

Matthew 24:1-35 When Shall These Things Be?

¹ Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. ² And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

³ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many. ⁶ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

⁹ “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. ¹² Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. ¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. ¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²² Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ “But 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 the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

³² “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; ³³ so, you* too, when you* see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. ³⁴ Truly I say to you*, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

- I. Occasion? Jesus & disciples leaving the temple. (24:1-3)
 - A. Prior: “O Jerusalem... your house... desolate...”. 23:37-39
 - B. Disciples point out beautiful temple buildings.
 - C. Jesus: “Not one stone will be left upon another...”
 - D. Disciples’ Q’s: “When shall these things be?”
“What will be the sign of Your coming?”
“and of the end of the age?”
- II. Jesus predicts various events before the end. (4-14)
 - A. Many will come in My name: “I am the Christ.”
See that you aren’t misled.*
 - B. Wars & rumors of wars, famines.
See that you aren’t frightened. That is not the end.*
 - C. Nation against nation... famines, earthquakes.
Understand: Merely the beginning of birth pains. (not end)
 - D. You* will be persecuted/hated/killed...; apostasy, betrayal/hatred, false prophets, lawlessness, love... cold.
The one who endures to the end will be saved.
 - E. This gospel of the kingdom—preached to whole world.
Then shall the end come.
- III. Jesus predicts the Great Tribulation. (15-22)
 - A. Precipitating: **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** in the holy place.
 1. Those in Judea should flee; on housetop... in field...
 2. Woe to those with child... or nursing.
 3. Pray: your* flight not be in winter or on the Sabbath.
 - B. Tribulation such as has never occurred or ever shall.
 1. If not cut short, no life would have been saved.
 2. Cut short for the sake of the elect.
- IV. Jesus predicts the coming of the Son of Man (23-31)
 - A. His coming will be plainly evident. *I’ve told you* in advance.*
 - B. Immediately after the Great Tribulation.
 - C. **SUN DARKENED; MOON WON’T SHINE; STARS FALL FROM SKY.**
 - D. Power of the heavens will be shaken.
 - E. Sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky.
 - F. All the tribes will mourn.
 - G. **SON OF MAN: COMING ON THE CLOUDS WITH POWER & GRT GLORY.**
 - H. Son of Man & angels will **GATHER TOGETHER** His elect.
- V. Jesus guarantees His coming and His words. (32-35)