

MATTHEW 24 | PART ONE

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD

Listening Guide | Matthew 23:31 through Matthew 24:8

Jesus was not predicting the end of the planet. He was prophesying the end of an age.

THE SETTING

During Passion Week, Jesus left the temple after pronouncing judgment on its leaders and declaring that judgment would come upon **this generation**. From the Mount of Olives, He answered the disciples' questions about the temple, His coming, and the end of the age.

THE THREE QUESTIONS | MATTHEW 24:3

WHEN When will these things be?	SIGN What will be the sign of Your coming?	AGE What will be the sign of the end of the age?
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SIGNS WITHIN THEIR GENERATION

SIGN	WHAT JESUS SAID
WITHIN A GENERATION <i>Matthew 23:36 and 24:34</i>	Jesus placed these events within the lifetime of His hearers.
DECEPTION <i>Matthew 24:4 and 5</i>	False messiahs would arise and mislead many.
WARS AND RUMORS <i>Matthew 24:6 and 7</i>	Political upheaval would come, but the end was not yet.
FAMINES <i>Matthew 24:7</i>	Scarcity would mark the years leading toward Jerusalem's fall.
EARTHQUAKES <i>Matthew 24:7</i>	These were beginnings of sorrow, not signs of the planet's end.

THE KEY DISTINCTION

AGE AION A period, order, or covenantal era	WORLD KOSMOS The created world or inhabited order
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THE TEMPLE WOULD FALL. THE OLD AGE WOULD END. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW.

MY NOTES