

Reason 22: Matthew 24: Prophecies of Jesus and the End



Temple Mount View from the Mount of Olives

Before Jesus was crucified he spent time with his disciples explaining to the events after his death, leading to his 2nd Coming. These events were spelled out point by point detail, from his rejection to Today. Jesus was with his disciples in the Temple; from there he walked over to the *Mount of Olives*, at the Mount of Olives he explained what would happen after he was killed.

The power of Bible prophecy is that it demonstrates God's complete control over time and events. Scripture is proven to be inspired because it transcends time, revealing what is going to happen in the future.

In Matthew 24, Jesus takes us through the events of time, proving he is the Messiah of Israel. In Matthew 23:37-39, Jesus says He will not return until Jerusalem recognizes him as the Messiah by saying, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"

Matthew 23:37-39

(37) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! (38) See, your house is left to you desolate.

(39) For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The events of Matthew 24, lead up to the fulfillment of the Jewish people realizing Jesus is their Messiah, the one who was rejected at His "First Coming".



Matthew 24:1-51

(1) Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

(2) But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

(3) As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will

(1) Jesus was on his way to the Mount of Olives, this is the perspective from the Mt. of Olives overlooking the Kidron Valley to Mt. Moriah (Temple Mount).

(2). Jesus foretells the coming destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70, when the armies led by Titus would:

- Destroy the city and the Temple.
- Every stone would be thrown down: The Romans wanted to get the melted gold so they dismantled the Temple, throwing each stone down.
- Arch of Titus in Rome celebrates the destruction of Jerusalem, confirming the words of Jesus.



these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

(4) And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

(5) For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.



Bar Khochba was declared the Messiah by the leading Rabbi of the day in 132 AD. 580,000 Jews were killed when he led a rebellion against Rome.

(6) And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

(7) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

(8) All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

(9) "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

(10) And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

(11) And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

(12) And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

(13) But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

(3) The Mount of Olives, overlooks the most hotly contested land in the world, Jesus says the world would one day be focused on this piece of property.. 2000-years before the event.

The Sign of your coming: Jesus will list specific events leading to his 2nd Coming. Jesus is already with the disciples on the Mt. of Olives, so he is not talking about events in A.D. 70, those events happen in verse 2, he is talking about future events.

The End of the Age: The age is the fallen age, the Jews were looking for the Messianic Age, which would mean an end to the current age. Jesus then tells them what will lead up to the end of this age, to usher in the Kingdom of God.

(5) False Jesus

Many will come in "My Name": People will come claiming to be the Messiah or to represent Jesus, Jesus says Christianity will spread and false prophets and false Christs will come forward.

- Bar Khoba rebelled against Rome, he was hailed as Messiah, the result over 580,000 Jews were killed in Jerusalem.
- Mohammad claimed to come and confirm the words of Jesus and yet reject the Gospel and Christianity
- Many others came in his name too many to note, David Koresh, Sun Young Moon (Moonies), Etc.,

(6-13) Signs leading to 2nd Coming

- Wars
- Rumors of wars
- Nation will rise against nation
- Kingdom against kingdom
- Famines
- Earthquakes in out of the way places
- Killing and rejection of Christians
- Many will fall away
- False prophets...lead many astray
- Lawlessness increased
- love of many will grow cold

(14) **The Gospel of the Kingdom:** Jesus gave the command to preach the Gospel to the nations. The Gospel is the "Good News" of God's salvation: Jesus Christ the Son of God, died for our sins on the cross, when we believe in Him we are saved from our sins.

(14) And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.



(15) "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

(16) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

(17) Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house,

(18) and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.

(19) And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

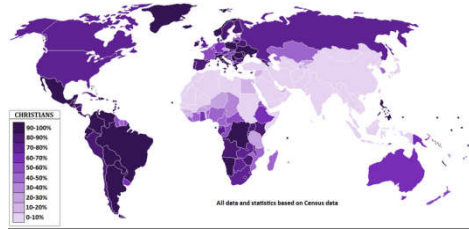
(20) Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

(21) For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

(22) And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

The largest religion on the Earth is Christianity, it is growing in Africa, China, and Latin America.

- Jesus said the Gospel will reach the whole world
- The "End" would occur when the Gospel had reached all the nations



(15) The Abomination of Desolation, requires the Temple on Temple Mount, The Dome of the Rock now occupies the site. The 2nd Temple was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70 (See verse 2). There is a growing movement in Israel to rebuild the Third Temple, The Dome of the Rock would have to be destroyed in the process.

Daniel foretold of the Abomination of Desolation (Daniel 8:10-14, 9:27, 11:31, 12:11) It was an event that happened before Jesus was born 165 B.C., when Antiochus Epiphanies desolated the Temple with an Idol, Jesus is referring to a future event.

(16-22) Unparalleled Tribulation because of the Temple Mount

Jesus foretold when the nations would come against Israel because of the "*Abomination of Desolation*"

- Israel today is at the center of world conflict as Jesus foretold
- The Dome of the Rock is the holy place for 1.5 Billion Muslim, The Jews rebuilding of the Temple would inflame the world.
- Eventually the whole world will come after the Jews and Israel.
- This conflict will almost destroy the world... "No human being would be saved"

(21) Jesus want the reader to understand this day is so unique, it is unparalleled in the history of the world. It is the worst time in history ever, this day is also noted in Daniel 12:1 and Jeremiah 30:1-9, it called the day of

<p>(23) Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.</p> <p>(24) For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.</p> <p>(25) See, I have told you beforehand.</p> <p>(26) So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.</p> <p>(27) For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.</p> <p>(28) Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.</p> <p>(29) "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p> <p>(30) Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, 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.</p> <p>(31) And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.</p> <p>(32) "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.</p> <p>(33) So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.</p> <p>(34) Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.</p> <p>(35) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.</p> <p>(36) "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.</p> <p>(37) For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.</p> <p>(38) For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark,</p> <p>(39) and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.</p> <p>(40) Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left.</p> <p>(41) Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left.</p>	<p>"Jacob's Trouble" it is unequalled in the HISTORY of the WORLD, and never to be equaled again. However bad the period is, Jesus, Jeremiah and Daniel all proclaim Israel will come out of it victorious, this leading to the Second Coming.</p> <p>(21) Jesus is referring to a horrible period in time, when human flesh at risk of total destruction. He is referring to physical events on this earth, never to be paralleled again.</p> <p><i>if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved</i></p> <p>(24) False Christ's, False prophets, Jesus foretells how his message: "The Gospel" would become central on the earth, but people claiming to be messiah's (christs) and false prophets also try to turn people from the message of the Gospel. Remember when Jesus said this his followers only were in the hundreds. (25) Beforehand: Before it happens Jesus warns the world through His WORD. This is evidence that Jesus is who he claims to be!</p> <p>(27-31) Visible 2nd Coming</p> <p>People are going to come claiming to be Jesus, or have spoken with him. They will mislead people about Jesus, Jesus warns people ahead of time. we have seen many throughout history, Moon of Korea, David Koresh, Jos</p>
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<p>(42) Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.</p> <p>(43) But know this that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.</p> <p>(44) Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.</p> <p>(45) "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time?</p> <p>(46) Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.</p> <p>(47) Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.</p> <p>(48) But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,'</p> <p>(49) and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards,</p> <p>(50) the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know</p> <p>(51) and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.</p>	
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