

Thinking About End Times

Matthew 24

Thinking Wrong About End Times

- “Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. **2** And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” (v. 1,2)
- Two Questions (v. 3).
 - “Tell us when will these things be”
 - What will be the sign of your coming, and the end of the age?”

The Destruction of the Temple(v. 4-35)

- “Take heed that none deceives you.” (v. 4)
 - Many will come claiming to be the Christ (v. 5)
 - Wars and rumors of wars must come but the end is not yet come (v. 6)
 - Famines, pestilence, and earthquakes. (v. 7)
 - Disciples will be delivered up, killed, and hated (v. 9)
 - False prophets rise up and deceive (v. 11)
 - Lawlessness will abound and the love of many will grow cold (v. 12)

The Destruction of the Temple(v. 4-35)

- The gospel will be preached in all the world (v. 14)
- The “abomination of desolation” spoken of by Daniel will be seen standing in the holy place. (v. 15)
- When you see these things, flee to the mountains (v. 16)
- Pray that your flight is not in the winter or on the Sabbath (v. 20)
- Some will say, “Look here is the Christ! Or There! Do not believe it.”

Thinking Wrong

- Amazing signs (v. 27-31) Mistaken for the second coming.
 - “As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the son of man be.” (v. 27)
 - “The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heavens will be shaken.” (v. 29)
 - “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Second Coming of Christ – Right?

- The Destruction of Babylon.
 - Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.**10** For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. **11** I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. (Isaiah 13:9-11)

A Great Transition

- What will be the sign of your coming, and the end of the age?
 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” (v. 36)
 - The second coming will be like the days of Noah – no one knew when the flood would occur.
 - People will be working in the field and grinding at the mill.

WATCH

- “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **43** But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. **44** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (v. 42-44)
- We must not let people deceive us but we must be ready for the Lord’s return.