Matthew 24 b

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INTRODUCTION

- Matthew 24 is one of those chapters that is used that way a lot.
- But what Jesus said was talking about the destruction of Jerusalem. That happened in 70 AD. And he was not talking about things currently in our generation.
- But what Matthew 24 shows, it wasn't just a human conflict between the Romans and the Jews. It was God in charge.

1 Not One Stone Left Upon Another

Matthew 24:1–3

- Do you not see all these things? Surely I say to you, not one stone should be left … That shall not be thrown down.
- Tell us, when will these things be? What will be the sign of your coming to the end of the age?
- They believe Jesus to be the Son of God, but they're still thinking about a king who's going to reign literally in Jerusalem and overthrow the Roman power.

2 Signs Leading Up to the Fall of Jerusalem

Matthew 24:4–14; Colossians 1:6; Colossians 1:23

- It's God's hand in the matter. And God is really in charge.
- But these verses are not talking about the year 2000 … It's talking about the time of this generation that Jesus was in.
- Indeed, the disciples of the Lord were hated, were persecuted.
- Colossians chapter 1, about some 30 years later, in verse 6 and verse 23, it is said that the gospel had gone into all the world and had been preached to every creature.

3 When You See the Abomination of Desolation, Flee

Matthew 24:15–21; Luke 21:20–22; Daniel 9:26–27

- When you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place … Then let those who are in Judea … Flee to the mountains.
- It is said by the historian that not one Christian it was thought of perished in the destruction of Jerusalem.
- Why would it help to pray that it's not in winter? If it's really talking about the second coming of Christ and the final judgment, you think that'll matter?
- When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.
- He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. That certainly identifies the destruction of Jerusalem.

4 The Sign of the Son of Man in Heaven

Matthew 24:29–31; Isaiah 13:10; Matthew 26:64

- Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened. The moon will not give its light. The stars will fall from heaven.
- A very popular way among the prophets was to talk about the heavenly body, sun and moon and stars falling or being darkened.
- Where will the sign of the Son of Man be? … In heaven. He didn't say he's coming to the earth.
- It wasn't because of the Roman army, it was because of Christ being in charge.

5 This Generation Will by No Means Pass Away

Matthew 24:32–34

- Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. There's a key.
- Just like as you can tell the seasons by the fig tree, you can tell what's about to happen with Jerusalem, the temple.
- The gospel indeed will be heard and obeyed by men of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

6 Be Ready, for You Do Not Know the Hour

Matthew 24:36–44; Matthew 24:45–51

- Could the Lord come today? … So would you be ready? That's the question, these next few verses.
- But Jesus is saying it'll come at a time when men aren't expecting, just like the flood did.
- Therefore, you also be ready for the Son of Man that's coming in an hour you do not expect.
- And always, with each of these four parables, there'll be some who are lost and some who are saved.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **A powerful chapter, an important chapter that you understand. And that you be able to use it properly when your friends, innocently maybe, many of them apply it as though, number one, is talking about a rapture, which the Bible doesn't even talk about.**

MY NOTES