

Matthew 24 – 23 February 2020

“Prepare For Mass Evacuation” Part 1 of 2

Introduction

Christ has come into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly ministry and life.

This is the culmination of His dedication to save our souls as the Lamb of God, our substitutionary sacrifice.

In the midst of His agony of the pending cross, He takes time to answer disciple’s questions re end times.

They’re on the Mt of Olives east of Jerusalem, so they call this the Olivet Discourse

Matthew’s 3 Great Discourses:

Matt 5-7 – The Idealic Nature of the Kingdom

Matt 13 – The Present Nature of the Kingdom

Matt 24-25 – The future entering into the Kingdom

As we head toward entering into the Kingdom, Jesus gives us 3 things to not be deceived about

#1 – Regarding who Christ is at His 2nd Coming (Chap 24:1-14)

1. *In vs 1-14 Jesus describes the conditions leading up to the Tribulation.*
2. End Times Study – Eschatology is a composite sketch of the whole Bible (Eze, Dan, Zec, Rev,etc)
3. Let's lay out the general timeline of the end.

Read Vs 1-2

1. This is the last time during His 1st coming to earth that He'll be in the temple.
 - a. There's a sadness b/c of the broken relationships. Their chance has come to an end
2. Disciples try turning attention to the great lasting nature of the temple
 - a. Jesus makes it clear; don't put your hope in the lasting nature of the temple.
 - b. Romans will destroy/dissect to get the gold.
 - c. The literal fulfillment of this means all of Matt 24 should be taken literally!

Read Vs 3-5

1. Before Jesus actually comes back, many other people will say they are Him
 - a. They do this to tear you away to their lifestyle and teaching.
 - b. Read II Pet 2:1-3
2. There IS a period of time involved here.
 - a. Don't latch onto a false teacher, just b/c you're ready to "get this show on the road".
 - b. Christ is coming again, but don't fall for the fake counterfeits in the meantime.

Read Vs 6-8

1. 7 signs given that are the beginnings of the "birth pangs" as of a woman giving birth.
 - a. Grow in intensity and frequency
2. Describe these 7 different signs
 - a. Show chart of 6.0 earthquakes rising

Read Vs 9-14

1. Love will wax cold
 - a. Turn to II Tim 3:1-7 – Getting cold
 - b. Turn to I Tim 4:1-5 – false teachers cold
2. Vs 11 – false prophets
 - a. Not just false Christs, but false prophets who would teach about a different future
 - b. False Christ – lead religiously
 - c. False prophets – lead politically
 - i. Global Warming craze.
3. “Then shall the end come”
 - a. Vs 1-14 are things leading up to the final seven-year Tribulation

#2 – Regarding When Christ’s 2nd Coming will be (Chap 24:15-31)

1. *In vs 15-31 Jesus describes the conditions of the Tribulation.*
2. This is the section of verses that culminates with Christ’s 2nd Coming to earth

Read Vs 15-22

1. Abomination of Desolation
 - a. Turn to Dan 9:22-27
 - i. Anti-Christ break the strengthened covenant half way thru the 7 years.
 - b. Read II Thes 2:3-4
 - i. He breaks the covenant and reveals himself as against the true God by this action
2. Timing of Ab of Des & 2nd Coming are known
 - a. Ab of Des is halfway thru Trib IAW Dan 9
 - b. 2nd Coming is another 3.5 years from then
 - c. Turn to I Thes 5:1-9
 - i. Doom upon “them”, but “we’re” of light.
3. Vs 16-20 – Israel flees to Petra to be protected for the last 3.5 yrs of Tribulation (Read Rev 12:6)
 - a. Read Dan 11:41 – Edom, Moab & some of Ammon will escape Anti-Christ’s control.
 - b. Isa 16:1-4 – “Let my outcasts dwell with the, Moab.”

Read Vs 23-28

1. Rev 13 describe the False Prophet who'll be working with the Anti-Christ during the Trib.
2. Even will deceive many of the "elect" or Jews.
3. As in Vs 26-27, the coming of Christ will be no secret, but the whole world will know at once.
4. This 2nd half of the Trib will be a destructive time as mentioned in vs 28.
 - a. Anti-Christ is man of peace during 1st half
 - b. Rev 6 is clear – It is the wrath of the Lamb

Read Vs 29-31

1. With great heavenly shaking Jesus returns for the 2nd time to earth. Every eye shall see Him.
2. Vs 31 mentions the gathering together of Jews.
 - a. Turn to Zec 12:9-11 – The mourning of the Jews when they see Jesus
 - b. Turn to Rom 11:25-27 – All Israel saved!

Conclusion

We've seen 2 of the 3 things Jesus would have us to know to prepare for entering into the Kingdom of God

1. **Who Christ is at His 2nd Coming**
 - a. Many false Christs but also many false prophets will come as the days go on
 - b. Christ will literally come, it's not hyperbole
2. **When Christ's 2nd Coming will be**
 - a. It's 3.5 years after Anti-Christ desecrates the rebuilt temple
 - b. It's known to the whole world, no secret
3. **The time of the Church's Rapture and the super-sign of the rebirth of the nation of Israel**