

for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.<sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you." (See also Revelation 2:5, 16)

**The Bible uses the same kind of language for the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD by the Romans as it used about the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians in the 6th century BC.**

**Prophecy before the Second Temple was destroyed by Romans in 70 AD:**

Matthew 24:21 - For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

**Prophecy before the First Temple Destroyed by Babylonians in the sixth century BC:**

Ezekiel 5:9 - And because of all your abominations I will do with you what I have never yet done, and the like of which I will never do again. (see also Daniel 9:12)

**So why does this matter?**

**Just like failed prophecies would undermine the reliability of the Bible, fulfilled prophecies confirm it**

Isaiah 46:9a-10 - I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.'

**God has already judged the path of disobedience and its end is destruction**

Philippians 3:18-19 - For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.<sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Proverbs 1:7 - Fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; wisdom and instruction, fools despise.

**God has promised to bless the path of obedience**

Isaiah 30:18, 26 - Therefore Yahweh waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he will rise up to show you mercy, for Yahweh is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him....<sup>26</sup> And the light of the full moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days, on the day when Yahweh binds up the breakage of his people, and he heals the wound of his blow. (see also Isaiah 60:20)

Acts 5:32 - And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.

Proverbs 15:29 - Yahweh is far from the wicked, but the prayers of the righteous he will hear.

Hebrews 5:9 - And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him



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## WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hate of a world at war with God and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, then you are right where God wants you to be! We are a community of imperfect people sincerely pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and finding His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS that was along for the ride. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

## EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. Here are a couple key areas we can multiply your time, energy, and willingness to help others:

- **KidsMin (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – bring love, joy, and biblical wisdom to young lives
- **Host & Greeter Team** – MASSIVELY important opportunity to help people know they are not only welcome, but WANTED here
- **Event Team** – help us put together anything from special events to simple hangouts so that we can make connections, deepen friendships, and make memories
- **Production Team** – leverage lighting, screen, computer, and sound systems to make the eternity-shaping message of Christ accessible to all
- **Worship Band** – sing or play guitar, bass, drums, and keys with others while building the church and pointing one another to Christ

## COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER

God never intended us to live life flying solo. At One Missoula Church we know we are better together, so we are beginning to build incredible groups for community, encouragement, and strengthening. While serving alongside others is an easy way to build friendships (see above), we highly recommend joining a bi-weekly life group or a Discovery Bible Study depending on where you are on your journey with God. Just let us know about your interest on the connect card and we'll get in touch to get you squared away.



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Matthew 24:29-35 - "And 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 heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.'<sup>30</sup> And 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 arriving on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.<sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect together from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other end of it.<sup>32</sup> Now learn the parable from the fig tree: Whenever its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.<sup>33</sup> So also you, when you see all these things, know that he is near, at the door.<sup>34</sup> Truly I say to you that this generation will never pass away until all these things take place!<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

### What happens when you interpret the Bible "literally", instead of interpreting the Bible the way the Bible interprets itself?

"But there is worse to come. 'Say what you like,' we shall be told, 'the apocalyptic beliefs of the first Christians have been proved to be false. It is clear from the New Testament that they all expected the Second Coming in their own lifetime. And, worse still, they had a reason, and one which you will find very embarrassing. Their Master had told them so. He shared, and indeed created, their delusion. He said in so many words, "this generation shall not pass till all these things be done." And He was wrong. He clearly knew no more about the end of the world than anyone else.' It is certainly the most embarrassing verse in the Bible." - C. S. Lewis.

**Matthew 24:3-35 describes another "judgement Coming" not the Second Coming (Genesis 11:5; Exodus 3:8, 19:9, 34:5; Psalm 18:6-17; Isaiah 19:1-4, 31:4; Micah 1:3-5).**

### Old Testament example: Lights Out for Babylon

Isaiah 13:6-11 - Wail, for the day of Yahweh is near; it will come like destruction from Shaddai!<sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will grow slack, and every human heart will melt,<sup>8</sup> and they will be dismayed. Pangs and labor pains will seize them; they will tremble like a woman giving birth. They will stare at one another, their faces flushing.<sup>9</sup> Look! The day of Yahweh is coming, cruel and wrath and the burning of anger, to make the earth a desolation, and he will destroy its sinners from it.<sup>10</sup> For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will keep back when it comes out, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.<sup>11</sup> And I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity. And I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, and I will bring the haughtiness of tyrants low.

**Lights Out for Egypt - Ezekiel 32:7-8**

**Lights Out for Israel (Northern Kingdoms) - Amos 5:18-20**

**Lights Out for Judah (Southern Kingdom) - Joel 2:10**

**The New Testament also has "Judgment Comings" that are NOT the Second Coming**

Revelation 3:1-3 - "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.<sup>2</sup> Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die,