

# The Triumph of Man II

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 24:15-22.

B. Clear historical events from Jesus' prophesy.

1. The rapture of the church.
2. The destruction of northern powers.
3. The collapse of false Christianity.
4. The emergence of a final conquest.

D. Jesus fully regards prophesy as that which will be fulfilled simply and literally.

## II. The people that Jesus forewarns.

A. Those that are in Judea.

B. Jews who live in Judea as made clear by "the Sabbath."

C. Believing Jews as made clear by "the elect."

D. They are not Christians because in the church Jews are not distinguished and Christians are not bound to the law.

E. This takes place before the great tribulation. (John 5:28)

1. The archangel will stand up to signify renewal in Israel. (Daniel 12:1)
2. Before the tribulation breaks forth the 144,000 from the tribe of Israel are seen with Jesus. (Revelation 7:2-3)
3. The 144,000 are great witnesses at work while the man of lawlessness is at work. (Revelation 7:9)
4. This body is somewhat ineffective because their witness is only individual—they do not act as restraints to those around them.

## III. The trouble Jesus foretells.

A. Man will come to the place where he no longer believes he needs a God, and the dark forces will be released.

B. What we can take away.

1. The time of the end has not yet come even though it may be near. The invitation of grace is still out there for all people.

2. The world is moving on schedule. (John 14)

3. God's dealings with Israel are ever a picture of His dealings with us. The result of our unbelief is wandering and death, but God knows how to break through unbelief.

**Application questions:**

1. What clues identify those that Jesus is speaking to as the Jews?

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2. What is the Rapture? What is the Great Tribulation?

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3. How can Israel be a symbol for the struggles that believers face today? Explain.

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