

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
DECEMBER 30, 2020
MATTHEW 24:27-31

INTRODUCTION:

1. Matthew 24 centers around two questions asked by four disciples. (Matt. 24.3)
 - a) QUESTION #1: *“Tell us, when will these things be?”* The destruction of Jerusalem (v. 2,3).
 - b) QUESTION #2: *“And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”*
The sign indicating the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world. (v. 3)
2. Jesus answers the question concerning the sign of the fall of Jerusalem (vs. 4-35), and the sign of the end of the world (vs. 36-51).
3. Concerning the fall of Jerusalem, there are four observations: Prediction (vs. 4-14), Plea (vs. 15-26), Promise (vs. 27-31), and Parable (vs. 32-35).
 - a) The abomination of desolation would signal the time of their immediate departure. (v. 15)
 - b) They were to pray this would not occur during difficult travel times. (v. 20; Acts 1.12)
 - c) This seizure of Jerusalem would not be drawn out “for the elects sake.” (v. 22)
 - d) Do not believe false prophets who would offer hope. (v. 25)
4. Matthew 24.27-31 centers around the promise of the destruction. [Read].

I. THE FALL OF JERUSALEM WILL BE UNIVERSAL

- A. **MATTHEW 24.27:** *“For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”*
 1. *“For”* takes us back to verses 23-26 where Jesus warns of those who claim that Jesus has come. Yet His coming will not be in secret.
 2. *“As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west.”* Wrath? (Ps. 144.6)
 - a) The view of the lightening. (cf. Luke 17.24)
 - b) The swiftness of the lightning.
 - c) The power of the lightning.
- B. **MATTHEW 24.28:** *“For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”* The eagle was the ensign of the Roman military. The carcass was Jerusalem.

II. THREE RESULTS OF THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

- A. Judea will lose its power and influence on the world.
 1. **MATTHEW 24.29:** *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days”* (cf. v. 21)
 2. **MATTHEW 24.29:** *“the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven”* There are two possibilities as to the meaning.
 - a) From the perspective of the Jews, the light from the sun, moon, and stars would be obscured by the smoke caused by the Roman army.
 - b) The light from the celestial bodies represent the influence of the Jewish nation which is extinguished by God. (cf. Isa. 13.9-13; Ezek. 32.7-9; Joel. 3.14-16)
 3. **MATTHEW 24.29:** *“and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”* There would be a great shakeup in the political landscape.
- B. All of Israel will mourn the fall of Jerusalem.
 1. **MATTHEW 24.30:** *“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn...”*
 2. Tribes refer to all of Israel. (cf. Acts 2.5,8-11)
- C. The faithful will be protected. (Matt. 24.31; cf. 23.37)