

# Matthew 24

**TEXT: Matt. 24**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. MUCH CONFUSION - MUCH FALSE TEACHING.
- B. WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL( **Matt. 14:4-5** ).

## **I. CONTEXT:**

- A. UPBRAIDING THE JEWS( **ch. 23:29-39** ).
- B. JESUS' REMARK ABOUT THE TEMPLE( **24:1-2** ).
- C. 3 PART QUESTION( **vs. 3** ). 2 QUESTIONS - DISCIPLES DON'T KNOW IT.
- D. STERN WARNING OF JESUS( **vs. 4-5** ). THEN HE ANSWERS.

## **II. FALSE SIGNS - LEAD TO PERIOD OF SUFFERING - NOT "THE END."(vs.6).**

- A. FALSE SIGNS:
  - 1. False prophets( **vs. 5** ).
  - 2. Wars and rumors of wars( **vs. 6** ). **vs. 6**
  - 3. Famines and earthquakes( **vs. 7** ). **vs. 7** Great persecution,
  - 4. Delivered up, persecution. **vs. 7** but not at "the end."
  - 5. Apostasy( **vs. 14-15** ).
- B. THE POINT - GOD DEMANDS FAITHFULNESS( **vs. 13** ).
- C. SIGNS OF THE END( **vs. 14-15** ).
  - 1. Gospel preached everywhere( **Col. 1:6, 23** ).
  - 2. Abomination of desolation - Daniel( **Dan. 11:31; 12:11** ).  
- explained( **Luke 21:20** ).
  - 3. "This generation"( **vs. 34** ). Say more later.

## **III. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TIME( vs. 16-28 ).**

- A. FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS ( **vs. 16** ).
- B. LEAVE BEHIND MATERIAL THINGS( **vs. 17-18** ).
- C. WOE TO THOSE WITH SMALL ONES( **vs. 19** ).
- D. PRAY FOR GOOD CONDITIONS ( **vs. 20** ). WHY? WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE AT THE SECOND COMING?  
- Time of great stress, shortened for the faithful's sake.
- E. BE SKEPTICAL OF PROPHETS OF THAT TIME( **vs. 23-26** ).
  - 1. All will see.
  - 2. The vultures will be gathered.

## **IV. JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED - SYMBOLIC( vs. 25-31 ).**

- A. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS STRESSFUL TIME( **vs. 29** ).
- B. TERRIBLE EVENTS - JUDGMENT LANGUAGE( **Isa. 13:10; 24:23; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Acts 2:16-20** ).
- C. SON OF MAN'S COMING:
  - 1. **Isa. 19:1; Ez. 32:7; 34:12; Matt. 26:64.**
  - 2. Saints redemption from trial( **Luke 21:25-28; Matt. 24:16-28** ).
- D. AFFIRMATION OF SIGNS( **vs. 32-34** ).
  - 1. Signs likened to signs of nature - Show nearness.
  - 2. "This generation"( **Matt. 1:15; 11:16; 12:39; 10:23; 23:29-37; 16:28;**

**Mk. 9:1** ).

**V. SUBJECT CHANGE - SECOND QUESTION( vs. 35ff. ).**

A. **vs. 36** WHAT DAY? NO ONE KNOWS!

B. THE SIGNS OF THAT OTHER DAY:

1. The sign of Noah - **No Sign!** except for Noah's preaching.
2. **vs. 40-42**. Context: Prepared vs. unprepared, some ready, some not.  
Point: No Signs - watching must be continuous( **1 Thes. 5:1-3** ).
3. **vs. 43-44**. Likened to a thief coming - CONSTANT VIGILANCE!

C. PARABLES OF THE SECOND COMING FOLLOW.

**CONCLUSION: ARE YOU READY?**