

Lesson IV

Daniel's 70th Week

Introduction:

1. We begin the phase of lessons by discussing Daniel's 70 Week.
 2. Let us look at Matthew 24 as an introduction to Daniel's 70th week.
 3. We will follow this with a look at the prophecies of Daniel.
- I. Let us introduce Daniel's 70th week by responding to three questions that were asked of Jesus in Matthew 24:1-3

Note Matthew 24:1-3...

1) And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. 2) And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 3) And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Note: The three questions are:

- i. When shall these things be?
- ii. What shall be the sign of thy coming?
- iii. What shall be the sign of the end of the world?

A. When shall these things be?

1. In Luke 21:12-24, we see the Jews being scattered until the Gentile age is fulfilled
2. Let us analyze these verses
 - a. v12 begins with "But before all these..." Before what?
 - i. Before verses 8 through 11.
 - ii. Verses 8 through 11 answer part of the question asked in verse 7.

7) And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

1) The question asked in verse 7 relates to Jesus' statement in verse 6.

6) As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

2) Jesus is telling them two things

a) Events that take place prior to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

b) Events that will take place in such a way as to reveal to us the time in which we are living so we can be prepared for His return.

b. They shall be persecuted

i. Their persecution is found in verses 12, 16, 17

1) v12...Hands would be laid on them for His name's sake

2) v12...They would be persecuted for His name's sake

3) v12...They would be delivered up to the synagogues for His name's sake

4) v12...They would be put into prisons for His name's sake

5) v12...They would be brought before kings and rulers for His name's sake.

6) v16...They would be betrayed by parents, brethren, kinsfolks, and friends for His name's sake

7) v16...Some of them would be put to death for His name's sake

8) v17...They would be hated of all men for His name's sake.

ii. Things they needed to know about their persecution is found in verses 13, 14, 15, 18, and 19

1) v13...Their persecution, hardship, etc would result in them being witnesses to their persecutors.

2) v14...Settle it therefore in your hearts (Do not worry about what to say)

a) v14...Do Not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

b) v15...For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Note the Nlt for verses 13-15.

13) But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me. 14) So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, 15) for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!

c) v18...But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

Questions: Some of them would die, so what does it mean, not an hair of their head would perish?

i. Jesus will not lose any of them.

ii. They may die, but they will not perish.

d) v19...In your patience possess ye your souls.

Note the Amplified for verses 17-19.

17) And you will be hated (despised) by everyone because [you bear] My name *and* for its sake. 18) But not a hair of your head shall perish. 19) By your steadfastness *and* patient endurance you shall win the **true life of** your souls.

c. The fulfillment of Jesus' statement in verse 6

i. v20...When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Note the Amplified for verse 20.

20) But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know *and* understand that its desolation has come near.

ii. Warnings and promises to the inhabitants

1) Warnings

a) v21...Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains;

b) v21...Let them which are in the midst of it depart out;

c) v21...Let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

d) v22...For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Note the Amplified for verse 22

22) For those are days of vengeance [of rendering full justice or satisfaction], that all things that are written may be fulfilled.

e) v23... Woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

f) v24... They shall fall by the edge of the sword,

g) v24... They... shall be led away captive into all nations:

h) v24... Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles,

2) A promise is also found in verse 24

a) Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

b) Jesus is saying to the Jews that Jerusalem would be restored.

c) This time of persecution would pass.

d) The Millennial will come.

Note: Part of the warnings in chapter 21 of Luke can also refer to the time of desolation which is mentioned in the book of Daniel.

B. What will be the signs of thy coming?

1. Matthew 24:4-26, 37-39

2. Analyze

a. v4-5--A warning to not be deceived.

i. Take heed that no man deceive you.

ii. v5... Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many

Note the Amplified:

4) Jesus answered them, Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error]. 5) For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the

name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

- i. We are to be careful that we do not follow doctrines that are in error.
- ii. They will come teaching that they are Christ
- iii. They will come teaching that they are sent by Christ.
- iv. They will lead many astray.
- b. There will be world conflicts
 - i. v6... You shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
 - ii. v7... Nation shall rise against nation,
 - iii. v7... Kingdom... shall rise... against kingdom:
 - iv. v7... There shall be famines in divers places
 - v. v7... There shall be... pestilences in divers places
 - vi. v7... There shall be... earthquakes, in divers places.
- c. v8... The conflicts and sorrows are "...the beginning of sorrows."

Note the Amplified:

8) All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].

- d. Let us look at some of the signs of the coming of the Lord
 - i. v9... Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted,
 - ii. v9... Then... shall they kill you:
 - iii. v9... Then shall... ye... be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
 - iv. v10... Then shall many be offended,
 - v. v10... Then they... shall betray one another,
 - vi. v10... Then they... shall hate one another.

Note the Amplified

10) And then many will be offended *and* repelled *and* will begin to distrust *and* desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] *and* will stumble and fall away and betray one another *and* pursue one another with hatred.

Note: God's people turn on each other in the last days.

vii. v11...And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Note v11 in the Amp...

And many false prophets will rise up and deceive *and* lead many into error.

viii. v12...Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Note v12 in the Amp...

