

**Perseverance is the Mark of a True Follower of Christ  
Matthew 24:3-14**

**Main Point:** This passage refers to the time from 30-70 AD

**Evidence to support seeing this passage as referring to the period of time from 30-70 AD are:**

-Context

-Repeated use of “you”

-The book of Acts

-World history

**Even though this passage was fulfilled during the generation of the apostles it does still show us that:**

-Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

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**Terms (defined at their most basic elements)**

**Frameworks within which one interprets eschatological material**

**Covenantalism**-The Bible is to be interpreted primarily through the two main covenants: the Old Covenant and the New Covenant (Covenant of Works and Covenant of Grace)-usually stresses one people of God (the elect)

**Dispensationalism**-The Bible is to be interpreted primarily through understanding the different periods (dispensations) of God’s dealing with people-usually stresses two peoples of God (Israel and the Church)

**Main ways to interpret eschatological material**

**Futurist**-Eschatological material is to be interpreted as dealing with future events

**Historicist**-Eschatological material is to be interpreted as dealing with history

**Idealist**-Eschatological material is to be interpreted in a non-literal way to describe the battle of good verse evil

**Preterist**-The majority of eschatological material is to be interpreted as referring to the events happening at the time of the writing

**Views on the Millennial reign of Christ**

**Amillennialism**-There is not a literal 1000-year millennial reign of Christ on the earth

**Premillennialism (chiliasm)**-Jesus will come back and then start to reign for 1000 years on earth

**Postmillennialism**-Jesus will return after a 1000-year period of peace called the Millennium

**Tribulation**-means “affliction”-this word is used in the Bible to refer to individual afflictions and to periods of affliction

**Great Tribulation**-Jesus identified a time of increased affliction

**Rapture**-Refers to a taking away that will take place at Christ’s second coming

**Pre-tribulation**-Christians will be taken away before a time of affliction known as “the tribulation”-this tribulation period is usually identified as a 7 year period right before Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

**Post-tribulation**-Christians will be taken away after the time of affliction