



Matthew 23:37-39

**37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
that killeth the prophets,
and stoneth them
that are sent unto her!
How often would I have gathered
thy children together,
even as a hen gathereth
her chickens under her wings,
and ye would not!**

**38 Behold, your house
is left unto you desolate.**

**39 For I say unto you,
Ye shall not see Me henceforth,
till ye shall say,
Blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord.**

Matthew 24:1-44 ^{NLT}

- 1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, His disciples pointed out to Him the various Temple buildings.**
- 2 But He responded,
“Do you see all these buildings?
I tell you the truth, they
will be completely demolished.
Not one stone will be left
on top of another!”**

**3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to Him privately and said,
“Tell us, when will all this happen?
What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?””**

(1) When shall these things be?

(2) What shall be the sign of Your coming?

(3) What will be the sign of the end of the age?

Preliminary Events that do not portend the end

- 4 Jesus told them,
“Don’t let anyone mislead you,**
- 5 for many will come in My name,
claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’
They will deceive many.**

6 And you will hear of **wars**
and **threats of wars**,
but don't panic.

Yes, these things must take place,
but the end
won't follow immediately.

7 **Nation will go to war** against nation,
and **kingdom against kingdom**.
There will be **famines**
and **earthquakes**
in many parts of the world.

- 8 But all this is only
the **first of the birth pains**,
with more to come.
- 9 “Then you will be **arrested**,
persecuted, and **killed**.
You will be **hated** all over the world
because you are My followers.
- 10 And many will **turn away** from Me
and **betray** and **hate** each other.

- 11 And many **false prophets** will appear and will deceive many people.
- 12 **Sin will be rampant** everywhere, & the **love of many will grow cold.**
- 13 But **the one who endures to the end will be saved.** (Promise)

14 And the **Good News** about
the **Kingdom** will be **preached**
throughout the whole world,
(Prophecy)
so that **all nations** (ethnos) will
hear it; and **then the end will come.**

Temple Destroyed followed by persecution and suffering

- 15 “The day is coming when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about—the **sacrilegious object that causes desecration** standing in the **Holy Place.**”
(Reader, pay attention!)

“the detestable thing causing the desolation of the holy place.”

When ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is nigh.

- 16 “Then those in Judea must flee to the hills.**
- 17 A person out on the deck of a roof must not go down into the house to pack.**
- 18 A person out in the field must not return even to get a coat.**
- 19 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days.**

20 And pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again.

“When Jerusalem is ready for destruction, the Roman armies will gather and destroy it; when the world lies awaiting the final appearance of Christ to judgment, He will come.”

22 In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive. But it will be shortened for the sake of **God's chosen ones.**

23 “Then if anyone tells you,
 ‘**Look, here is the Messiah,**’
or ‘**There He is,**’ don’t believe it.

24 For **false messiahs** and
false prophets will rise up
and perform great **signs & wonders**
so as to **deceive**, if possible,
even God’s chosen ones.

25 See, I have warned you about this ahead of time.

26 “So if someone tells you, ‘Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,’ don’t bother to go and look. Or, ‘Look, he is hiding here,’ don’t believe it!

27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the **Son of Man** comes.

28 Just as the **gathering of vultures** shows there is a **carcass nearby**, so these signs indicate that the end is near.

Everything necessary to prepare for this Parousia (Christ's return) will occur within the lifetime of Jesus' disciples.

The Coming of Christ

29 “Immediately after the anguish of those days, the **sun** will be darkened, the **moon** will give no light, the **stars** will fall from the sky, & the **powers in the heavens** will be shaken.

30 And then at last,
the sign that
the Son of Man is coming
will appear in the heavens,
and there will be **deep mourning**
among all the peoples of the earth.

And they will see the **Son of Man**
coming on the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory.

31 And He will send out **His angels** with the mighty **blast of a trumpet**, and they will **gather His chosen ones** from all over the world— from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

32 “Now learn a lesson from
the fig tree.

When its branches bud
and its leaves begin to sprout,
you know that summer is near.

33 In the same way, when you
see all these things,
you can know **His return is
very near,** right at the door.

34 I tell you the truth,
this **generation**
will not pass from the scene
until **all these things** take place.

35 Heaven and earth will disappear,
but My words will never disappear.

