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Jesus also referred to this future event in Matthew 24.

So, if the final seven years have already begun, we should expect the prophetic events connected with their beginning to be identifiable.

Have they happened?

Let's investigate.



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CLUE 1: HAS THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS BEEN REVEALED?

One of the strongest passages to consider is 2 Thessalonians 2.

Paul warns believers not to be deceived concerning the coming of the Lord and the Day of the Lord.

He says:

“That day will not come unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed.”

— 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Paul then describes this man as someone who will oppose God, exalt himself above everything called God and ultimately take his place in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

This is not simply a description of another evil political leader. It is a very specific prophetic event.

We have certainly seen dictators, persecutors and rulers who have opposed God throughout history, but have we seen the man of lawlessness revealed in the specific way Paul describes?

There is no clear biblical basis for saying that we have and that matters because Paul places his revelation within the prophetic sequence surrounding the Day of the Lord.



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CLUE 2: WHAT ABOUT THE “FALLING AWAY”?

Paul says that the day will not come until the “rebellion” or “falling away” occurs.

The greek word is apostasia, and Christians interpret it in different ways. some understand it as a great end-time departure from the faith; others understand it more broadly as rebellion or departure.

There is also debate about whether this word has any connection with the rapture. So we should not build an entire end-times doctrine on one word, but Paul's larger point remains important:

There is a prophetic sequence. The revelation of the man of lawlessness is specifically part of that sequence.

CLUE 3: HAS THE CHURCH BEEN raptured?

Paul gives us a clear description of the catching away of believers in 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17: “the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive... will be caught up... to meet the lord in the air.”

This is what Christians commonly call the rapture. There are different Christian views concerning when the rapture occurs.

The pre-tribulation view understands this event to take place before the final seven-year period of judgment. One passage often considered in this discussion is Revelation 3:10, where Jesus tells the church: “I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world.” The pre-tribulation understanding sees this as a promise of protection from the coming worldwide period of judgment.

Paul also writes: “God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”— 1 Thessalonians 5:9

Christians certainly experience suffering and persecution in this present age, but the question is whether the specific worldwide wrath

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described in Revelation has already begun.

Under the pre-tribulation interpretation, the answer is NO. And there is an obvious reason:

The church has not yet been caught up to meet Christ in the air.

CLUE 4: WHAT ABOUT THE FOUR HORSEMEN?

Now we come to Revelation 6. John sees the Lamb opening the seals and then four horses appear.

WHITE HORSE – CONQUEST

The first rider goes out conquering. Many scholars understand this rider as representing the Antichrist and his rise to power. There is, however, an important qualification: Revelation 6 does not actually call this rider “the Antichrist.” That identification comes from comparing this passage with other prophetic passages.

The rider's appearance at the beginning of the judgment sequence, followed by war, famine and death, has led many interpreters to connect him with the Antichrist's deceptive rise, but if this interpretation is correct, we again have to ask: Has the Antichrist actually been revealed? According to Paul's description in 2 Thessalonians 2, that unmistakable event has not occurred

THEN COMES WAR

The second horse is red. Its rider is given power to take peace from the earth. People kill one another.

We have obviously experienced wars throughout history, but that isn't the real question.

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The question is: Are today's wars the specific prophetic judgment described by Revelation? We should not automatically assume they are.

THEN COMES FAMINE

The third horse is black.

Food becomes extremely expensive and difficult to obtain.

Again, humanity has experienced terrible famines, but Revelation places this event within a specific sequence of divine judgments.

Then comes something even more devastating.

DEATH RIDES THE PALE HORSE

The fourth horse is pale.

Its rider is called Death, with Hades following him and Revelation says they are given authority over one-fourth of the earth.

They kill by: sword, famine, plague and the beasts of the earth.

One-fourth - That is an extraordinary scale of death.

This is not simply:

“There will be wars and disease.”

It is a prophetic event affecting an enormous portion of humanity.

CLUE 5: WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SIXTH SEAL?

The sixth seal takes the picture to another level.

