

# MATTHEW- LESSON SEVENTEEN

- I. JESUS PROPHECIES OF NEARER JUDGMENT UPON JERUSALEM (Temple) AND THEN THE FINAL JUDGMENT UPON THE WORLD (Chapters 24-25).**
- A. The occasion of the prophesy of destruction of temple (24:1-3, Mk. 13:1-4, Lk. 21:5-7)
  - B. Four things occurring before destruction of temple (24:4-14, Mk. 13:5-13, Lk. 21:8-19)
    - 1. False Christs – great apostasy (v.5)
    - 2. Wars, Famines, Earthquakes (v.6-8)
    - 3. Persecutions, betrayals, hatred, false prophets (v.9-13)
    - 4. Gospel goes to the world (v. 14).
  - C. Three signs when the end is close at hand for temple and Jerusalem (24:15-28, Mk. 13:14-23, Lk. 21:20-24)
    - 1. The abomination of desolation as prophesied by Daniel (v15-18).
    - 2. The great tribulation (v.19-22).
    - 3. False Christs and prophets; carcass and gathering of eagles (v.23-28, cf. Lk. 17:22-37).
  - D. Apocalyptic picture of Jesus' coming in judgment and end for temple and Jerusalem (24:29-31, Mk. 13:24-27, Lk. 21:25-28).
    - 1. Sun and moon darkened, stars fall, powers of heaven shaken (v.29)
    - 2. Sign of son of man, coming in clouds with power and glory (v.30).
    - 3. Angels sent forth, trumpet, gathering of elect (v. 31)
  - E. Counsels and Warnings (24:32-51, Mk. 13:28-37, Lk. 21:29-36)
    - 1. Similitude of the fig tree (v. 32-33).
    - 2. All to occur in **THIS GENERATION** (v.34-35).
    - 3. Day and hour unknown (v. 36).
    - 4. Admonition to watch (v.42-51).
  - F. Preparation for the coming of Jesus in judgment upon the world at the end of time (25:1-46).
    - 1. Parable of the Ten Virgins (v. 1-13)
    - 2. Parable of the Talents (v. 14-30)
    - 3. The **FINAL JUDGMENT** (v. 21-46)

## QUESTIONS:

- 1. What is the context of the disciples' question: "Tell us when shall these things be?"
- 2. What danger does Jesus warn his disciples about before the end occurs?
- 3. What would happen to the disciples before the end occurs?

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4. What would happen to the many before the end occurs?
5. What would happen to the Gospel before the end occurs?
6. What is the abomination of desolation?
7. Who should take heed of the abomination of desolation?
8. Why would Jesus consider these times as “great tribulation”?
9. How does Jesus strengthen his disciples against the appearances of false Christs?
10. What does Jesus have in mind in the reverence of a carcass and the gathering of eagles?
11. The Son of Man coming in the clouds in verse 31 is “literal” (T) (F)  
Back up your answer with clear references of Scripture:
12. What is to learn from the parable of the fig tree?
13. Are verses 34 and 35 the dividing line between Jesus talking about the destruction of Jerusalem and final Judgment at the end of time?  
Why do you say “yes”?  
Why do you say “no”?

14. What stands out as characterizing the “wise servant”?
15. What stand out as characterizing the “evil servant”?
16. What lessons about “watching” do you learn from the parable of the Ten Virgins?
17. What do the “talents” represent in the parable of The Talents?
18. What does God expect of us if we are going to avoid the title of “unprofitable servant”?
19. Jesus paints the final judgment scene by focusing on what responsibility we have as followers of Jesus?
20. What will the “unrighteous” inherit at the judgment?
21. What will the “righteous” inherit at the judgment?