Matthew 24a

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INTRODUCTION

- Those who have been taught the idea of premillennialism certainly referred to the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- And with a shout, the Lord shall come. It's certainly not silent, and it's not secret.
- So these verses are used sometimes to make people say, well, you see, here are the signs for the rapture that yet come.

1 Get Its Context, Not Biblical Hopscotch

Matthew 21:23

- Well, it's just not really what the scriptures teach. But so many people have been led to believe it because they do what I call biblical hopscotch.
- As you can take a verse here and jump over there and forget its context, and you come up with a lot of theories of doctrine that it's not really the word of God.
- But there now from chapter 21, right on through chapter 25, all of this is said to have occurred on the same day.

2 Not One Stone Shall Be Left Upon Another

Matthew 24:1–3; John 2:19–20

- Not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down.
- Herod had assigned something like 10,000 workers. And that worked some 46 years to enhance and enlarge the temple itself.
- Tell us, when will these things be? And what would be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

3 Things That Will Lead Up to the Sign

Matthew 24:4–14; 2 Corinthians 11:13–15; Colossians 1:23

- Jesus begins to tell about seven different things you can observe that will lead up to the time where the sign will really occur.
- Didn't these things actually happen even in the time of Christ? Every one of them really fulfilled them.
- And they come as though they're preachers of righteousness.
- Going to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, so it has been fulfilled within 30 years.
- So all these things up to this point occurred in the lifetime of Christ, lifetime leading up to AD 70, when Jerusalem was destroyed itself. It's not something that is yet future for us.

4 When You See the Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24:15–26; Luke 21:22–24

- And I just asked him, I said, Well, why would you pray that it not be on the Sabbath or not in winter?
- It is something against God, often referred to even as idolatry, was an abomination before God. And the word desolation means something that is wasted away.
- I think he's referring to the time when you see the Roman armies encompass the city of Jerusalem. There's a time to get out.
- They knew the signs that Jesus had given, and they were prepared to leave, so that when that period of time actually came, they left.
- The fact that none would be saved, I think, is talking about physical, not spiritual salvation there.

5 The Coming of the Son of Man

Matthew 24:27–31; Isaiah 13; Matthew 26:64

- He says, as that, so the coming of the Son of Man will be, that it will be obvious to all.
- The fact is that when he speaks about the sun and the moon and the stars, it's not a literal event yet to occur.
- What it really means, it was a very common prophetic expression.
- You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- And Jerusalem fell in AD 70, as the result of God's will being accomplished.

MY NOTES