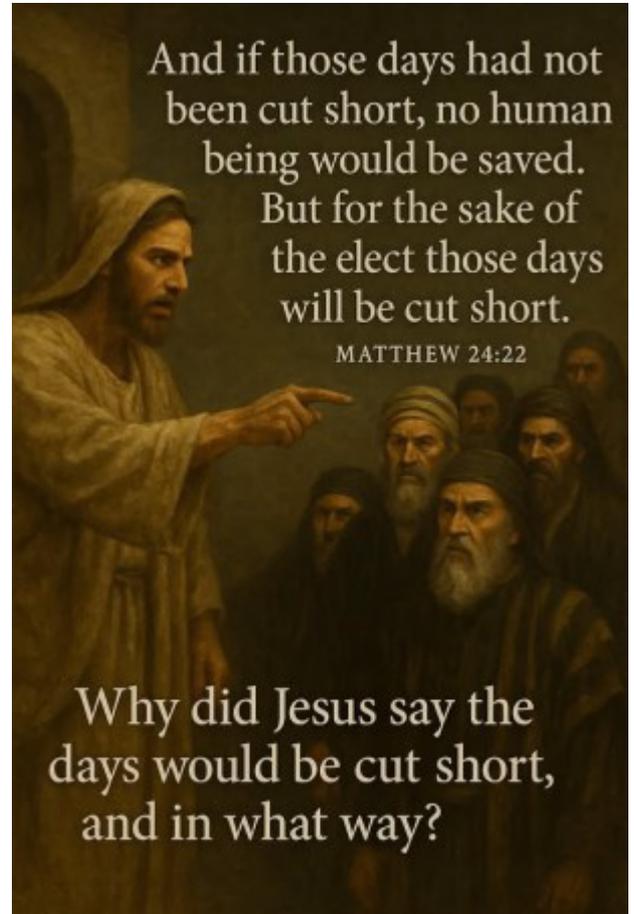


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Days Cut Short - Days Cut Short Matthew 24:22



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1. The context is the Great Tribulation in Judea, not a global end-time event.

Matthew 24:16 – "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains."

This was a localized judgment on Jerusalem, not the whole world.

2. The "days" refer to the days of destruction during the Roman siege of Jerusalem (66-70 AD).

The judgment was so severe that if it had continued longer, many of the elect (faithful Jewish believers) would not have survived.

Josephus records extreme horrors during the siege, famine, cannibalism, and mass slaughter. Over a million were killed.

3. The "cutting short" likely refers to God shortening the full duration of the siege for the sake of the elect.

Historically, Titus unexpectedly halted part of the siege, allowing many Christians to flee.

Eusebius and other early historians confirm that the believers had fled to Pella, obeying Jesus' warning in verses 15-16.

4. God acted in mercy for the sake of the elect.

Just as in the Exodus and Babylonian captivity, God preserved a remnant.

The "cut short" days show divine intervention, not to spare everyone, but to preserve His covenant people.

Jesus said the days would be cut short because the judgment on Jerusalem was so devastating that even the elect could have perished. God shortened the siege for their sake, fulfilling His promise to save a faithful remnant. This was not about future world events, but the imminent destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

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