

41—Two Comings

Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21:1-37

1. In Matthew 23:38 Jesus says, “*See! Your house is left to You desolate...*” What “house” do the disciples know He is referring to as we read into Matthew 24:1? What does Jesus say will happen to the buildings the disciples are viewing in Matthew 24:2?



2. There are two key questions asked in Matthew 24:3 which form the outline for the rest of the text in Matthew 24-25. What are the two questions?

3. While many Bible teachers try to apply earlier sections of Matthew 24 to modern-day events, take a look at the following predictions along with other Bible passages and note how these predictions were fulfilled in the first century...

- Matthew 24:4-6; cp. Acts 5:36-37; 8:9-10—
- Matthew 24:7; cp. Acts 11:28—
- Matthew 24:9-10; cp. Acts 7:59; 8:1-3; 12:2; 16:19-23; 22:1; 23:1-2; 26:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:15; 4:10, 16—

4. What does Luke tell us is the “*abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet*” as we read Luke 21:20? When, historically, does this event occur?

5. Jesus uses some very colorful language in Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28. Based on similar language used in Scripture, should we interpret this literally or figuratively (see Isaiah 13:10; 34:4-5; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:28-31; Acts 2:28-32; Revelation 6:12-17)?

6. There is a key time reference found in Matthew 24:34 which must guide our interpretation of the events described just prior to this remark. When would “*all these things take place*” (see also Mark 13:28-31; Luke 21:29-33)?

7. The term “but” in Matthew 24:36 seems to indicate a transition. While there would be signs, warnings, and events preceding the coming of God upon Jerusalem what would be different about His final coming (Matthew 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 21:34-37)?

8. Knowing the Lord would return to hold His people accountable, what does the parable of Matthew 24:45-51 encourage?

9. What is the parable found in Matthew 25:1-13 called? In verse 13, what is the ultimate message Jesus wanted His hearers to learn from this parable?

10. What is the main take-home point we are to learn from the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30? What will be the basis of our final judgment?

11. What sorts of things must the true servants of Jesus be doing if we expect a favorable judgment at the return of Christ (see Matthew 24:31-46)?