

A Key Prophecy From Jesus

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As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures tell us. There is a key prophecy from Jesus that does not get spoken of in its true context of importance for those looking for end times. We must first look to the prophecies Jesus laid out for the disciples.

Matthew 24:1, 2

Verse 1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Verse 2 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.

They want Jesus to see the magnificent work of the building of the Temple. Jesus gives them the first prophecy, the destruction of the Temple, done in 70 A.D. by Titus in which the Temple was destroyed completely, just as prophesied.

Matthew 24:3

Verse 3 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?

Now Jesus starts by warning them and all who read.

Matthew 24:4-6

Verse 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Verse 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Verse 6 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.

You want to remember the things we will read have been going on since Jesus said them, and before. Now let us continue

Matthew 24:7, 8

Verse 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Verse 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

What we are told here is that the world is at unrest. Pestilences in Merriam, Webster Dictionary is 'a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating or anything that is destructive', again these have gone on since the beginning of time.

Matthew 24:9 -14

Verse 9 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.

Verse 10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Verse 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Verse 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Verse 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Verse 14 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.

Now we are told of a time of persecution, because sin and wickedness will abound. This is when the true followers of Christ will shine, they will keep the faith. As with so many places in the Bible we see prophecies that are for then and the future. We have already seen the destruction of the Temple done in 70 AD. We also know that the early Church suffered great persecution, put to death in the arenas of Rome, then again under the great persecution of the inquisition. Mankind always looks for something or someone to blame for bad times. Since the days of the Apostles the message of Jesus is being preached around the world many times.

Matthew 24:15, 16

Verse 15 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:)

Verse 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

What is the abomination Daniel spoke of, many Churches have different views on this. Let us see what Luke says of this event.

Luke 21:19 - 21

Verse 19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Verse 20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

Verse 21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

This is the same event as in Matthew 24. Luke tells us that this abomination is the armies of the world coming up against Israel as did Titus in 70 AD.

Matthew 24:17 - 20

Verse 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Verse 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Verse 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Verse 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

These warnings are to understand the next verse which will tell us that this is the troubles of the great tribulation.

Matthew 24:21, 22

Verse 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Verse 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

This time of trouble is worse than mankind has ever suffered. It will be so bad that if Jesus does not return mankind would destroy themselves; but time will be shortened because God has faithful souls on earth.

Matthew 24:23 - 26

Verse 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

Verse 24 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.

Verse 25 Behold, I have told you before.

Verse 26 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.

There are false teachers; but it is our responsibility to make sure the message we receive is Biblical. If the elder is teaching first day keeping, then ask them, why did God give us an example at creation by keeping the seventh day Genesis 2:2. Abraham was commended by God for keeping his statutes, charge, commandments, and laws. This was long before there was a nation of Israel. Finally in Isaiah 66:23 we are told that all flesh in the new Kingdom will come to worship God from one Sabbath to another. We stayed in Matthew to show you that false teachings are being preached in many churches. We are at the end times, make sure you are worshipping the true Jesus the Christ.

Matthew 24:27 - 31

Verse 27 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.

Verse 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Verse 29 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:

We see the events that usher in the actual coming of Jesus the Christ. Clearly the outstanding part of this is the lightning that will cover from east to west.

Matthew 24:30, 31

Verse 30 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.

Verse 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.

This is the event Paul speaks to in I Cor. 15:52 the last trump.

Finally we will look at the last 3 verses here is where we must pay more attention.

Verse 32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Verse 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Verse 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Jesus wants us to understand that these are the signs of end time events; but not as we have throughout the ages. These by the horsemen will happen at one time. We must remember that it was said at the beginning of this tract that the things prophesied here by Jesus have been going on forever. The ultimate clue is this last verse; all these things will be witnessed by a generation in the last days. Jesus does not want his people to think everything is as it always

has been. We need to be watching and ready for him to return.