

b) Joel 2:2, 10

Eusebius: "If any one compares the words of our Saviour with the other accounts of the historian concerning the whole war, how can one fail to wonder, and to admit that the foreknowledge and the prophecy of our Saviour were truly divine and marvelously strange."

C. 24:30 God's answer to Rome will come!

D. Daniel 7:13-14 in context...

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- How does this prophecy from Jesus and its fulfillment effect your view of God? Was your understanding of God adjusted?
- If you were a disciple in the late 60's A.D, it would have been *life or death* important that you obeyed Jesus' word. Why? What might this tell you about how important it is to obey His word now?
- What significance do you think the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. may have played in the history of the church?
- How does Luke 21:20-21 help us understand what the "abomination of desolations" was? What reasons can you think of that Luke may have given the inspired "interpretation" of that for his audience?
- Is it important to take the statement, "*the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken,*" literally? Does the Bible give us reasons to taken it figuratively? Do rules of language instruct us on how to take this? Can you think of similar expressions to this that we use today?
- How can a prophecy about God's judgment fulfilled in 70 A.D. bring faith for us as believers in Christ today?

When Will This Happen? Jerry Cisar—August 30, 2009

Text: Matthew 24

Introduction: The 7th Woe... (Matthew 23:29-39)

A. What is the offense?

➤ 2 Chron. 36:15-19

➤ Matthew 21:34-41

➤ Matthew 22:5-7

B. What is the judgment?

C. When will this happen?

- i. vs. 36 All of this will come upon this generation.

Origen: "*I challenge anyone to prove my statement untrue if I say that the entire Jewish nation was destroyed less than one whole generation later on account of these sufferings which they inflicted on Jesus.*"

Chrysostom: "*For I will ask them, Did He send the prophets and wise men? Did they slay them in their synagogue? Was their house left desolate? Did all the vengeance come upon that generation? It is quite plain that it was so, and no man gainsays it.*"

I. Matthew 24:1-3 Pregnant with Disaster

A. Jesus Leaves the Temple

- Jeremiah 9:11
- Micah 3:12

B. As Jesus was sitting on the Mt. Of Olives...

i. "When is this gonna happen?"

- Mark 13:2-4
- Luke 21:6-7
- Matthew 24:2-3

ii. When will what happen?

- a) The answer is rather clear: 23:36 and 24:34

II. 24:4-8 Early Labor

A. 1-8 Don't go to the Hospital

- i. False Christs
- ii. Wars and rumors of wars
- iii. Nation will rise against nation
- iv. Famines and Earthquakes

B. Luke: "great signs from heaven..."

III. 9-14 Active Labor

A. Persecution

B. False prophets & deceptions

i. Stands firm to the end

ii. This Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world...

- Luke 2:1
- Romans 1:8
- Colossians 1:6

IV. 24:15-28 Transition

A. The abomination that causes desolation:

i. Luke 21:20-21

ii. The disciples are to take flight.

iii. 21-22 Great distress, unequalled before or since...

iv. An intensifying of false prophets:

V. 24:29-34 Delivery Time: Disaster is Here

A. Immediately after the distress of those days...

B. 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

- a) Isaiah 13:9-10