

MATTHEW 24.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text: Matthew 24:1-3.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Many have an incorrect view of this chapter.
2. Note the context of Matthew 24. (Two questions are asked in verse 3.)
 - 1) "Tell us, when shall these things be...?"
 - 2) "... when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the *world*?" (Period of time, age).
3. The Lord answered their questions by discussing:
 - 1) Two comings: one in the destruction of Jerusalem; the other at the end of time.
 - 2) Two ends: that of Jerusalem and the end of the world.
 - 3) Two worlds: the end of the Jewish world, and the other of the material world.

C. Matthew 24 outlined:

1. Two Questions (1-3).
2. Destruction of Jerusalem (4-35).
3. The second coming of Christ (36-51).

I. QUESTION ANSWERED:

A. Warnings of the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 (4-14).

1. The destruction of Jerusalem was prophesied (John 4:21).
 - 1) Jerusalem was soon to cease to be the proper place for true worshipers to praise God.
 - 2) This destruction would remove the Jewish system.
2. Later, the Jewish law would be removed (Colossians 2:14).

B. The abomination of desolation (15).

C. Escape the desolation (16-35).

1. The desolation will be localized (16-20).
2. Beware of deceivers (21-28).
3. Apocalyptic language further describes the end of Jerusalem (29-31).
 - 1) Immediately after the tribulation of the preceding verses, Jerusalem would fall. The sun, moon, and stars represent the Jewish nation, its laws, its rulers, and its influence as a nation.
 - 2) It is a matter of historical fact that Israel ceased to exist as a nation following the Roman victory over her when Jerusalem was destroyed.
 - 3) This language was used as the Lord's executed judgment on other nations (Isaiah 34:4 "And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.").
4. The fig tree illustrates the use of signs (32-35). Note Vs. 34 "Verily I say unto you, This *generation* shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

II. THE SECOND QUESTION ANSWERED (36-51).

A. "...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

1. Jesus said, "I don't know!"

2. **Vs. 36** Only the Father knows.

B. Mankind will be divided into two groups (John 5:28-29**).**

1. **Vss. 37-39** The flood came suddenly, and the godly *were divided* from the ungodly. Those who were saved and those who were not.
2. **Vss. 40-41** People will be engaged in their daily activity.
 - 1) People ***will be divided*** at the coming of Christ.
 - 2) One will be taken, the other left. The meaning? One saved and one lost!
 - 3) We have divine commentaries for this passage.
 - a. **1 Thess. 4:16-17** “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
 - b. **Matthew 7:21-23.**
 - 4) ***Some saved - some lost.*** (**Matt. 25:32** “And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.”)

C. A solemn warning (42-51**).**

1. **Vs. 42-44** “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come...”
 - 1) These verses refute those who speak of signs that announce the Lord’s return and the end of the world.
 - 2) **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.** He will come as a thief in the night, AND we will not be able to escape as they were at the destruction of Jerusalem (**Matthew 24:16-19**).
2. **Verses 45-51** further explain the sudden coming of the Lord.

III. CONCLUSION:

- A. There will be no rapture or signs of the Lord’s coming in judgment.
- B. The lesson we must learn is that every day we must be prepared for the end of time and judgment.
- C. Are we ready?

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WHEN THE SAINTS AND THE SINNERS SHALL
BE PARTED RIGHT AND LEFT,
ARE YOU READY FOR THAT DAY TO COME?