: 13-16**, “Now when the **dragon** saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the **woman** who gave birth to the **male Child**. 14 But the woman was given **two wings of a great eagle**, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for **a time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the **serpent**. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

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► The symbolism in Revelation 12

- The woman is given **two wings of the great eagle**.
 - This is how God delivered the Israelites from Egypt. (**Exodus 19:4**)
 - So, **Jesus** is going to help the remnant of Israel flee into the wilderness,
 - **Jesus** is going to feed her in the wilderness just as He took care of the Israelites during their time of wandering in the wilderness.

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► The symbolism in Revelation 12

- The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth to sweep her away with a **flood**,
 - Daniel talked about how there was going to be the people of the prince is to come will destroy the city in sanctuary and its end will come with a flood.
 - A “flood” of troops (or army) coming over a wall just the way water will overflow its banks.
- An army coming to capture or to seize this remnant that's fleeing into the wilderness.

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► The symbolism in Revelation 12

- The earth came to the help of the woman
 - **Zechariah 14** describes how Jesus steps on the Mount of Olives. Mount of Olives splits because of a big earthquake. The mountain splits and people flee through that opening in the mount.
 - This is **NOT** occurring at Jesus' second coming
 - **Jesus** is coming to lead the remnant of Israel into the wilderness at the time of the AoD.
 - The mountain opens up **briefly**, the remnant will be able to flee and then the mountain will close up. It'll close on the army that the dragon has sent after them.

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► The symbolism in Revelation 12

- **Zechariah 14: 4-5**, "On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. 5 And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah."

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➤ **(3) Matt 24:21**, "For there will be great tribulation..."

➤ The woman (the remnant of Israel) is going to flee into the wilderness, for 1,260 days.

➤ **Daniel 12:1**, "...There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then, and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued... **(v.7)** It will be for **a time, times and half a time**. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

➤ **A time, times, and half a time**

➤ $1 + (1+1) + \frac{1}{2} = 3.5 \text{ years} = 1,260 \text{ days}$

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➤ Why and what is it that Michael is doing that causes this to happen or it is telling us something is about to take place?

➤ **Rev. 12:7-8**, "now war rose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon..."

➤ Both the book of Daniel and Revelation make a reference to Michael's involvement in the end time events specially around the time of the abomination of desolation.

➤ Michael is the angel who will lead the armies of heaven in the battle against the devil and his angels.

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➤ **(4) Matt 24:25, Rev. 12:5, Daniel 7: 25**

➤ Matt 24: 25, "See, I have told you **beforehand...**"

- Jesus is telling us ahead of time what is going to happen.
- We know that forewarned is forearmed.

➤ **Who is He talking to?**

- Is He talking to Christians, to believers, people who survived that martyrdom?
- Is He talking to the Jews?

➤ He is probably talking to the Jews here. He is referring back to the time when He's going to come and collect this remnant of Israel and lead them into the wilderness.

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➤ **(5) Matt 24: 26**, "So if anyone tells you, there he is..."

➤ Warning to the remnant who is fleeing into the wilderness.

➤ The need for haste and the idea that

➤ Once Jesus comes to get these people, He's not coming back to get anymore,

- Jesus is saying don't do it! Jesus really is only warning the Jews here, that when they see the abomination, they're to flee.

➤ **Revelation 12** tells us that the woman is going to flee.

➤ **Zechariah** tells us that there's going to be an earthquake and the Jews will flee through the opening that the earthquake has caused.

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- ▶ **(5) Matt 24:27**, “For as the lightening comes from the east...”
- ▶ Jesus is coming very quickly!
- ▶ This is **not** the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ **At Jesus’ second coming, He is coming to stay.** The second coming is not a flash of lightning where He’s here and then He’s gone. Every eye is going to see Him when Jesus comes back at His second coming. He is going to remain here. He is going to rule and reign on the earth.

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- ▶ **(6) Matt 24:28**, “Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.”
- ▶ He’ll be hidden by the mass of humanity following Him as they flee Jerusalem and He will provide nourishment for them (just like vulture gather around a carcass) during their stay in the wilderness.
- ▶ **John 6: 53-57**, “53 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ”

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