

## Lesson-10 Study Guide: Signs of the Times

**Lesson Focus Passage:** [Matthew 24:1-36, 42, 44](#)

**Additional Passages:** [Mark 13](#); [Luke 17:20-37](#); [Luke 21:5-36](#)

**Background:** God's program is this: When the Church age is over, Christ will come and His own will be caught up to meet Him. The dead in Christ shall rise first, and then those who are alive shall be caught up to be with the Lord (*i.e., the Rapture*).

Immediately after that, the Tribulation period begins on earth; the judgment seat of Christ begins in heaven. For seven years, the judgment of God against unbelieving Israel and Gentile rebels will take place on earth.

At the end of that time, Christ will come back in His Second Coming, the Second Advent (*i.e., the Glorious Appearing*). – **Dr. David Jeremiah** (*The Handwriting on the Wall Study Guide*)

### **Preparatory Questions**

1. How would you compare the question the disciples asked Jesus in [Matthew 24:3](#) and the question of [Acts 1:6](#)? Which was more precise; showed greater understanding?
2. The word “*church*” (Greek work for “*assembly*”) occurs twice in the four Gospels. What is the context of each occurrence?
  - a) [Matthew 16:18](#) –
  - b) [Matthew 18:17](#) –
- b) Given this scant introduction, why do you think the apostles later had such trouble understanding “the church” as revealed through Paul- a new body made up of Jews and Gentiles?
3. How attentive are most Christians to the signs mentioned by Jesus of the coming of the end of the age?