

# Bible Study Guide

## Jesus Predicts the Temple's Destruction

**Text:** Matthew 24:1–14 (KJV recommended for group reading)

### Lesson Aim

To explore Jesus' prophetic warning about the destruction of the temple, recognize signs of the end times, and encourage enduring faith in the face of trials and deception.

### I. Looming Destruction

**Matthew 24:1–3**

#### Background

Jesus had just left the temple in Jerusalem—a center of Jewish worship and national pride. His disciples, marveling at its architecture, were stunned when He predicted its total destruction.

#### Key Verse

“See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” — *Matthew 24:2 KJV*

#### Discussion Questions

- Why was the temple so important to the disciples?
- What does Jesus' prediction teach us about placing our hope in earthly structures?

#### Reflection

- What are modern “temples” people trust in today?
- How can we maintain an eternal perspective amid worldly admiration?

## II. Coming Hardships

### Matthew 24:4–12

Jesus shifts the conversation to the signs of the end of the age. His words are both warning and wisdom for believers.

#### Signs Jesus Mentions

- False Messiahs (verse 5)
- Wars and rumors of wars (verses 6–7)
- Famines and earthquakes (verse 7)
- Persecution of believers (verses 9–10)
- False prophets and deception (verse 11)
- Waning love due to lawlessness (verse 12)

#### Discussion Questions

- Why does Jesus emphasize “See that no man deceive you”?
- What role does endurance play in the face of spiritual and societal crises?

#### Reflection

- How can believers today avoid being led astray?
- What spiritual disciplines strengthen our discernment?

## III. Reassuring Victories

### Matthew 24:13–14

Despite all trials, Jesus promises victory for those who persevere.

#### Key Verses

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” — *Matthew 24:13 KJV*

“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world...” — *Matthew 24:14 KJV*

#### Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to “endure to the end”?
- How is the global proclamation of the gospel connected to Christ’s return?

## **Reflection**

- What is your personal role in spreading the gospel?
- How can your group support global missions and outreach?

## **Living Between the Times**

### **Thought to Remember**

Suffering is inevitable, but so is Jesus' return.

### **Application**

We are living “between the times”—between Jesus’ first and second coming. He calls us to live faithfully, endure hardship, and keep proclaiming the gospel.

Consider these principles:

- Be watchful: Stay alert and grounded in the truth.
- Be faithful: Continue serving, even through suffering.
- Be missional: Support the spread of the gospel locally and globally.