Revelation 6 describes:

a great earthquake;

the sun becoming black;

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the moon becoming like blood;
stars falling from heaven;
the heavens being shaken;
mountains and islands being moved.
And the people on earth cry out:
“The great day of their wrath has come.”
— Revelation 6:17

Now ask yourself honestly: “Have we experienced this?
Have we witnessed the complete prophetic sequence described here?”
No.
We have experienced extraordinary natural disasters and astronomical
events, but the biblical description of the sixth seal is on an entirely
different level.



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WHAT ABOUT THE “ONE-THIRD”?

There is an important point that is often misunderstood.

Many people say: “Revelation says one-third of the earth will be destroyed, so perhaps we're already experiencing it.” But the major one-third judgments occur in the trumpet judgments, which follow the opening of the seventh seal.

Revelation 8 tells us:

One-third of the earth and trees are burned. One-third of the sea becomes blood. One-third of sea life dies. One-third of the rivers and springs are affected. One-third of the sun, moon and stars are struck.

Then Revelation 9:18 describes the death of one-third of mankind.

If Earth's population is around eight billion, one-third would represent more than 2½ billion people. That is beyond anything humanity has ever experienced, and remember the sequence: SEALS → 7th SEAL → TRUMPETS

The trumpet judgments come after the seals. So when we see today's wars, famines, earthquakes or diseases, we should be extremely careful about declaring: “The seals have already begun.” The biblical descriptions simply have not occurred at the scale and sequence Revelation presents.

JESUS WARNED US NOT TO PANIC

Jesus Himself spoke about the end times.

He warned about: wars, rumours of wars, famines, earthquakes, persecution and deception. But notice what He said: “See to it that you are not alarmed.”— Matthew 24:6

Jesus did not tell His followers to panic every time there was a war or earthquake. He told them to watch.

There is a difference between being spiritually alert and being frightened by every headline.

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SO, ARE WE ALREADY IN THE TRIBULATION?

When we put the Scriptures together, the picture becomes clearer.

§ The final seven-year period is associated with Daniel's prophecy.

§ The man of lawlessness has a specific prophetic role.

§ The Rapture describes believers being caught up to meet Christ in the air.

§ Revelation describes a sequence of seals, followed by the trumpets and later the bowls.

§ The fourth seal involves authority over one-fourth of the earth.

§ The sixth seal brings extraordinary cosmic disturbances.

§ The trumpet judgments then bring repeated one-third judgments, culminating in the death of one-third of mankind.

We have never experienced anything like this.

Therefore, within the pre-Tribulation understanding of Scripture, there is strong biblical reason to conclude:

THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION HAS NOT YET BEGUN.

That does not mean that nothing prophetic is happening, or that we should ignore the signs of the times, and it certainly does not mean that Christians should become complacent.

It means we should distinguish between the troubles humanity has always experienced and the specific prophetic judgments described in Revelation.

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THE REAL QUESTION

Perhaps the most important question isn't: "HAS THE TRIBULATION STARTED?" It is: "AM I READY FOR JESUS?"

- Ø Don't wait for the Antichrist to appear before you take God seriously.
- Ø Don't wait for the Tribulation before you surrender your life to Christ.
- Ø Don't wait for another disaster before you open your Bible.

Jesus told us to watch. Paul told us to encourage one another, and Scripture repeatedly calls us to live faithfully while we wait for our Lord.

Prophecy wasn't given to God's people so that we would live in fear. It was given so that we would be awake, prepared and anchored in Christ.

- v Don't fear the future.
- v Know the One who holds the future.
- v Search the Scriptures.
- v Test everything.
- v Stay awake.
- v Keep your faith.
- v And be ready.

Because when Jesus comes for His Church, there will be no confusion about it.

SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

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Daniel 9:24–27 — The final “seven”

Matthew 24:4–31 — Jesus' teaching about the end times

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 — The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 — The Day of the Lord

2 Thessalonians 2:1–12 — The falling away and man of lawlessness

Revelation 3:10 — The hour of trial

Revelation 6 — The seals and Four Horsemen

Revelation 7 — The 144,000 and great multitude

Revelation 8–9 — The seventh seal and trumpet judgments

Revelation 19 — The return of Christ



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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

NASB

What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

NASB

Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

NASB

Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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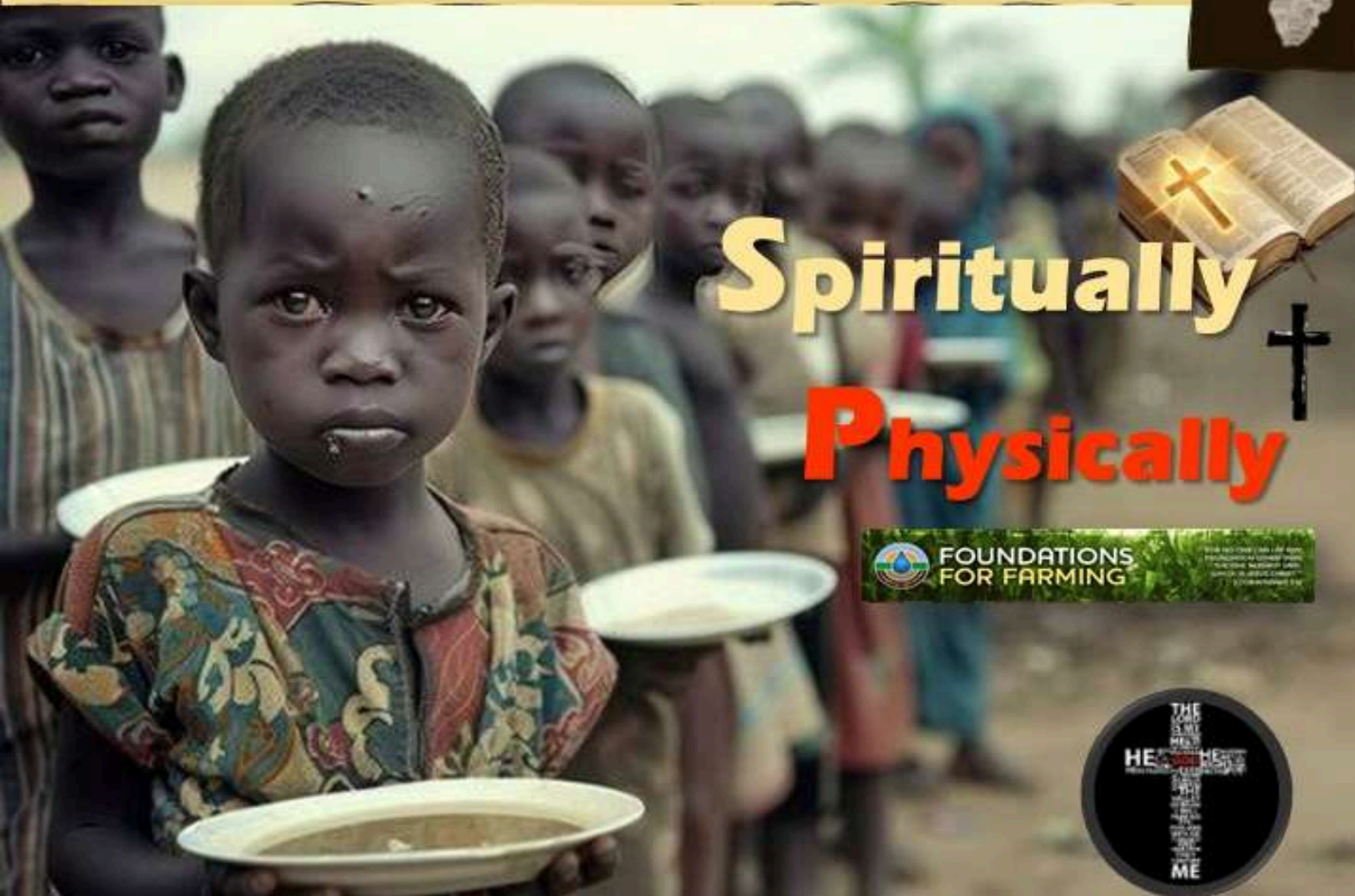
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