

The Messiah's Message in Matthew 24

The A.D. 70 Theory (2)

Introduction:

- A. Jesus: *"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"* (24:2).
- B. The disciples: *"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?"* (24:3).

I. The Destruction Of Jerusalem

- A. Signs Of The Impending Destruction
 - 1. False Christs (24:5)
 - 2. Wars and rumors of wars (24:6)
 - 3. Famines and earthquakes in various places (24:7)
 - 4. Persecution of the saints (24:9-13)
 - 5. The gospel of the kingdom proclaimed throughout the whole world (24:14)
- B. Signs To Indicate The Fall Was "Near, At The Very Gates"
 - 1. The abomination of desolation (24:15)
 - 2. The fleeing of the disciples of Jesus (24:16-20)
 - 3. Great tribulation (24:21)
 - 4. Pseudo-signs (24:23-26)
 - 5. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather (24:27-28)
 - 6. Apocalyptic signs in the heavens (24:29-31)
 - 7. The lesson of the fig tree (24:32-33)

II. The End Of The World

- A. No "Signs" To Announce The End Of All Things
 - 1. Circumstances approaching the end will be as in the days of Noah (24:37-41)
 - 2. Constant watchfulness is required if we are to be ready (24:42-25:30)
 - 3. Several illustrations given to illustrate the principle of preparedness (24:45-25:30)
- B. The Judgment of the Son of Man on All Nations (25:31-46)

III. The Real Significance of A.D. 70