

- Before we start we must ask the question, Is prophecy, that we see here in chapter 24, being mainly aimed at the Jews, relevant to us and for us today? My retort to that is an absolute yes in accordance with;
- **2Ti 3:16,17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- We are going to study this from the stand point that this chapter is referring mainly to the Jews and the Jewish nation, The Church only being involved prior to the rapture at the start of the tribulation. I know there are many various view points but let's go with this flow.

**Mt 24:1 ¶ Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple**, and His disciples came up **to show Him the buildings of the temple.**

- His examination by the religious leaders being complete, He is prepared for the cross. I think the disciples were trying to reassure the Lord there was still some good here in spite of the religious leadership.

2 And **Jesus said** to them, "**Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**"

- Not only was He apparently not impressed but prophesied the destruction some 40 years coming. The Spirit Of God had left the building now it is an empty monument to the glory when God inhabited the temple. But under grace God dwells within His people, not in buildings made by hands.
- **2Co 6:16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "**Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"

- **Mr 13:3** Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

4 ¶ And **Jesus answered** and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you.**

5 "For **many will come in My name**, saying, 'I am the Christ,' (*the Messiah*) and will deceive many.

6 "And **you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.** See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 "For **nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.**

8 "All **these are the beginning of sorrows.** (*birth pains*)

9 "Then **they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you,** and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

10 "And then **many will be offended,** will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 "Then **many false prophets** will rise up and deceive many.

12 "And because **lawlessness will abound,** the love of many will grow cold.

13 "But **he who endures to the end shall be saved.**

14 "And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

- **Re 14:6,7** ¶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."
- **Eph 5:6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- **Ro 5:8,9** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

The sign of His soon return

15 "Therefore when you see **the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet,** standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

- **Da 9:23-27**
- **Da 11:31** "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.
  - Refers to Antiochus IV and his desecration of the temple during the time of the Maccabees.
- **Da 12:11** "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, **there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.**
- Those who understand, know that from the time the anti christ sets himself up the return of Christ is 3 and ½ years or 1,290 days away.

16 "then **let those** who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 "**Let him** who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 "And **let him** who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 "**But woe** to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "And **pray that your flight** may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

21 "For **then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

22 "And **unless those days were shortened**, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake **those days** will be shortened.

- This does not appear to be referencing a 24 hour day but means there will be a definite ending 1,290 days.

23 "Then **if anyone says to you**, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 "**See, I have told you beforehand.**

26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

- The second coming of Christ to this earth will be spectacular and no one will mistake that this indeed is the Son of God.

28 "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

29 "**Immediately after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "**Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.**

31 "And **He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet**, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- **De 30:3,4** "that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and **gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.** 4 "If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.
- **Isa 11:10-12** ¶ "And in that day there shall be a **Root of Jesse**, (*Jesus*) Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." 11 It shall come to pass in that day That the

Lord shall set His hand again **the second time** To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah **From the four corners of the earth.**