

The Olivet Prophecy Parallel Passages

Matthew 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
v.4,5- “See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.	v.5,6- “See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray.	v.8 – “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them.(Meaning that the deceivers will say, “Time is at hand!”)
v.6- And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.	v,7-And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.	v.9- And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”
This was the experience of the early church leading to a view of the future beyond their experience	This was the experience of the early church leading to a view of the future beyond their experience	This was the experience of the early church leading to a view of the future beyond their experience
v.7,8- For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the <u>beginning</u> of the birth pains.(“birth pains” of the second advent of Christ corresponding with Revelation 6 – the first four seals)	v.8- For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. But these are but the <u>beginning</u> of the birth pains. (“birth pains” of the second advent of Christ corresponding with first four seals of Revelation)	v.10,11- Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven, jumping all the way to the 6th seal events of Revelation
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Matthew does not include this experience of the first disciples, which is a deliberate omission by the Spirit to demonstrate that the missing portion belongs to the original disciples only.	v.9-11 But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour, for it	v.12-15 - But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore, in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your

	is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.	adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.
Still in the future view and corresponds with the 5 th and 6 th seals of Revelation	Shifts back to the future view and corresponds with the 5 th and 6 th seals	Shifts back to the future view and corresponds with the 5 th and 6 th seals
v.9-14 - Then (after the earlier events) they will deliver you (the church) up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many believers will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved . And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations , and then the end will come.	v.12-13 – And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved . v.12,13 describes future events that were not reported by NT authors	v.16-19 – You (the church) will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your eternal lives . V.16-19 describes future events that were not reported NT authors
Corresponds with the opening of the 7 th seal	Corresponds with the opening of the 7 th seal	Corresponds with the opening of the 7 th seal
v.15-21 – So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel (Daniel 11:31;12:11) standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there	V.14-20 – But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (temple) (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it might not happen in winter. For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been	v.20-24 – But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, (not the original destruction of Jerusalem, but the occupation by Antichrist) then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are the days of vengeance , to fulfill all that is written . Obvious end time reference . Alas for women who are pregnant and those who are nursing infants in those days!

<p>will be great tribulation such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.</p>	<p>from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.</p>	<p>For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <i>(Which ends only at the Lord's return.)</i></p>
<p>v.23-29 – <u>Then</u> if anyone says to you, “Look, here is the Christ!” or “There he is!” do not believe it, For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, the elect. See, I have told you <i>(warned you)</i>. So, if they say to you, “Look, he is in the wilderness,” do not go out. If they say, “Look, he is in the inner rooms,” do not believe it. Why? For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.</p>	<p>v.21-23 – And <u>then</u> if anyone says to you, “Look, there he is!” do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard. I have told you <i>(warned you)</i> all things beforehand.</p>	<p>v.25-28 – And there will be signs in sun and moon and satars, and on the earth distress of nations perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.</p>

Matthew does not include the specific experience of these disciples as reported in Mark 13:9-11 or Luke 21:12-15. This is a deliberate literary device by the Holy Spirit to help us distinguish what applied to the original disciples and what applies to future disciples.

Prophetic OT passages (particularly in Daniel), Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, Luke 21, and Revelation are unified in their presentation of end times prophecy related to the future of the church, but we must remember that most important interpretive tool we have is the Spirit of truth who was sent to guide us into all truth.