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## Introduction

Preterism – sees the events predicted by Jesus as fulfilled in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Futurism - even though there is some reference to the destruction of Jerusalem the bulk of the prophecy deals with the return of Christ.

Questions the disciples asked Jesus – the passage does not exclusively apply to the future, nor was the passage completely fulfilled by the events of AD 70.

## Setting

Matthew 23:37-39

Matthew 24:1-2

Luke 19:41-44

## The Questions

The disciples asked two questions.

- When will these things be?
- What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?

Matthew 24:34-37

## Judgment on Jerusalem

- Matthew 24:4-14
- Matthew 13:20-21

## Double Fulfillment

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16
- Isaiah 7:14



### Abomination of Desolation

- Matthew 24:15-28
- Luke 21:20

### Great Tribulation

- Matthew 24:21-28
- Revelation 19:17-21

### The Coming of the Son of Man

Matthew 24:29-35

Isaiah 13:9-11

Isaiah 34:4

2 Peter 3:10

### Summary

Predictions and Text	Fulfillment by AD 70	Final Fulfillment
False christs will come (24:5, 23-24).	Jewish prophets predict God will deliver Jews from Rome.	The great antichrist deceives many by his words and deeds.
Wars, famines, and earthquakes will strike (24:7-8).	Rome is often at war; there is famine in the reign of Claudius and there are major earthquakes.	The troubles of this life intensify near the end.
The gospel will be preached in the whole world (24:14).	The gospel is proclaimed through the known world.	The gospel is preached to every nation, language, and people.
The abomination that causes desolation will stand in the holy place (24:15).	Idolatrous Roman armies invade Jerusalem, fight and kill many, even in the temple.	Final rebellion against God brings religious abomination and desolation.
The sun and moon will be darkened when Jesus comes (24:29-31).	Jerusalem's fall foreshadows the end of earth's powers.	This world order ends when Christ returns.
The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven (24:30).	Fulfillment of prophecy shows Jesus reigns in heaven.	Jesus returns on clouds of the sky with angels.



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## Final Judgment

Matthew 24:36-44

1. Jesus speaks of “that day and hour.”
  - Matthew 7:21-22
  - Romans 2:15-16
2. Jesus emphasizes that there is no way to predict his coming in judgment.
3. The reason we are not given specific signs of the return of Jesus is so we will keep watch.