

Study Guide
Matthew 24:1-14

1. Discuss any impressions you got from the sermon. What have been your thoughts about the end times?
2. Read Matthew 24:1-3. What exactly were the disciples asking about? Notice that the answer must include more than the 70AD destruction of Jerusalem, because they ask for signs about the end of the age that have not yet been fulfilled. Could Jesus be referring to the 70th week of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27), since it's for Jewish people in regard to the end of time? How does it make you feel to know that God is trustworthy in fulfilling what He has promised? Discuss.
3. Read Matthew 24:4-8. What seems to be happening on earth during this first half of the tribulation? Compare to Revelation 6:1-8. Discuss what that might look like.
4. Read Matthew 24:9-12. Why do you think Messianic Jews and believers will be hated so much? What will that time be like for people on the earth? Discuss.
5. Read Matthew 24:13-14. The two witnesses and the 144,000 will be proclaiming the gospel and telling people not to worship the beast. In Revelation 14:6-7 there is even an angel proclaiming the gospel globally for all to hear. Why do you think God does this? Discuss.
6. It's quite probable that the rapture of the church is prior to this 70th week. (1 Thess. 4:16-18; 2 Thess. 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10). If that is true, then how should we live in light of the imminent return of Christ? Discuss.

Message Slides

Newcomer Drop in!

The Kingdom Has Come

>Can you show each graphic from the past sub-series?<

Awe and Wonder

Kingdom Declared

Kingdom Work

Responding to the Kingdom

Upside Down Kingdom

Clash of Kingdoms

A. The Question (v. 1-3)

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ²But he answered them, “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.” ³As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

Daniel 9:24

“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, ...”

B. The Beginning of Birth Pangs (v.4-8)

⁴And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Revelation 6

1. Deception- White Horse
2. War- Red Horse
3. Famines- Black Horse
4. Death- Pale Horse

Daniel 9:27

²⁷And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

C. Final Birth Pangs (v. 9-12)

⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false

prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

D. Good News till the End (v. 13-14)

¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Era's of "gospel"

1. OT gospel
2. Gospel of the Kingdom
3. Gospel of Christ
4. "Eternal" Gospel

An Angel proclaims the gospel: Rev. 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

E. Rapture of the Church

1. A Separate Church Event
- 1 Thess. 4:16-18

¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

2. "...he who now restrains..."

2 Thess. 2:7

"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way."

3. "...not appointed us for wrath"

1 Thess. 5:9

"For God has not appointed us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Rev. 3:10

"Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth."

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2. "...he who now restrains..."
3. "...not appointed us for wrath"
4. **No "church" on earth during the tribulation.**

Conclusion**Matt. 24:6**

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