

FALL OF JERUSALEM 2

Matthew 24

Introduction:

There are many misunderstood and misapplied Scriptures.

1. John 3:16 (Faith only),
2. Romans 6:14 (Saved wholly by grace, under no law whatsoever).
3. Whole chapters: Genesis 1 (Theistic Evolution, Gap Theory).
4. Whole books: Jude (Acts of Apostates, by S. Maxwell Coder does not believe saints can be apostate).

Today we want to discuss one of these misunderstood, misapplied and thus perverted chapters: Matthew 24.

5. Matthew 24 and 25

I. THE SETTING

Parallel passages are found in Mark 13 and Luke 21.

The context of this chapter is important.

chapter 21:43

Chapter 22

Chapter 23

23:34-35.

v.32.

v.38.

The questions of the disciples evidently were prompted by this statement in verse 38.

Some keys to interpretation.

"These things." Matt 23:36; 24:2, 3, 6, 8, 33, 34.

"This generation." 23:36, 24:34.

THIS GENERATION! Matt 12:39,41,42. The Scofield Bible has a footnote claiming the word "generation" means "race of people."

"Those days," 24:19,22,29; 24:36.

4. The certainty of "these things." verse 34 is the "Time-Text" and verse 36 is the "Transition-Text." verse 35 is the "Promised-Text"

History records the fulfillment of that prophecy!

II. THE QUESTIONS OF THE DISCIPLES (24:1-2)

(23:38).

Josephus records that some of the stones of the temple measured 50' long 24' wide, and 16' high [cubit=18"] (**Antiquities, xv.11.3; Russell Boatman What the Bible Says About End Time, p.139**).

Matthew 24:2

Matthew 24:3

This subject is discussed in verses 4-35.

"the end of the world" is covered in the section of 24:36 through chapter 25.

III. THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES (24:4-35)

General signs. "Take heed that no man deceive you" (v.4).

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Famines, earthquakes, and pestilences (v.7) "all these are the beginning of sorrows" (v.8).

Persecutions (9-13), making the love of many to grow cold, would cause havoc among the Christians leading to betrayal and falling away, "**But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**" Hebrews, 1 Peter, Acts.

The last sign: v.14.

Colossians 1:23.

IV. THE SIGN TO FLEE AND THE GREAT TRIBULATION (24:15-28).

v. 15-16.

v.17-18.

v.19-20.

The Abomination of Desolation.

Luke 21:20.

Jesus 'reference to Daniel

Daniel 11:31; cf 1 Maccabees 1:43ff; Josephus, Antiquities XII.v.4 t2531).

Dan 9:26-27.

"Behold your house is left unto you desolate!" (Matt 23:38).

Great Tribulation.

This is not referring to a yet future period of seven years to be experienced by those who are left on the earth after the "**Rapture**" as in the doctrine of Premillennialism

Josephus reports that 1,100,000 were slain and 90,000 were taken captive to Rome (**War Preface [4]; Vol. x.5 [442]; Vol. ix. [429]; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 111.5**)

Repeated Warning! "Don't be fooled!"

2 Thess. 2:9-10; 2 Cor 11:13-15; Acts 8:9.

false "messiahs." v.27-28.

V. SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS (24:29.31)

Immediately after the tribulation of those days.

"Immediately" - (eutheos) "straightway, forthwith, directly."

"After the tribulation" "those days". v.21-22

"sounds like"

Isaiah 13

Isaiah 34:7-8

Ezekiel 32:7-8

Joel 2:28-32

Acts 2:17-21

The sign of the Son of Man.

"the appearance of the Son of man in heaven."

See Premillennialism, True or False, Matthew 24, pp.110- 111

VI. THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE (24:32-36)

A. Parable and its meaning.

"these things"

"this generation"

B. This generation.

"THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS, TILL ALL THESE THINGS BE FULFILLED." Matthew 24
SHALL NOT PASS AWAY!

VII. THE END OF THE WORLD (24:36-61)

"But of that day and hour."

"Those days"

"to flee to the mountains" (v.16).

Whether one had a coat (v.18), whether one was with child (v.19), the season of the year or the day of the week (v.20)--these things would be immaterial if they pertain to the final coming of the Lord and the end of the world.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man..."

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (v.42).

Conclusion:

A. Brethren and friends let us be careful students of the Scriptures lest we be deceived by false teachers who pervert, misuse and abuse this great prophetic chapter.

