

## The Sign of His Coming Matthew 24:1-41

### Introduction

A Parable is an illustration of a spiritual principle from a common everyday experience. Jesus presented multiple parables to describe the Kingdom of heaven.

### Historical Context, the Kingdom Offered

**Matthew 3** John the Baptist, **Matthew 4** Jesus, and **Matthew 10** the disciples, all with the same message: *“Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!”*

### The Kingdom Rejected

**Matthew 11:20-24; 12:22-32** The Messianic Miracle REJECTED, Is 35:4-6

This is the ultimate rejection, The Kingdom is no longer offered to that generation

There will be a Time Period of Delay, until Jesus returns

**Matthew 13** Jesus uses parables to explain the characteristics of the Kingdom during the period of delay, until Jesus returns.

### The Set Up to Matthew 24

#### Matthew 23

vs 13-33 Eight woes directed at the religious leaders

vs 33 *You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?*

vs 37 Jesus laments over the willful rejection of God by Jerusalem,

*and you were unwilling.* (God's desire vs man's free will)

vs 39 You shall not see Me until...

#### Matthew 24

vs 1-2 The disciples admiring the Temple, Jesus states it will be destroyed

### Two Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ shall these things be? What is the timing of these things?

What things: the destruction of the temple, and the coming of the Lord.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ 1) of Your coming, and  
2) of the end of the age.

Luke 21 account places more emphasis on the first question. (vs 5-38)

vs 12 but before all these things...

vs 20-24 answers question 1. (fulfilled by the Roman army in 70 AD)  
also identifies, The end of what age?

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew's account focuses on the second question.

**vs 4-14 General Signs before the \_\_\_\_\_ Comes**

- 1) vs 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) vs 6 \_\_\_\_\_ & Rumors of wars
- 3) vs 7 International \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) vs 7 \_\_\_\_\_ & Earthquakes (Beginnings of birth pangs)
- 5) vs 9 \_\_\_\_\_ of Believers
- 6) vs 10 Betrayal & Hatred, loss of civility
- 7) vs 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers & Prophets
- 8) vs 12 No \_\_\_\_\_ due to constant Lawlessness
- 9) vs 14 Worldwide preaching of the Gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 7 & 14)

**vs 15-28 Two Specific Signs before Jesus Returns**

vs 15 Sign # 1: The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan 9:27; 12:11; 2 Thess 2:1-10; Rev 13

vs 16-20 When you see this, Flee to the mountains!

vs 21 Sign #2: The \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev 7:14; Rev 16

**vs 29-31 The Return of Christ**

vs 29-31 Jesus ties the entire discourse directly to His \_\_\_\_\_.

Everyone will see, there will be no doubt, Elect gathered, Is 11:11-12

**vs 32-35 The Parable of the Fig Tree**

vs 32 When you see ..... then you know...

vs 34 "*this generation*" What generation?

vs 35 Jesus affirms the veracity of His prophecy. This is REALLY going to happen!

**vs 36-41 Like the Days of Noah**

vs 36-39 Everyone consumed with the normal activities of life

vs 40-41 Two men in a field, one is taken

Those taken are the ones taken to judgment,

Matt 13, Parable of the Wheat & Tares, Parable of the Dragnet

**Main Application**

vs 42-44 Be on the \_\_\_\_\_

Key Word: \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is REALLY Coming Back!

(Good Book: The Sign of His Coming  
Understanding the Olivet Discourse  
by Renald E. Showers)