

## **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**

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### **Matthew 24 -Study Notes**

#### **Composer:**

- ⇒ The book is known as the Gospel of Matthew because it was written by one with the same name, Matthew the Tax Collector

#### **Introduction:**

- ⇒ Matthew's purpose was to demonstrate that the carpenter from Nazareth was the long-awaited Messiah, Christ, The Anointed One, the Promised One
- ⇒ The book of Matthew, emphasizes the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the worldwide nature of the Gospel
- ⇒ Matthew speaks of the Promised One, Jesus as:
  - o Messiah-the Chosen One, consecrated for a sacred purpose, worthy of our trust
  - o King-the Appointed One, eternal power overall, worthy of our devotion
  - o Savior-Deliverer, Redeemer, Rescuer, worthy of His name proclaimed to all the earth
- ⇒ See Matthew 24 through a Jewish lenses

#### **Outline:**

**Vs. 1-2** Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

**Vs. 3-14** The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

**Vs. 15-28** The Great Tribulation

**Vs. 29-31** The Coming of the Son of Man

**Vs. 32-35** The Parable of the Fig Tree

**Vs. 36-44** No One Knows the Day or Hour

**Vs. 45-51** The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

#### **Overview:**

**Matthew 24:1-51**

**Jesus great prophetic discourse:**

- ⇒ **communicates, foretells, predicts future events**

- ⇒ **critiques the present moral and social actions and systems identifying and condemning evil**
- ⇒ **inspires hope and motivates people to a call to action rooted in faith**

### **Vs. 1-2 Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

- ⇒ As Jesus is leaving the temple the disciples want to show Jesus Herod’s temple....it was considered one of the wonders in ancient times...
  - o Facts: Stone 94 feet long;10.5 feet high; 13 feet wide; 162 columns 52 feet wide held up the porches of the temple
- ⇒ \*Prophecy-Jesus predicts/foretells these buildings they marvel over are going to be destroyed.
- ⇒ Prophecy spoken outside the temple on the Mount of Olives
- ⇒ In response to Jewish rebellion, 70 AD, 40 years later, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temples

### **Vs. 3-14 The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age**

<sup>3</sup> Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will* be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

- ⇒ 3 Questions Ask:
  - o When will Jerusalem be destroyed?
  - o What will be the sign of Your coming?
  - o What will happen when You come?

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

- ⇒ \*Prophecy-Do not be deceived-Deception
- ⇒ Many false teachers will come
- ⇒ **1 John 2:18 Warnings Against Denying the Son**

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

<sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for <sup>[a]</sup>all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, <sup>[b]</sup>pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⇒ Sorrows=labor pains; severe pain in the end followed by the joy

<sup>9</sup> “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

<sup>10</sup> And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.<sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

⇒ Love-Agape, seeks the highest good of the other person; love by choice, will no longer take place

<sup>13</sup> But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

⇒ ^Promise-he who endures to the end shall be saved

⇒ Endure-hold out, stand firm, persevere-active/on-going

⇒ Vs.9-You-believers at the end of time; God will save more after the tribulation; their ability to endure will be proof of their salvation

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

⇒ Vs. 9-14 What to expect

⇒ 24 Signs of the Second Coming

⇒ The 1<sup>st</sup> 8 signs are the **beginning of sorrow**, not the end

⇒ ‘sorrow’ equivalent to birth pangs

1. Deception: Vs.4-5;11;24

2. False Christ: Vs.5;23-26

3. Wars and Rumors of War: Vs.6-7

4. Famines: Vs. 7

5. Pestilences: Vs. 7

6. Earthquakes: Vs.7

7. Anti-Semitism: Vs. 9

8. Offenses: Vs. 10

⇒ The 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 signs are **during sorrow**

9. Betrayals: Vs. 9

10. Hatred: Vs.10

11. False Prophets: Vs.11

12. Lawlessness Abounding: Vs.12

13. Love Decreasing: Vs.12-13

14. Increased Missionary Work: Vs.14  
⇒ THEN-Outbreak of revival; outpouring of the Holy Spirit; Thy Kingdom Come as we are now praying

### **Vs. 15-28 The Great Tribulation**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),

15. Abomination of Desolation: Vs. 15  
⇒ Idolatry brings destruction, idols in the Holy Place  
⇒ WHEN-Antichrist will break his 7-year covenant with Israel and enter Judea to take over Jerusalem as his capital and the Jewish temple as his capital building
16. New Jewish Nation in Judea: Vs. 9,15-26  
⇒ Great persecution to Jewish people
17. New Jewish Temple: Vs.15,26
18. Great Tribulation of 3 ½ Years: Vs.21
19. Martyrdoms: Vs.9,22
20. Flight of Jews from Judea: Vs.16-21

<sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

- ⇒ THEN-when Antichrist enters Judea and takes over temple Israel will have to flee Judea; description of flight: take no valuables, hard on women with children/carrying child; no preparation, not on Sabbath (Orthodox Jew cannot travel more than a mile)

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the <sup>[c]</sup>elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

- ⇒ Jesus is answering a Jewish question  
⇒ Elect-Jews, Not the Church; The Church will be rapture before these events

<sup>23</sup> “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

## 21. Increased Satanic Powers: Vs.24

<sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand.

