# Theme Of Matthew 24

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## INTRODUCTION

- What do we know about the future of planet Earth from a study of Jesus' words in Matthew 24?
- There is absolutely no question in my mind that a majority of what Jesus is saying in Matthew 24 applies only to the destruction of Jerusalem.

## 1 The First Difficulty: The Question Itself

**Matthew 24:1–3**

- Truly I say to you, not one stone here shall be left upon another which will not be torn down.
- Tell us when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age.
- To them, in the Jewish eyes, the destruction of the temple is the end. That's the dismantling of their world.

## 2 This Generation Will Not Pass Away

**Matthew 24:34**

- Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.
- Whatever he's talking about from verses 4 to 33, he said, everything, all of it, is going to happen in the days of this generation.
- Whatever he talks about in these verses, it's going to happen in the days of this generation, so it is past.

## 3 Immediate Signs That Are Going to Take Place

**Matthew 24:4–20; Colossians 1:23**

- See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in my name saying, I am the Christ.
- So wars and rumors of wars we will have with us always. But in the first century, news didn't travel by television.
- And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations. And then the end shall come.
- In Colossians 1 and verse 23, Paul says that the gospel was preached to every creature under heaven.
- Now we're going to have Gentiles in the nature of the Roman armies coming in and defiling the temple and destroying it.

## 4 The Son of Man Coming on the Clouds

**Matthew 24:29–31; Hebrews 9:27–28; 1 Corinthians 15:52**

- This is God's doing. This is God's judgment on the nation of Israel. Understand it for what it is.
- Jesus coming on the clouds is not literally visibly the Lord, but these are figures of God's judgment.
- But that all of these figures have a basis in reality, in a literal fulfillment of them. That ultimately every eye will see Jesus.
- There's a difference between a great trumpet signaling the judgment of God and the last trumpet signaling the end of time.

## 5 Of That Day and Hour No One Knows

**Matthew 24:35–36; 2 Peter 3**

- Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
- But even if it's a reference to that, ultimately it's a reference to the end of time.
- But of that day and hour, no one knows. Not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, but the Father alone.
- How does that day and hour have any relevance to the destruction of Jerusalem? What does it matter what day it is?

## 6 The Total Absence of Signs

**Matthew 24:37–42; Romans 13:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:2**

- I believe from verse 36 onward, he is taking us beyond the immediate destruction of Jerusalem that he's talking about to a discussion of the end of the world.
- And what I want you to notice in the verses that following is the total absence of signs.
- Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.
- The day is at hand, it always is. The time of preparation is always here.
- When the Lord returns, that is going to be it. And we need to stay ready.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you prepared if that day and that hour were to be this hour.

MY NOTES