

MATTHEW 24-25

I. THE FINAL SERMONS OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The Gospel of Matthew is structured around Jesus' sermons. Matthew 22-24 contain the three final sermons of Jesus.

- A. The Final Sermon to the Public - **Matthew 22**: The King Arranging a Wedding
- B. The Final Sermon to the Leaders - **Matthew 23**: Woe to You Scribes and Pharisees
- C. The Final Sermon to the Disciples - **Matthew 24-25**: The End of the Age

II. JESUS' PARTING WORDS TO JERUSALEM

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Matthew 23:37-39)

- A. The guilt of Jerusalem (v. 37a)
- B. The longings of Jesus for Jerusalem (v. 37b)
- C. The future desolation of Jerusalem and destruction of the Temple (v. 38)
- D. The temporary estrangement of Jerusalem (v. 39a)
- E. The promise of Jesus' return to Jerusalem (v. 39b)
- F. The hope of Jerusalem (v. 39c)



III. AN OVERVIEW OF MATTHEW 24-25

Jesus' prophecy in Matthew 23:38-39 provoked the questions in 24:1-3. Those questions are what Jesus is responding to in Matthew 24-25.

1. **Jesus' Prophecies the Destruction of the Temple (24:1-3)**
 - a. Jesus prophesies the Destruction of the Temple (24:1-2)
 - b. The Disciples ask when the End of the Age will be and about the signs (24:3)

2. **Jesus' Answer: Prophecy (24:4-31)**
 - a. Global Social and Ecological Disturbances Called Birth Pains (24:4-8)
 - b. Social Pressures that Correspond to the Birth Pains (24:9-14)
 - c. The Commencement of the Great Tribulation (24:15-20)
 - d. The Unequaled Severity of the Great Tribulation (24:21-28)
 - e. The Conclusion of the Great Tribulation (24:29-31)

3. **Jesus Answer: Seven Parables About Preparation (24:32-25:46)**
 - a. The Battle for Discernment: The Fig Tree (24:33-35)
 - b. The Battle for Messengers: The Days of Noah (24:36-41)
 - c. The Battle for Preparedness: The Thief (24:42-44)
 - d. The Battle for Leadership: The Faithful & Wise Servant (24:45-51)
 - e. The Battle for Intimacy: The 10 Virgins and the Coming Bridegroom (25:1-13)
 - f. The Battle for the Knowledge of God: The Talents (25:14-30)
 - g. The Battle for the Jews: The Least of Jesus' Brethren (25:31-46)