12) And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness *and* iniquity

ix. v13...He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

1) This is a promise

2) End of what? End of whatever!!!

x) v14...This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

1) The Gospel or Good News of the Kingdom is preached in all the world.

2) These Scriptures are relating the events before the Lord's Second Coming, and we need to remember that the Rapture will take place seven years before the establishment of His throne in Jerusalem.

xi) v15-22 definitely refer to the middle of the Tribulation period

1) v15...refers to the desolation of which Daniel speaks.

15) When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

2) v16-22 is a warning to flee when the desolation of which Daniel spoke is seen.

a) v16...Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

- b) v17...Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
- c) v18...Neither let him which is in the field return to take his clothes
- d) v19...Woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
- e) v20...Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
- f) v21...For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- g) v22...Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Note: The elect in this verse is the Jews.

- i. Verses 15-22 refers to some events during Daniel's 70th week, and it is a warning to the Jews.
- ii. The verses prior to verse 15 can be for the Church or for Israel, and verses 23-26 can be for the church as well as Israel.
 - xii. Verses 13-36 are warnings against deception
 - 1) v23... Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
 - 2) v24... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
 - 3) v25-26... Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
 - xiii. v37-39 give an example of what the world will be like, when Jesus returns.
 - 1) v37... As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
 - 2) v38... For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

3) v39...And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Note: They were unaware of the time in which they lived

- i. Their lives continued as if they had forever in which to live.
- ii. The flood came, and they were caught unprepared because they were unaware of the signs of the time.

C. What will be the signs of the end of the world (age)?

1. Matthew 24:29-31

2. Analyze

a. In v27, we see the manner of His coming

i. KJV...

27) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

ii. AMP...

27) For just as the lightning flashes from the east and shines *and* is seen as far as the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Note: His coming will be seen.

- i. Men will know it.
 - ii. This is right the opposite of false christs and false prophets.
 - iii. They creep along and seduce, but Christ's coming will be proclaimed and "every eye shall behold Him."
- b. v28...For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
- i. Vultures are by nature gathered to a dead carcass
 - ii. When Christ returns, whether it be in the rapture, or at His physical return, His people will be gathered to him, for their nature demands that they be drawn to Christ as vultures are drawn to the dead carcass.

c. v29-31 refers to the Armageddon battle and establishment of Christ's kingdom

i. v29...Immediately after the tribulation of those days

- 1) Shall the sun be darkened, and
- 2) The moon shall not give her light, and
- 3) The stars shall fall from heaven, and
- 4) The powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

ii. v30...Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and

- 1) Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and
- 2) They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- 3) v31...And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Note: This is not the rapture, but this is the Establishment of His kingdom on this earth as He defeats anti-christ and binds lucifer.

D. When will the second coming of Christ take place, and how will it happen?

1. The second coming of Christ is an Old and New Testament Doctrine
2. Most of the prophecies overlook the rapture, because they deal with the Jews, the Millennial, or restoration, of the throne of David and do not deal with the church.
3. Let us analyze Matthew 24:32-51
 - a. Israel becomes a nation before the Second coming of Christ (32-34)
 - i. v32...Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
 - 1) When leaves appear on the fig tree, you know that summer is close
 - 2) In 1948, Israel became a nation, and the church should realize that the return of Christ is close
 - ii. v33...So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near,

even at the doors.

iii. v34... Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

1) What generation?

2) Some say the generation that saw WWI

3) Others say that this refers to the generation that saw Israel become a nation

b. v35--God's words will remain and be fulfilled.

Note v35... Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

c. v36--No one knows the exact time of the Lord's return.

Note v36... But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

i. v36 is stated as a further warning against those who would say that Christ is in a certain place.

ii. v36 is also stated to let us know that we have the responsibility to be ready at all times for no one knows when it will take place.

d. Warnings

i. v37-39 tells us that the time in which Christ returns will be comparable to Noe's generation.

1) Eating and drinking, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

2) Marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark

3) They were not aware of judgment, and they were judged.

ii. Verses 40-41 shows us the quickness and decisiveness of His return

1) Two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

2) Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

3) Verse 42-51 warns us to be ready

- a) v42... Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- b) v43... The owner of the house would have been ready for the thief, if he knew the thief was coming.
- c) v44... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Note: Be ready like the owner of the house who is expecting a thief.

- d) v45-51 warns us to be a wise servant
 - i) A wise servant is doing his Master's bidding, even though the Master has delayed His coming
 - ii) The wise servant will be awarded for his faithfulness
 - iii) The foolish servant is faithful for a while, but when it appears that the Master has delayed His coming, then the foolish servant gets careless, becoming arrogant, overbearing, and the Master returns in a time the foolish servant is not looking.
 - iv) The reward of the foolish servant is removed from his place, and there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- iii. Matthew 25:1-14 is a warning of the unexpected return of Christ.
- iv. Matthew 25:15-30 is a warning of the unexpected return of Christ, and we are cautioned to be faithful until He returns using our talents for His glory.
- v. Matthew 25:31-46 is a warning of judgment and rewards.