

Part 6 - Matthew 24

Lesson #414

TEXT: Matt. 24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MUCH CONFUSION - MUCH FALSE TEACHING.
- B. WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL(**Matt. 14:4-5**).

I. CONTEXT:

- A. UPBRAIDING THE JEWS(**ch. 23:29-39**).
- B. JESUS' REMARK ABOUT THE TEMPLE(**24:1-2**).
- C. 3 PART QUESTION(**vs. 3**). 2 QUESTIONS - DISCIPLES DON'T KNOW IT.
- D. STERN WARNING OF JESUS(**vs. 4-5**). THEN HE ANSWERS.

II. FALSE SIGNS - LEAD TO PERIOD OF SUFFERING - NOT "THE END."(vs.6).

- A. FALSE SIGNS:
 - 1. False prophets(**vs. 5**).
 - 2. Wars and rumors of wars(**vs. 6**). **vs. 6**
 - 3. Famines and earthquakes(**vs. 7**). Great persecution,
 - 4. Delivered up, persecution. but not at "the end."
 - 5. Apostasy(**vs. 14-15**).
- B. THE POINT - GOD DEMANDS FAITHFULNESS(**vs. 13**).
- C. SIGNS OF THE END(**vs. 14-15**).
 - 1. Gospel preached everywhere(**Col. 1:6, 23**).
 - 2. Abomination of desolation - Daniel(**Dan. 11:31; 12:11**).
- explained(**Luke 21:20**).
 - 3. "This generation"(**vs. 34**). Say more later.

III. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TIME(vs. 16-28).

- A. FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS (**vs. 16**).
- B. LEAVE BEHIND MATERIAL THINGS(**vs. 17-18**).
- C. WOE TO THOSE WITH SMALL ONES(**vs. 19**).
- D. PRAY FOR GOOD CONDITIONS (**vs. 20**). WHY? WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE AT THE SECOND COMING?
- Time of great stress, shortened for the faithful's sake.
- E. BE SKEPTICAL OF PROPHETS OF THAT TIME(**vs. 23-26**).
 - 1. All will see.
 - 2. The vultures will be gathered.

IV. JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED - SYMBOLIC(vs. 25-31).

- A. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS STRESSFUL TIME(**vs. 29**).
- B. TERRIBLE EVENTS - JUDGMENT LANGUAGE(**Isa. 13:10; 24:23; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Acts 2:16-20**).
- C. SON OF MAN'S COMING:
 - 1. **Isa. 19:1; Ez 32:7; 34:12; Matt. 26:64.**
 - 2. Saints redemption from trial(**Luke 21:25-28; Matt. 24:16-28**).
- D. AFFIRMATION OF SIGNS(**vs. 32-34**).
 - 1. Signs likened to signs of nature - Show nearness.
 - 2. "This generation"(**Matt. 1:15; 11:16; 12:39; 10:23; 23:29-37; 16:28; Mk. 9:1**).

V. SUBJECT CHANGE - SECOND QUESTION(vs. 35ff.).

- A. **vs. 36** WHAT DAY? NO ONE KNOWS!
- B. THE SIGNS OF THAT OTHER DAY:
 - 1. The sign of Noah - **NO SIGN!** except for Noah's preaching
 - 2. **vs. 40-42.** Context: Prepared vs. unprepared, some ready, some not.
Point: No Signs - watching must be continuous(**1 Thes. 5:1-3**).
 - 3. **vs. 43-44.** Likened to a thief coming - CONSTANT VIGILANCE!
- C. PARABLES OF THE SECOND COMING FOLLOW.

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU READY?