# Matthew 24

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# **Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple**

- <sup>1</sup> And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.

# Signs of the End of the Age

- <sup>3</sup> 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?
- <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
- $^{5}\,$  For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
- <sup>6</sup> And ye 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.
- <sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
- <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.
- <sup>9</sup> Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
- 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

- <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
- <sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
- <sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
- 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:)
- $^{16}$  Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
- $^{17}$  Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
- $^{18}$  Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
- <sup>19</sup> And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
- $^{20}$  But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
- <sup>21</sup> For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- <sup>22</sup> And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
- $^{23}$  Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
- <sup>24</sup> For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- $^{25}$  Behold, I have told you before.
- <sup>26</sup> 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.
- <sup>27</sup> 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.

 $^{28}$  For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

# The Coming of the Son of Man

- <sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- <sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- 31 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.
- <sup>32</sup> Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
- <sup>33</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.
- <sup>34</sup> Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
- $^{35}$  Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

# No One Knows That Day or Hour

- <sup>36</sup> But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
- $^{37}$  But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- <sup>38</sup> 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,
- $^{39}$  And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

- $^{40}$  Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- <sup>41</sup> Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- <sup>44</sup> Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

## The Faithful and Wicked Servants

- <sup>45</sup> Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
- <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- $^{47}$  Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
- $^{48}$  But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
- <sup>49</sup> And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
- <sup>50</sup> The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
- <sup>51</sup> And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## **HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES**

## **Angel** — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

## Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

## **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

#### To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

## **Elect** — ἐκλεκτός (Eklektos)

#### Elect. chosen

The Greek **eklektos** (ἐκλεκτός) means chosen or elect—those selected by God. Believers are 'elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father' (1 Peter 1:2).

## **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

#### Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** ( $\pi$ i $\sigma$ t $\tau$ c) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

## **Glory** — δόξα (Doxa)

#### Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** ( $\delta\delta\xi\alpha$ ) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

# **Gospel** — εὐαγγέλιον (Euangelion)

## Good news, gospel

The Greek **euangelion** (εὐαγγέλιον) means good news or gospel—the message of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. It's 'the power of God unto salvation' (Romans 1:16).

## **Heaven** — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

## Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

## **Holy** — ἄγιος (Hagios)

## Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἄγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

## **Iniquity** — ἀνομία (Anomia)

#### Lawlessness, iniquity

The Greek **anomia** (ἀνομία) means lawlessness—disregard for God's law. 'Sin is the transgression of the law' (1 John 3:4). Christ 'gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity' (Titus 2:14).

## **Kingdom** — βασιλεία (Basileia)

#### Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

## **Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

## Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

# **Love** — ἀγάπη (Agape)

#### Divine love

The Greek **agape** ( $\dot{\alpha}\gamma\dot{\alpha}\pi\eta$ ) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

# **Prophet** — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

## Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

# Save — σώζω (Sozo)

## To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo**  $(\sigma\dot{\omega}\zeta\omega)$  means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

# **Word** — λόγος (Logos)

## Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

## **CROSS REFERENCES**

**Matthew 24:1** Temple: Matthew 21:23; Ezekiel 8:6; John 2:20. Parallel theme: Matthew 23:39; Jeremiah 6:8; Hosea 9:12

Matthew 24:2 Parallel theme: Jeremiah 26:18; Micah 3:12; Luke 19:44; 2 Peter 3:11

#### Matthew 24:3

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 13:49; 17:19; 21:1; 24:27; 24:37; 24:39; 28:20; Luke 21:7; Acts 1:7; Hebrews 9:26

**Matthew 24:4** Parallel theme: Jeremiah 29:8; Mark 13:22; Luke 21:8; Ephesians 4:14; 5:6; Colossians 2:8; 2:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 John 4:1

**Matthew 24:5** References Christ: Matthew 24:24; 1 John 2:18. Parallel theme: Matthew 24:11; Jeremiah 14:14; 23:21; 23:25; John 5:43; Revelation 13:8

#### Matthew 24:6

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:14; 26:54; Psalms 112:7; Isaiah 12:2; Luke 21:9; 21:19; 22:37; John 14:1; 14:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:2

Matthew 24:7 Parallel theme: 2 Chronicles 15:6; Ezekiel 14:21; 21:27; Luke 21:11; Acts 11:28; Hebrews 12:27; Revelation 6:8; 6:12. Kingdom: Isaiah 19:2. Resurrection: Zechariah 14:13

Matthew 24:8 Parallel theme: Deuteronomy 28:59; 1 Thessalonians 5:3

**Matthew 24:9** Parallel theme: Matthew 23:34; Luke 11:49; 21:12; John 16:2; Acts 7:59; 28:22; 1 Peter 4:16; Revelation 2:10; 2:13; 7:14

## **Matthew 24:10**

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:21; 11:6; 13:21; 13:57; Mark 4:17; 13:12; Luke 21:16; 2 Timothy 1:15; 4:10; 4:16

## **Matthew 24:11**

**Resurrection:** Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22. **Prophecy:** Matthew 7:15; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 4:1; Revelation 19:20. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:5; 1 Timothy 4:1; 1 John 2:18; Jude 1:4

