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<td><strong>THE SETTING:</strong> Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple (fulfilled AD 70)</td>
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1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came to him to show Him the buildings of the temple.

1 Then as He went out of the temple, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations,

5 Then, He said,

2 And Jesus said to them, “Do not look upon all these things. Assuredly, I say to you,

2 And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings?

6 These things which you see—the days will come when not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying,

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

7 So they asked Him, saying,
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THE THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1
concerns the sign for the destruction of the Temple

4 “Tell us, when will these things be?

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“Teacher, but when will these things be?”

QUESTION 2
concerns the signs for the Second Coming of Christ.

“And what will be the sign of Your coming?”

QUESTION 3
concerns the signs for the approach of the Tribulation (the end or consummation, ‘suntelia’, of the age)

“And of the end of the age?”

THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS AGE (therefore these are not signs of any of these three events)

4 And Jesus answered and said to them:

“Take heed that no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

5 ¶ And Jesus, answering them, began to say:

“Take heed that no one deceives you.

6* “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many.

6* “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’

Therefore do not go after them.

8* 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 near.’

Therefore do not go after them.
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<td>6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all <em>these things</em> must come to pass, but the end (‘telos’) is not yet. These previous events do not mean we are in the Tribulation.</td>
<td>7 “But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for <em>such things</em> must happen, but the end <em>is</em> not yet.</td>
<td>9 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.”</td>
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<td><strong>THE START OF THE TRIBULATION</strong> (Part of the answer to question 2)</td>
<td>8 For (then) nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. These <em>are</em> the beginnings of sorrows.</td>
<td>10 Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.</td>
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<td>11 “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.</td>
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<td>12 “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.</td>
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<td>13 “But he who endures to the end (of the Tribulation) shall be saved (by the Return of Christ).</td>
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<td>14 “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end (‘telos’, the Return of Christ) will come.”</td>
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(This is the worldwide preaching of the gospel in the Tribulation)

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<td>9 But watch out for yourselves, for</td>
<td>12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up \</td>
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<td>they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues.</td>
<td>to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake.</td>
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<td>You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake,</td>
<td>13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.</td>
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<td>for a testimony to them.</td>
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<td>10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.</td>
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11 “But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak.

But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

12 “Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

13 “And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

17 And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.

18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

19 By your patience possess your souls.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1
- THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE.

*When?* - in the disciples’ generation.

*The sign?* Jerusalem surrounded by armies (fulfilled in AD67)

20 But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.
THE SIGN OF MID-TRIBULATION (Daniel 9:27)
and the start of the Great-Tribulation. The Sign-
antichrist’s Abomination of Desolation. (Answering Question 2
- this sign tells us when Christ’s
Coming is 3 and a half years away)

15,16 Therefore when you see the ‘Abomination of Desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

14 “So when you see the ‘Abomination of Desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not” (let the reader understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

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Provision for the believer’s protection in the terrible times of Daniel 9:26:
21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in her midst depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.
22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.
23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.
24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.
18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.
19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
21 For then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened
(The days are shortened by the personal return of the Lord to save believing Israel).

COUNTERFEIT SIGNS of Christ's Return to be rejected. (Question 2)
23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.
For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

See, I have told you beforehand.

Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; or ‘Look, He is in the inner rooms!’ do not believe it.

The True Signs of the Return of Christ.

For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (it will be visible top all, nobody will have to tell you, as in v23-26)

For wherever the carcass is, there the vultures will be gathered together.
(Where and when?-it will when the the armies of the world gather at Armageddon to destroy Israel).

Immediately after the Tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven,

But in those days, after that Tribulation,

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars;

and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;
and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,

and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Regathering of Israel
31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds,

from one end of heaven to the other.

Answers to Question 3-
the signs of being in the time just before the Tribulation)

26 “men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

28 Now when these things (the world-conditions in the Tribulation that Jesus described in answering question 2) begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (the rapture) draws near.”
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<td><strong>THE FIG-TREE</strong> (Israel)</td>
<td><strong>28</strong> Now learn this parable from the Fig Tree:</td>
<td><strong>29</strong> Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the Fig Tree, and all the Trees.”</td>
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<td><strong>32</strong> Now learn this parable from the Fig Tree:</td>
<td>When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.</td>
<td><strong>30</strong> When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.</td>
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<td>When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.</td>
<td><strong>29</strong> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near-at the doors!</td>
<td><strong>31</strong> So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.</td>
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<td><strong>33</strong> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near-at the doors!</td>
<td><strong>30</strong> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.</td>
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<td><strong>34</strong> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation (that sees the Fig-Tree arise) will by no means pass away till all these things take place.</td>
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<td>The Rapture - the sign that the Tribulation is about to begin).</td>
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<td><strong>36</strong> But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.</td>
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| 37 But as the days of Noah so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. | **33** “Take heed, watch and pray;**  

**for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.**” | 34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. |
| 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, | 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. |
| **39** and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. | 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man (in the Rapture).” |
| 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. | | |
34 For the son of man is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming -in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning--

36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

The Thief in the Night.
43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.