

OUTLINE OF MATTHEW 24-25

I The Destruction of the Temple (Matthew 24:1-44)

1. Jesus's Prophecy 24:1-2
 2. The Disciples' Three Questions 24:3
 - a) when will these things take place?
 - b) what will be the sign of your coming/your parousia/your kingly presence?
parousia = Shekinah
 - c) what will be the sign of the end of the [Mosaic] age [and the beginning of the age of the New Covenant]?
 3. The First Set of Signs 24:4-8
 - a) these are signs that characterize "normal" activities the church must face during Gospel ministry and are not signs of the "end" (verse 6); they occur to bring repentance (Luke 13:1-5).
- The Second Set of Signs 24:9-14
- b) these are signs that accompany "tribulation/suffering/persecution" (verse 9); this period also includes apostasy or betrayal, and, positively, the preaching of the Gospel of the kingdom to the nations.
- The Third Set of Signs 24:15-28
- c) these are signs that describe the events surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem and are characterized by "great tribulation" (verse 21). See further Mark 13:14 & Luke 21:20.
- The Fourth Set of Signs 24:29-44
- d) these are signs, heavily couched in prophetic language, that describe the fall of Jerusalem in language that reflects the Lord's judgment in covenantal perspective. The end of the former covenant and the beginning of the new covenant in Christ is illustrated using similarities between the Lord's judgments when Noah lived and the 70 AD destruction of the temple.

II The Warnings to the Hearers (Matthew 23:1-25:46)

1. Warnings to the Jewish Leadership Matt 23:1-38
 - your hypocrisy has brought judgment upon your people;
 - you teach but don't practice, and you do not have the heart of the LORD.
2. Warnings to the Jewish Nation Matt 24:1-44
 - the city and temple are going to be judged.
3. Warnings to Christian Leaders Matt 24:45-51
 - be "faithful" and "wise" not "wicked" or "hypocritical."
4. Warnings to Christian Disciples Matt 25:1-13
 - be "wise" not "foolish" (see Matt 7:24-27).
5. Warnings to Christian Ministers Matt 25:14-30
 - don't bury your "talents."
6. Warnings to the Nations Matt 25:31-46
 - you will be judged based upon how you treat the vulnerable (see Matt 5:1-12).