

Endure Unto The End The Same Shall Be Saved

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Someone asked: "ENDURE TO THE END TO BE SAVED. What does that mean?"

Matthew 24:3-4, "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."

The context explains this passage. The questions any serious Bible Student will ask is: WHO is this talking to; WHAT time period does this fit into? WHY was this written?

First rule of thumb in Bible Study is "context". Remember: a text without a context is a pretext. More questions needing answered would be: what is the "enduring to the end" OF? and is this a physical salvation in the context or a spiritual one? The context tells you these things. Second rule of thumb is compare parallel passages. There are four gospels that are in many cases parallel with each other and give more information about what was being said, who it was said FOR, who it was said TO, etc. This also vindicates a passage by two or three witnesses every word will be established.

For my answer I refer to the Authorized Version as my standard and only authority and any deviation is not intended. God says what He means and means what He says. So I take every word that I am reading as they are divinely inspired and preserved in English for me personally.

This is a lengthy discourse in the context which if you take the time to READ it; the answers should pop out at you.

First is the context:

Matthew 24:12-16, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:"

Matthew 24:20-22, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Now right off the bat we see these things in Matthew 24:12-16:

1. "...he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved..."
 - a. End of what?
 - b. Saved from what?
2. "...When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place..."

- a. When is this?
 - b. What is the abomination of desolation?
 - c. Where does Daniel talk about this?
 - d. Where is "...the holy place..."
3. "...let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains..."
 - a. Who is in Judaea?
 - b. How are they going to flee?
 - c. Where are the mountains?

Then in the context we get these answers in Matthew 24:20-22:

1. "...great tribulation..." and "...except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved..."
 - a. The END of the great tribulation in the context...
 - i. Notice the endurance in: Revelation 12:17, "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."
 - ii. Notice the endurance in: Revelation 14:12, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."
 - iii. Revelation 16:13-16, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Notice the endurance in: "... Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."
 - b. Saved from physical DEATH...
2. For this we need to see what Daniel said about this:
 - a. When this happens: Revelation 13:14-15, "And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Matthew 24:4b, "...Take heed that no man deceive you."
 - i. This happens at the middle of the Tribulation that starts the Great Tribulation. This is NOT the Church Age.
 - ii. The Tribulation runs from Revelation 6 to 19 and the middle is at 12-13. Year 1: 6-7; Year 2: 8-9; Year 3: 10-11; Half of Year 4: 12; Start of the Great Tribulation with Second Half of Year 4: 13; year 5: 14-15; Year 6: 16-17; Year 7: 18-19. Ending with the Second Coming or the Lord Jesus Christ.

- b. Daniel's prophecy is very lengthy and requires many cross references to Revelation but here are a few of the passages relating to this:
- i. Daniel 9:24-27, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."
 - ii. Verse 24 is the map for the time elements in the passage. They are not in sequential order, they are weeks of years prophetically based on the "...day for a year..." Prophetic time elements: Numbers 14:34, "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."
 - iii. The time elements start with the ending of the Old Testament 400 BC up to the Lord Jesus Christ DBR: 35 AD for a total of 434 years (62 X 7) [Note: BC 1 and AD 1 are the same year.]
 - iv. The next time element skips the Church Age and starts with the Tribulation in Daniel 9:27 for a 7 year Tribulation that gets split in half.
 - v. The last time element is the 7 X 7 or 49 years. This takes place after the thousand year reign of Christ, starting with the loosing of Satan from the Abyss; and ending after the Great White Throne Judgment when the New Heavens and New Earth show up. This is when the Lord Jesus Christ hands over the kingdom to the Father.
- c. Daniel tells you the time elements about the abomination that maketh desolate:
- i. Daniel 11:31, "And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."
 - ii. Daniel 12:11, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days."
- d. Where is the holy place? It's obviously at Jerusalem where the Ark of the covenant will be in "...the sanctuary..."
- i. Daniel 8:13-14, "Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."
3. "...let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains..." is an obvious reference to:

- a. Who is in Judaea?
 - i. "...for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Who is that? That would be Israel: Isaiah 45:4, "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me." NO, it's NOT you!
 - ii. "The elect" is always either a reference to Israel or the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. How are they going to flee?
 - i. Context: "...pray ye that your flight be not in the winter..." By jet airliner. Look at the reference in Revelation 12:14a, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness..."
- c. Where are the mountains? "...flee into the mountains:" is a direct reference to:
 - i. Revelation 12:6, "And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."
 - ii. Revelation 12:14, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Here are the very instructive "Parallel Passages" for:

1. Matthew 24:3-31
2. Mark 13:4-27
3. Luke 21:7-28

Matthew 18:16, "But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

2 Corinthians 13:1, "This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

The placement of Revelation 2:10-11, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." On a Christian in the Church Age puts him in danger of the question: What IF he does NOT overcome? He shall be hurt of the second death! No, no, no! Not in light of Romans 8:35-39. Not possible we have Eternal Life right NOW. See: 1 John 5:10-13. These Local Churches in Revelation 2-3 are people that MISSED the resurrection of the Church of Born Again Believers in the Body of Christ. They got left behind and were members in those local churches but were never saved! They were "playing church"! Many will show up in these churches full of lost people looking for an answer as to what in the world just happened! Billions have just vanished in a flash of light; and left a pile of clothing covered in blood! These local churches have entered into the time Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7) commonly called "The Tribulation". If you are playing church; stop putting off your salvation. You could die any moment and then what? You could be left behind and then what?

- A. Admit that you are a sinner:

- a. Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."
 - b. Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
 - c. Romans 10:3-4, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."
- B. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ:
- a. Acts 16:31, "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
 - b. John 1:12-13, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."
 - c. Romans 3:24-26, "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."
- C. Confess the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior:
- a. Romans 10:9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
 - b. Romans 10:13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
 - c. Matthew 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

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