

MATHEW 24 & 25 STUDY GUIDE FOUR

Supplement and Scriptures

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It is one of the best known and most often quoted section of scripture. Books, movies, sermons and everyday conversations often include a reference to it. Yet, it is also the most misquoted or misunderstood section of scripture outside of the book of Revelation. A reminder that we must always be careful to observe and practice the four simple yet vital rules of interpreting scripture.



1. **Scripture interprets scripture.** God has put the information within His Word we need to understand and discern what he wants us to know.
2. **Scripture must be interpreted in context.** The original meaning and setting are vital to understanding what each verse means.
3. **The easy scriptures interpret the difficult scriptures.** God has put many answers within His Word for us. This allows us to know what God intended because he has given us the answers.
4. **Jesus is BOSS!** Jesus, the Son of God, is the final authority. What Jesus says counts the most and is the final word.

Matthew 24 and 25 are linked together. They contain the complete answers to the questions the disciples ask Jesus in Matthew 24.3. Trying to understand how Jesus answered the questions the disciples asked without including Matthew 25 is like trying to put on size 6 shoes when your feet are size 12. It just will not fit. To only use Matthew 24 to answer the questions is breaking all four of the rules of interpretation.

The best way to understand this sections is to look at the questions the disciples ask Jesus and then find KEY verses or teachings of Jesus in the section which allow the reader and student to know which verses apply to each question. There are five key verses that will help you understand Matthew 24 & 25 as Jesus answers the disciples questions.

Jesus answers the questions in the order they were asked. The greatest problem is in the previous teachings we have already heard on the subject often cloud our understanding and stop the individual from discovering what Jesus really wanted his disciples and us to know. No matter what you have been taught it is now time to see what Jesus really said.

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The Headings have been removed and replaced with those that better reflect the lesson and the intent of Jesus in this section of scripture.

Matthew 24

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple

[24:1] Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. [2] And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

The Three Questions the disciples ask Jesus

[3] **As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**

Jesus Answers the 1st QUESTION - The Temple

[4] And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. [5] "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. [6] "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. [7] "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. [8] "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

[9] "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

[10] "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. [11] "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. [12] "Because

lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. [13] "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

[14] **"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in**

the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

What did Jesus predict would happen to the Temple?

KEY VERSE 24.3. What three questions did the disciples ask Jesus?

List the signs Jesus said will precede the temple being destroyed.

KEY VERSE 24.14. What key event must precede the destruction of the temple?

What will the disciples go through leading up to the destruction of the temple?

[15] “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), [16] then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. [17] “Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. [18] “Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. [19] “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! [20] “But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. [21] “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. [22] “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. [23] “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. [24] “For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. [25] “Behold, I have told you in advance. [26] “So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe them. [27] “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. [28] “Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

[29] “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [30] “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. [31] “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

[32] “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; [33] so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. [34] **“Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.**

[35] “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

What will it be like when the enemy comes to attack Jerusalem before the destruction of the temple?

Which heaven would this section be making reference to and who would it apply to?

Does this section deal with the destruction of Jerusalem or what will happen after it is destroyed?

(Note: Angel means messenger) How can this help us understand the spreading of the gospel after the destruction of the temple?

KEY VERSE 24.34: What was the limit of time Jesus put on all the events between verse 3 & 33?

How sure is Jesus of this happening?

Jesus Answers the 2nd QUESTION—His Return

[36] “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

[37] **“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.** [38] “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, [39] and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

[40] “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. [41] “Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

[42] “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. [43] “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

[44] “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

[45] “Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? [46] “Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. [47] “Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. [48] “But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’ [49] and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; [50] the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, [51] and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus Answers the 3rd QUESTION—The End of Time

Jesus answers the third Question in the entire 25th chapter of the book of Matthew. . Here are three verses you will need.

[25:13] **“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.**

[25:30] And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

[25:46] “Then they [*the unrighteous*] will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

KEY VERSE 24.37. What event is shown as just like the return of Jesus?

What are the only two signs of the return of Jesus?

How is this different from what Jesus said in Matthew 24.34 when answering the 1st question?

What warning does Jesus give concerning becoming complacent in waiting for Jesus’ return?

KEY VERSE: 24.13 What do we know about the end of time?

How are the second and third question linked? What do we know for sure about the end of time and the return of Jesus?