

Matthew 24 Preparation

1. He is coming. (Genesis to Malachi)
2. He is here. (Matthew to Acts 1)
3. He is coming again. (Acts 1:11 to Revelation 22:20)

Acts 1:11

Wrong assumptions

1. The literal and narrow interpretation of certain passages
2. The Bible has secrets can be discovered.
3. Using isolated verses to build doctrine.

Is this chapter about destruction of the temple or Jesus' coming?

1. **Watch Out! (vv. 4-14)**

a. Warning: Don't believe everything you hear (vv. 4-5)

b. Trouble in the world (vv. 6-8):

- 1) Wars and rumors of wars
- 2) Famines
- 3) Earthquakes

c. Trouble for Christians (vv. 9-12):

- 1) Tribulations, martyrdom, hated by all (v. 9)
- 2) Falling away, betrayal, and hatred (v. 10)
- 3) False prophets (v. 11)
- 4) Lawlessness and cold love (v. 12)

d. Our needed response (vv. 13-14)

- 1) Endurance
- 2) Preaching the gospel to the whole world

2. **A Time of Trouble (vv. 15-28)**

a. Desolation of the Temple (vv. 15-22)

b. False Christs and false apostles (v. 23-28)

c. Grand Announcements (vv. 29-31)

Two ideas to balance:

3. **Know the Signs of the Times (vv. 32-35)**

4. **No one knows when (vv. 36-41)**

5. **Be ready and alert (vv. 42-51)**

Dangers we encounter in relation to Jesus' second coming:

- a. Doubt
- b. Apathy
- c. Forgetfulness
- d. Curiosity
- e. Preparation