Early End-Time Bible Passages

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Specific Truths in God's Word must be considered in light of its full Counsel. Because the dark one uses half truths to accomplish his work of deception against man, it is imperative we balance Bible Truths with the whole of God's revelation. Paul the Apostle modeled this – see Acts 20:27.

Applying this holistic use of God's full revelation, we bring the following comment before quoting some of the early end-time Bible passages we've highlights in our last (our 3rd) series this past Oct. & Nov.:

God's Word teaches the very *end of days* unfold during **one generation**. Mark 13:28-31 **Included in this era** is the period of time the Word calls *Daniel's* 70th Week. But it's here where we remind the reading audience – in light of the full Counsel of the Word of God – that there are things which unfold (in this final generation) PRIOR TO Daniel's 70th Week. This is what the Scriptures explicitly teach so let's honor this teaching & mark those who teach to the contrary. James 3:1 matters! Okay, on to the Bible quotes which comprise only a partial list (as there are others) of **early** end-time Bible passages ...

Matthew 24:3-8

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. (also see Mark 13:1-8) For Truth-based insight on this Mt. 24 passage, go to www.TruthFoundations.org/1cio1.pdf

Luke 12:35-38 & 21:7-19

Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. ... So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?" And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time has drawn hear.' Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will* not *come* immediately."

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II Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

II Peter 2:1 – 3:9

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. ... Beloved ... knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which now preserved by the same word, are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

I Timothy 4:1-5

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Matthew 24:9-14

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. For Truth-based insight on this passage, go to www.TruthFoundations.org/1cio5.pdf.

I John 2:18-23

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

I John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. (All three letters of John are most insightful concerning Counsel for these *end of days*.) For an article on this topic of "antichrist," please view www.TruthFoundations.org/1cid3.pdf.

Also read Christ's letters to the churches in Revelation 2 & 3 as these words of Counsel are also most pertinent today.

Please understand: The full Counsel of God's Word – including both Old & New Testaments – has even more insight for today – during this early "end-time season" we're in – than what we've quoted above. As the book of Revelation records, blessed are those who read, those who hear, and those who keep (obey) the Counsel of God's kind, protective Counsel. And thanks be to God Who has graced us (those of us who have accepted God's gift unto new birth) with His indwelling Holy Spirit to provide the means to *overcome*! (see I John 4:4 – sweet!)

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