

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 60

EPILOGUE:
**WHERE ARE
WE NOW?
WHERE ARE
WE HEADING?**

(MATTHEW 24 AND PSALM 2)



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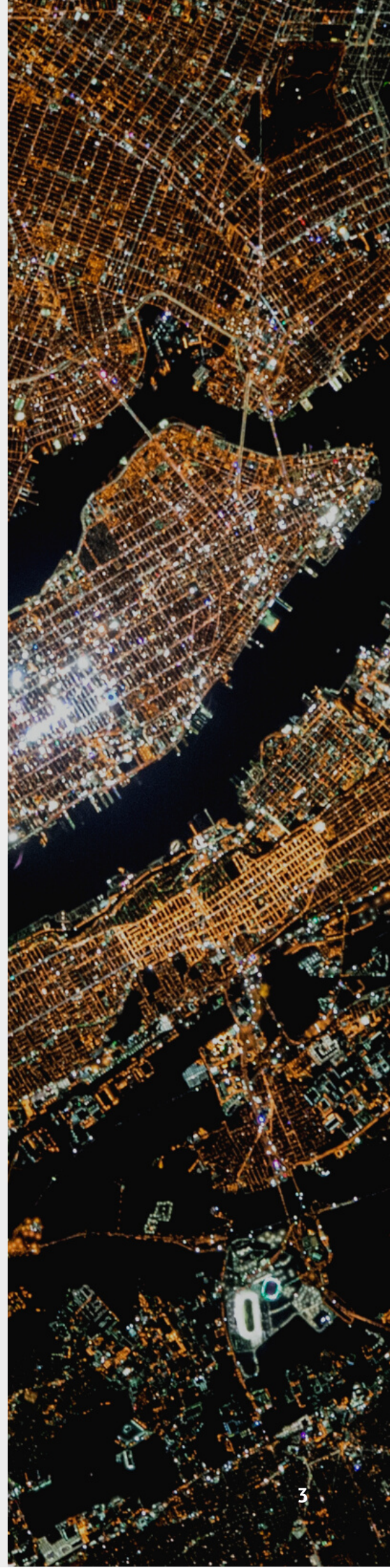
We are living in a generation where the Book of Revelation is no longer just a theory, but it's a living reality!

It is real and we are heading there!

Day by day we see events unfolding before our very eyes that reveal the increase in the intensity of the birth pangs, and the acceleration towards the End of the Age!

The 2020s is a **Historic Transitional Decade** of accelerated shifts and changes. By the end of this decade, the world as we now know it will no longer exist as it is right now (refer to Rhema Now #2 [here](#))!

In 2020, we had the COVID-19 pandemic, which swept across the world like a whirlwind, bringing widespread deaths and disruptions, and shifts in our lifestyles. In February 2022, the Russian-Ukraine war started, and in October 2023, the Israeli-Hamas war erupted. In between, we witnessed earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, etc., happening all over the world.