<sup>26</sup> "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. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

⇒ Where the dead bodies of Armageddon are the birds will eat the remains

⇒ True followers of Christ will not be deceived

## **Vs. 29-31 The Coming of the Son of Man**

<sup>29</sup> "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, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> 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.

⇒ THEN-after the tribulation

⇒ Jesus return will be seen/known by all

⇒ Jesus comes in sufficient power to defeat the armies of the earth, satan and all the fallen angels and demons

⇒ Jesus will return in glory

⇒ 2 Future Events:

o Rapture-Jesus will come towards earth and gather His church

o 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming-Jesus will come with the church

<sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His <sup>[d]</sup>elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

⇒ Angels will accompany Jesus to separate the tares from the wheat

⇒ The trumpet will be sounded at the gathering

⇒ ELECT-Jewish elect; they will be gathered from all the ends of the earth

⇒ Jesus uses vivid, prophetic and symbolic language to describe His glorious return

## **Vs. 32-35 The Parable of the Fig Tree**

<sup>32</sup> "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that

summer *is* near. <sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that <sup>[e]</sup>it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- ⇒ Parable speaks to the time being near
- ⇒ Just as when a fig tree bears leaves it shows summer is near .....so the things Jesus speaks of is soon to come to pass
- ⇒ All will come to pass in a generation, not over many generations; that generation will see the things take place.... abomination, tribulation and disturbances
- ⇒ Jesus speaks of eternal life
- ⇒ The teachings of Jesus. Should create a spirit of watchfulness among His followers

### **Vs. 36-44 No One Knows the Day or Hour**

<sup>36</sup> “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of <sup>[f]</sup>heaven, but My Father only.

- ⇒ If Jesus in His incarnate state did not know the time of the Second Coming....it is not wise for us to speculate

<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> 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,

22. Surfeiting/to desire no more of something as a result of having consumed or done it to excess: Vs.38

23. Sex Crimes: Vs.38

- ⇒ Noah was warned but he did not know the exact time-God wants us to be watchful and ready

<sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

24. Procrastination and Lethargy: Vs. 39

- ⇒ Noah was faithful in doing what God called him to do and he and his family were saved

- ⇒ Noah and his family were left and not destroyed

<sup>40</sup> Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know what <sup>[g]</sup>hour your Lord is coming.

- ⇒ @Command-be watchful

<sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what <sup>[h]</sup>hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⇒ @Command-be ready

### **Vs. 45-51 The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant**

<sup>45</sup> “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food <sup>[i]</sup>in due season? <sup>46</sup> Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup> Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying <sup>[i]</sup>his coming,’ <sup>49</sup> and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup> the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, <sup>51</sup> and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⇒ 3 Questions Ask:

- When will Jerusalem be destroyed?
- What will be the sign of Your coming?
- What will happen when You come?

**WHEN: Vs. 15<sup>15</sup>** “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: Vs. 16<sup>16</sup>** “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

**THEN: Vs. 21<sup>21</sup>** 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.

**THEN: Vs. 23<sup>23</sup>** “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it*.

**THEN: Vs. 30<sup>30</sup>** 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.

**THEN: Vs. 40<sup>40</sup>** Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

**THEN: Vs. 25:1** “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

**Closing Thoughts:**

- ⇒ Jesus provides a warning from the present age to the end
- ⇒ Jesus identifies the signs of the end times....religious deception, social and political upheavals, natural calamities, disloyalty and persecution
- ⇒ In the midst of it all we are to still persevere and share the gospel
- ⇒ Be a faithful servant unto the Lord
- ⇒ As we await Jesus return we are to be faithful and do the work of the ministry
- ⇒ Live wisely and faithfully in the moment
- ⇒ Will you/me be ready?
- ⇒ Live in readiness

**Resources Bible:**

**Commentaries:**

Spirit Filled Life

Pocket Bible Handbook

Knight

New King James

Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible

**Websites:**

Enduringword.com David Guzik

2BELIKECHRIST.com George W.

David Jerimiah

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