Matthew 24:12 Parallel theme: Revelation 2:10; 3:15

#### **Matthew 24:13**

**Salvation:** Matthew 10:22; Mark 13:13. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:6; Luke 8:15; Romans 2:7; 1 Corinthians 1:8; Hebrews 3:6; 3:14; 10:39; Revelation 2:10

**Matthew 24:14** Parallel theme: Matthew 24:6; Ezekiel 7:10; Luke 24:47; Romans 10:18; Colossians 1:6; 1:23; Revelation 14:6. **Kingdom:** Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 10:7

**Matthew 24:15** Parallel theme: Daniel 9:23; 9:25; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Luke 19:43; 21:20; Hebrews 2:1. **Prophecy:** Mark 13:14; Revelation 1:3

**Matthew 24:16** Parallel theme: Proverbs 22:3; Hebrews 11:7

**Matthew 24:17** Parallel theme: Matthew 6:25; 10:27; Deuteronomy 22:8; 1 Samuel 9:25; Luke 5:19; 12:3; Acts 10:9

Matthew 24:19 Parallel theme: Lamentations 4:10; Hosea 13:16; Luke 21:23

Matthew 24:20 Parallel theme: Exodus 16:29

#### Matthew 24:21

Sin: Daniel 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:16. Parallel theme: Matthew 24:29; Joel 1:2; 2:2; Malachi 4:1; Luke 21:24

**Matthew 24:22** Salvation: Mark 13:20; 2 Timothy 2:10. Parallel theme: Matthew 22:14; 24:24; 24:31; Isaiah 6:13; Zechariah 13:8; 14:2; Luke 18:7; Romans 9:11

Matthew 24:23 References Christ: Luke 21:8. Faith: Mark 13:21

Matthew 24:24 Resurrection: Matthew 24:11; Deuteronomy 13:1; Mark 13:22; John 6:39. Prophecy: Matthew 7:15; Revelation 19:20. References Christ: Matthew 24:5. Parallel theme: John 6:37; 2 Peter 3:17; 1 John 5:18

Matthew 24:25 Parallel theme: Luke 21:13; John 16:1

Matthew 24:27 Parallel theme: Malachi 3:2; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:4. Light: Zechariah 9:14

Matthew 24:28 Parallel theme: Luke 17:37

**Matthew 24:30** Parallel theme: Matthew 24:3; 26:64; Daniel 7:13; Zechariah 12:10; Luke 22:69; Acts 1:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7; Revelation 1:7. **Glory:** Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27

**Matthew 24:31** Parallel theme: Matthew 13:41; 25:31; Isaiah 11:12; 13:5; 27:13; 45:22; Mark 13:27; 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 2:1

Matthew 24:33 Parallel theme: Hebrews 10:37; James 5:9

**Matthew 24:34** Parallel theme: Matthew 12:45; 16:28; 23:36; Luke 11:50

#### **Matthew 24:35**

**Word:** Matthew 5:18; Proverbs 30:5; Isaiah 40:8; 55:11; 1 Peter 1:25. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:19; Psalms 89:34; Isaiah 51:6; 54:10; Titus 1:2

**Matthew 24:36** Parallel theme: Matthew 24:42; 24:44; 25:13; Zechariah 14:7; Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 3:3; 16:15

Matthew 24:37 Parallel theme: Matthew 24:39; Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5; 3:6

**Matthew 24:38** Parallel theme: Matthew 22:30; Genesis 6:2; Luke 12:19; 12:45; 21:34

**Matthew 24:39** 

Parallel theme: Matthew 24:37; Proverbs 24:12; 29:7; John 3:20; Acts 13:41; 2 Peter 3:5

Matthew 24:40 Parallel theme: 2 Peter 2:5

Matthew 24:41 Parallel theme: Exodus 11:5; Isaiah 47:2; Luke 17:35

**Matthew 24:42** 

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:36; 24:44; 25:13; Luke 21:36; Romans 13:11; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:6; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8; Revelation 16:15

Matthew 24:43 Good: Luke 12:39. Parallel theme: Matthew 24:44

**Matthew 24:44** 

**Parallel theme:** Matthew 24:27; 24:42; 25:10; 25:13; Luke 12:40; Philippians 4:5; James 5:9; Revelation 19:7

**Matthew 24:45** Faith: Matthew 25:21; 25:23; Luke 19:17; 1 Timothy 1:12; 2 Timothy 2:2; Hebrews 3:5; Revelation 2:13. **Creation:** Acts 20:28. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 10:16; 13:52

**Matthew 24:46** Blessing: Luke 12:37; 12:43; Revelation 16:15

**Matthew 24:47** Good: Matthew 25:21; 25:23; Luke 19:17. **Parallel theme:** Luke 12:37; 12:44; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 3:21; 21:7

Matthew 24:48 Evil: Matthew 18:32; Deuteronomy 9:4; Mark 7:21; John 13:2. References Lord: Isaiah 32:6; Luke 12:45. Parallel theme: Acts 5:3

Matthew 24:49 Parallel theme: Matthew 7:15; Micah 3:5; Revelation 16:6; 17:6

Matthew 24:50 Parallel theme: Revelation 3:3

**Matthew 24:51** Parallel theme: Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 25:30; Luke 12:46

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