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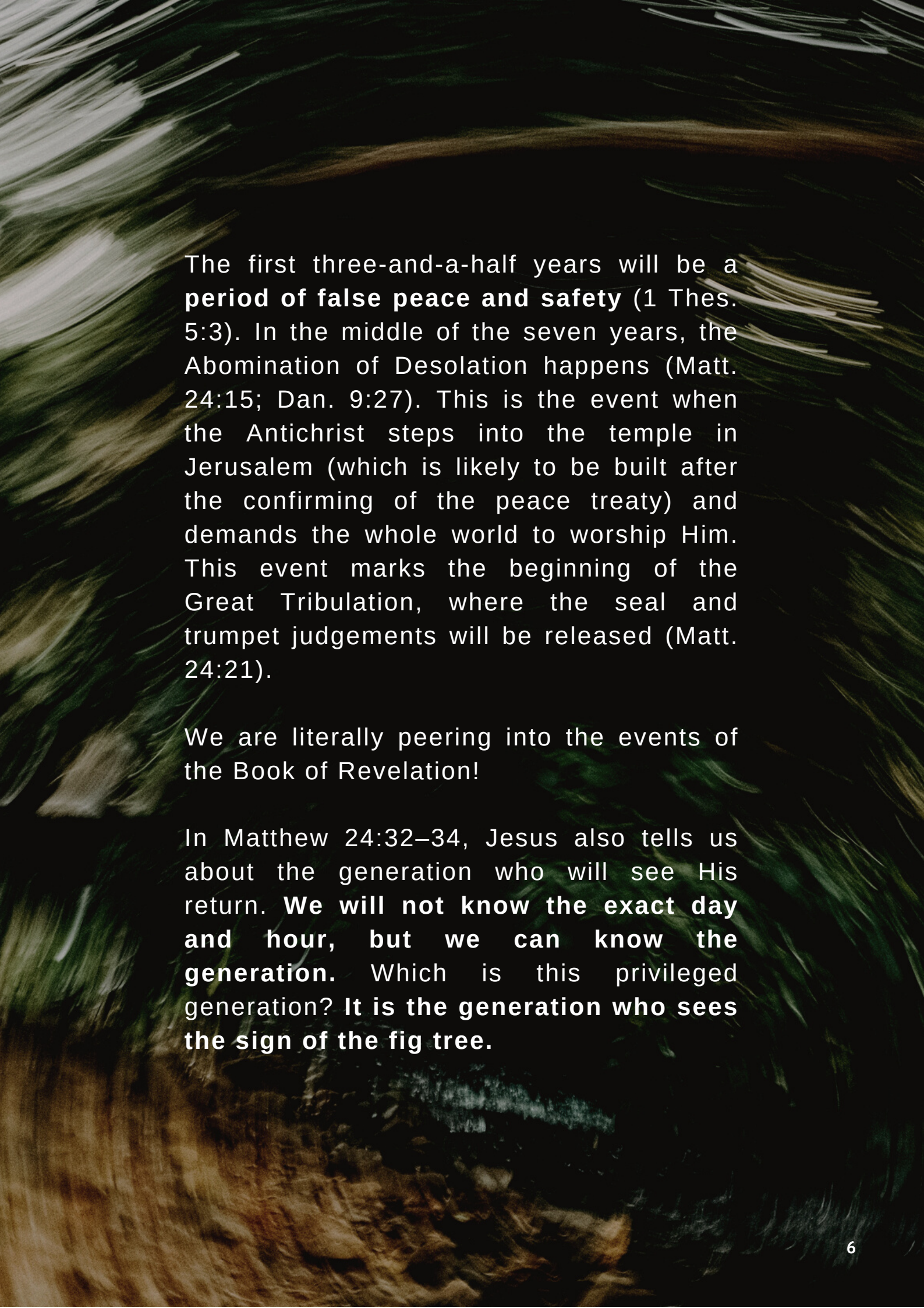
Matthew 24 tells us clearly that we are in the **Beginning of Birth Pangs**, where there are wars, rumours of wars, nations rising against nations, kingdom against kingdom, famines, earthquakes and pestilences (Matt. 24:5–8). Jesus in Matthew 24 is teaching His disciples and His End-Time Church about the signs of the End of the Age (Matt. 24:3). This passage has to be studied together with Mark 13 and Luke 21.

He is warning us of what will happen going forward. There will be an increase in the persecution of believers. Hatred, offence and betrayal will be prevalent amongst people. Lawlessness will abound. Sins and transgressions will hit a max. Many believers will fall away from the faith because of persecutions, pressures, deception and offence with God (Matt. 24:9–12).

IN THE MIDST OF THIS, THE GOSPEL WILL BE PREACHED TO ALL NATIONS, GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO JERUSALEM (MATT. 24:14). THERE WILL BE A GREAT OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT AND END-TIME HARVEST OF SOULS (JOEL 2:28–32).

What happens after the Beginning of Birth Pangs? We will step into the **final seven years** of human history, which Daniel spoke of in Daniel 9:27. There will be a powerful world leader, Antichrist, who emerges and who **confirms a peace treaty with Israel and the nations surrounding her.**





The first three-and-a-half years will be a **period of false peace and safety** (1 Thes. 5:3). In the middle of the seven years, the Abomination of Desolation happens (Matt. 24:15; Dan. 9:27). This is the event when the Antichrist steps into the temple in Jerusalem (which is likely to be built after the confirming of the peace treaty) and demands the whole world to worship Him. This event marks the beginning of the Great Tribulation, where the seal and trumpet judgements will be released (Matt. 24:21).

We are literally peering into the events of the Book of Revelation!

In Matthew 24:32–34, Jesus also tells us about the generation who will see His return. **We will not know the exact day and hour, but we can know the generation.** Which is this privileged generation? **It is the generation who sees the sign of the fig tree.**



Regarding the fig tree, there is both a general interpretation and a specific interpretation. The general interpretation is the generation who witnesses the signs written in the Book of Matthew is the generation who will see His return.

