# Week 2 of Revelation Study- Prophesies of the two ages

## **Matthew 24:1-44**

READ 1-8
Jesus has just finished talking about
When does this end up happening?
<ul> <li>When the text says no stone left. The romans literally plowed up the ground and scorched the earth when they took Jerusalem</li> </ul>
Verse 3
So when the disciples ask for a sign of the end they are asking when the will be destroyed and the time will come to an end.
The word for "coming" - $Parousia$ there is used to talk about the second appearance of Christ and Jews believed that the fall of the Jewish people would mean that the $2^{nd}$ coming had happened however Jesus begins to explain there are two different ages.
V6-8 WARS AND Rumors of WARS
<ul> <li>After Jesus leaves the earth the Roman nation itself is peaceful with other nations however internally they go through in a short span so there is political unrest. The Jews however during this time have several wars with the romans and other nations and many are killed.</li> <li>The earthquakes and famines are recorded by the Jewish Historian</li> </ul>
READ 9-14- Things that must happen
<ul> <li>The word "YOU" refers to who?</li> <li>And were they persecuted? in what book</li> <li>Jewish people became very violent with each other seeking power and many false prophets as recorded in acts and Josephus rise up try to take advantage of that</li> <li>How was the good news proclaimed to all nations?</li> </ul>
READ 15-22
*What is the Abomination of desolation?
* What is the great tribulation Jesus refers to?
* People were not allowed to leave, people were killed by zealots, Josephus speaks of cannibalism of children by their mothers. Horrible things took place when the Romans final came into

Not even during the time of Egypt or even the Nazis were things this terrible for the people.

the city mass crucifixions, rape, sacrificing of children and people, etc.

#### **READ 23-28**

During that time a lot of false prophets and messiahs popped up so people would look to them. Jesus says when I return it will be like a flash of light in reference to lightning and He is saying He will not return like a man.

• This language is used in other places referring the fall of a

#### Read 29-31

	<ul> <li>Isaiah 13:10 referring to</li> <li>Ezekiel 32:7-8 referring to</li> </ul>
•	This is speaking then to the end of the age.
•	The gathering is referring to the age and
•	Jesus coming on the clouds was the sign on earth of what was to come and this was marked

or a group of

### **READ 32-35**

- V-32-34 he is telling them to start realizing when they see all of these things the time is near for the end of that age.
- V34. The word he uses is this generation those that were with him now again showing that this was not a thing that would happen in other generations.

#### **READ 36-44**

<ul> <li>THAT DAY refers to</li> </ul>	
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by the Ascension

- It says the hour or day is known by no one including Jesus so if Jesus was speaking about the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in the previous section he would have not have known all of the signs or the age or the generation it would take place in.
- V40-42- Jesus has already referred to what people should do when they see the signs so if the first section was about the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming again there would be no warning as he refers to here.