***Fifth Sunday Study: Matthew 24***

What would happen to the Temple?

Deuteronomy 18:21-22

Questions asked of Jesus:

1) When will these things be?

2) What will be the sign of Your coming?

3) What will be the sign of the end of the age?

\* The Late, Great Planet Earth

Answer to Question #3: (What will be the sign of the end of the age):

1. False messiahs

2. Wars/Rumors of war

3. Famines

4. Pestilences

5. Earthquakes

6. Christian tribulations

7. False prophets

8. Falling away

9. Gospel spread worldwide

Acts 11:28

1Then Jesus went out and departed from the **temple**, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2**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.”

**3**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?”

**4**And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. **5**For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. **6**And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7**For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **8**All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

**9**“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **10**And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **11**Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **12**And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **13**But he who endures to the end

Acts 2:5

Colossians 1:23

Did this all come to pass?

Daniel 12:11

Luke 21:20

The siege of Jerusalem began in AD 66. Events in Rome caused a reprieve until AD 70, when Titus led the troops into the city.

Luke 23:28-30

Sabbath?

Nehemiah 13:19

From Josephus:

100,000 captured

1.2 million killed

shall be saved. **14**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.

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

(Luke 21:20)“But when you see **Jerusalem surrounded by armies**, then know that its desolation is near.

**16**“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17**Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. **18**And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. **19**But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! **20**And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. **21**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. **22**And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

The Jews had a strong belief that the Messiah would return and defend the Temple.

Matthew 21:13 “my”

Matthew 23: 38 “your”

Ezekiel 10,11

Eagle = vulture?

Eagle = Roman Standard?

Isaiah 13:10

Isaiah 34:3-6

Jeremiah 4:1-6

Ezekiel 32:7-8

Daniel 8:10

Joel 3:15-16

Nahum 1:1-5

Heaven is the location of the Son of Man, not the sign!

“tribes”; “they” = Jews

“Son of Man” = Divine judgment

Revelation 14:14

Luke 21:22

**23**“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it.* **24**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25**See, I have told you beforehand.

**26**“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.* **27**For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**28**For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

**29**“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.

 **30**Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven,…

 Literal translation of verse 30: “And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man in the heaven**” (Berry’s Interlinear)

…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**.

**31**And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together **His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**32**“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.**33**So you also, when you see all these things, **know that it is near**—at the doors! **34Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** **35**Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

“His elect” = Church

Colossians 3:12

Answer to Question #1:

When will these things be?

It is near! In fact, *this generation will by no means pass away until all these things take place.*

(AD 30 ~ 70)

Verse 34 is the KEY to understanding the destruction of the Temple!

Answer to Question #2:

What will be the sign of Your coming?

“No one knows”

The end of the Jewish age and the fall of the Temple would be preceded with many signs, while there will be no sign for the return of Jesus Christ.

Life as normal:

Days of Noah

Eating and drinking

Marriage

Oblivious

**36**“But of **that day and hour** no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **37**But as the days of Noah *were,* so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **38**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, **39**and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**40**Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. **41**Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

Immediate! No time for repentance or second chances.

Verse 42 is KEY to understanding the return of the Savior.

Notice the contrast between the two events:

AD 70 2nd Coming

Signs No Signs

Prolonged Immediate

Days Day

Local Universal

“Know “ “Know Not”

Abnormal Normal

Answers to the three questions:

1) When will these things be?

Within a generation from AD 30

2) What will be the sign of Your coming?

None

3) What will be the sign of the end of the age?

Several (vv.4-31)

**42Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.** **43**But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **44**Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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