The specific interpretation?

The fig tree refers to Israel (Hos. 9:10; Joel 1:7; Lk. 13:6–9).

The generation who witnesses the restoration of the nation of Israel back to her land, and the return of Jerusalem to Jewish hands, is the generation who will see the Second Coming of Jesus!

How long is a generation in the Bible?
It is between 70 to 100 years (Matt.
1:1–6; Ps. 90:10; Gen. 15:13,16).

We are that close!

There is a high likelihood that the generation of Millennials, Gen Z and Gen A will be the ones who see Jesus' return. If it is true, they will be the generation who keeps the prophecy of the Book of Revelation.





WHAT IS JESUS' ADVICE TO THE END-TIME GENERATION?

WATCH AND PRAY (Matt. 24:42; Mk. 13:33–37; Lk. 21:34–36)! **BE ALERT, PREPARE OURSELVES AND BE READY** (Matt. 24:44).

Watch the world events in accordance with the Biblical understanding and narrative, and pray in accordance with God's heart and plans.

Watch that our hearts will not be weighed down by carousing (lust, addictions, overindulgence in worldly pleasures), drunkenness (clouding of the mind by narratives of the world), and cares of this life. Overindulgence in pleasures will dull our hearts and diminish our spiritual strength.

We need to intentionally cultivate and grow our spiritual strength now so that we can stand.



IS THERE A BIBLICAL PASSAGE THAT TELLS US WHERE THE NATIONS ARE HEADING?

Psalm 2 is the prophetic Scripture given to David about where the nations are heading at the End of the Age. The nations will plot against God (Ps. 2:1). The leaders of nations will set themselves against God the Father and Jesus (Ps. 2:2). They are *“breaking the bonds and casting away the cords of God”* from themselves (Ps. 2:3).

They are removing the influence of God’s Word over society. They are redefining truth, morality, sexuality and even identity. This is happening all over the world right now!

David was prophesying about an **unprecedented, unholy alliance of nations in ungodly confidence and evil rebellion against God**. They will rage against God with regard to His chosen nation Israel. They will come against Jesus' choice of the city He is returning to, Jerusalem, and against the people group He has made a covenant with, and whose fullness He is zealous for (Ps. 2:6).

The nations, led by the Antichrist, will end up at the Valley of Jehoshaphat, battling against Jesus, who has returned as the Bridegroom, King and Judge. The outcome?



JESUS WINS!

At that time, the eyes of the leaders in Jerusalem will be opened to see their promised Messiah and Deliverer, the Son of David, coming with His saints on a white horse, and they will cry out to Him, "*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!*" (Matt. 23:37–39).



**SO WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW
IN THESE TURBULENT TIMES?**

**WATCH AND PRAY.
SEARCH OUT THE SCRIPTURES.**

Bring God's Word to the place of prayer to talk with Him. Develop understanding according to the Biblical narrative of God.

DEVELOP A LIFESTYLE OF FASTING AND PRAYER

(Joel 2:12-17)

Both personal and corporate prayer are crucial. Find a group of likeminded people to pray together for the things that on God's heart, for the fulfilment of God's End-Time plans and purposes. Look for a place of corporate prayer, such as a House of Prayer, in your vicinity and join them to pray. Pray for Israel because antisemitism will escalate at the End of the Age (Zech. 13:8).

Prioritise and guard our personal time with God. Acquire the oil of intimacy like the wise virgins. Spend time beholding the beauty of the Lord by meditating on the Scriptures. The beauty of the Lord will stabilise our hearts.

David sums it up well in the
last three verses of Psalm 2:

***“NOW THEREFORE, BE WISE, O KINGS... SERVE THE
LORD WITH FEAR, AND REJOICE WITH TREMBLING.
KISS THE SON, LEST HE BE ANGRY... ”***

Now is the time to be wise and kiss the Son. Come to the Revelation 3:20 table and commune with Him. Buy gold from Him so that our hearts will come alive. Put on the white garments so that we can walk in spiritual maturity. Apply the eye salve to our eyes so that we can see our true spiritual condition and poverty and cry out to Him to be filled.

As we keep communing with Him and beholding our Beloved Bridegroom King, our hearts will burn like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

May this be the Song 8:6 fire that many waters cannot quench, that mighty floods cannot put out, a most vehement flame, the flame of YAHWEH, the flame of Yeshua that will seal our hearts for Him until He returns!



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