

## LESSONS FROM MATTHEW 24

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### BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

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- Matt. 24:1-2 buildings of the temple -- stones thrown down  
3 disciples asked -- when shall this happen? -- what shall be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the world? -- (Jesus' answer begins in verse 4 and continues through chapter 25)
- 4 Jesus said -- take heed that no man deceive you  
5 Jesus said -- many shall come in my name saying I am Christ, and shall deceive many
- a. saying they personally are Christ
  - b. saying that Jesus is the Christ
  - c. saying that they represent the Christ on earth
- \* BEWARE OF PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO SPEAK FOR GOD  
God spoke to His true prophets -- false prophets speak their own words
- 2 Pet. 1:20-21 no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation -- moved by Holy Spirit
- Isaiah 1:1 the vision of Isaiah  
Jer. 1:9 God's words in Jeremiah's mouth  
Ezek. 1:1 Ezekiel -- visions of God  
Jer. 23:16 God said -- they speak a vision of their own heart and not out of the mouth of God  
21 God said -- I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran -- I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied
- \* BEWARE OF PEOPLE WHO DOGMATICALLY INTERPRET PROPHECY -- Some claim to be like Joseph
- Gen. 40:9-11 the chief butler told his dream to Joseph  
12-13 Joseph interpreted the dream  
16-17 the chief cook told his dream to Joseph  
18-19 Joseph interpreted the dream  
Gen. 41:1-7 Pharaoh had 2 dreams  
8 sorcerers could not interpret  
25-32 Joseph interpreted the dreams  
Ezek. 13:2 God said -- prophesy against the prophets that prophesy out of their own heart  
3 woe unto the foolish prophets that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing

Matt. 7:15       beware of false prophets -- who come in sheep's  
                  clothing -- inwardly ravening wolves  
Matt. 23:7-12       many people exalt themselves to be a master  
over other people

\*       SHARE PRIVATE INTERPRETATIONS

1 Cor. 13:9        we know in part and we prophesy in part  
Rev. 22:18        warning -- "if any man add unto these things"

- a.   personal opinions
- b.   private theories
- c.   possible scenarios

Difference.....truth -- interpretations  
Difference.....fact -- opinion & theory  
Difference.....know -- believe, think or feel

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Matt. 24:15        abomination of desolation

Here are a few theories --

Theory #1: The abomination of desolation is the event of armies  
surrounding Jerusalem.

Theory #2: The abomination of desolation is when idolatry occurs in  
a physical temple in Jerusalem. Some believe that the idolatry is  
the stopping of sacrifices. Some who believe this theory maintain  
that a temple must be built in Jerusalem, while others maintain  
that only an altar must be established in Jerusalem.

Theory #3: The abomination of desolation is when idolatry occurs in  
a religious center in Rome.

Theory #4: The abomination of desolation is when idolatry occurs in  
the spiritual temple (1 Cor. 3:16).

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Matt. 24:23        if any person says, "Christ is here" or "Christ  
                  is there" -- don't believe it  
24                shall arise false Christs and false prophets  
25                Jesus warned His disciples  
26                if someone says, "He is in the desert" -- don't  
                  go forth  
                  if someone says, "He is in the secret chamber"  
                  -- don't believe it  
27                as the lightning comes out of the east and  
                  shines to the west -- so shall be the coming of  
                  the Son of man  
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

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the end of the world? -- (Jesus' answer  
begins in verse 4 and continues through  
chapter 25)  
4-5 take heed that no one deceive you  
6 wars and rumors of wars -- the end is not yet  
7 wars, famines, pestilence and earthquakes  
8 these are the beginning of sorrows

Matt. 24:9 they shall deliver you up to be afflicted -- they  
shall kill you -- you will be hated of all  
nations for My name's sake  
10 many shall be offended -- shall betray one  
another -- shall hate one another

Matt. 24:32-33 parable of the fig tree  
34 this generation shall not pass  
35 Jesus said -- heaven and earth shall pass away,  
but My words shall not pass away  
36 no man knows the day or the hour -- the angels  
in heaven do not know the day or the hour  
-- only the Father knows  
37-39 like the days of Noah  
40-41 one taken -- one left  
42 therefore, watch -- because you don't know what  
hour your Lord comes  
43 if you knew when the thief was coming, you  
would not allow him to break into your house  
44 be ready  
45-47 faithful and wise servant  
46 doing when the Lord comes  
47 trust and responsibility  
48-51 evil servant  
48 "my Lord delays His coming"  
49 smite his fellow servants -- eat and drink with  
the drunken  
50-51 penalty for the evil servant

Luke 5:29-30 they criticized Jesus for eating and drinking  
with sinners

Luke 7:34 they criticized Jesus for eating and drinking  
with sinners

Luke 21:34 take heed -- not preoccupied with carousing,  
drunkenness and cares of this life -- so  
that the day comes upon you unawares

Matt. 25:1-13 parable of the 10 virgins  
1 kingdom of heaven -- like 10 virgins who took their  
lamps and went to meet the groom  
2 5 wise -- 5 foolish  
3 foolish -- took no oil with them  
4 wise -- took oil with them  
5 while the groom tarries, they all slept  
6 midnight -- "the groom is coming"  
7 all the virgins woke up & trimmed their lamps  
8 "give us some of your oil"  
9 "we don't have enough; go get some"  
10 the door was shut  
11 "open the door"  
12 groom -- "I don't know you"  
13 therefore -- watch

Matt. 25:14-30 parable of the talents  
14 kingdom of heaven -- like a man traveling into  
a far country -- called his servants and  
gave them some goods  
15 5 talents -- 2 talents -- 1 talents  
16-18 5 more -- 2 more -- hid 1 talent in the ground  
19 the Lord came back  
20-23 well done  
24-25 the man who hid the 1 talent -- was afraid  
26-30 the Lord's response

Matt. 25:31-46  
31 throne of glory  
32-33 all the nations -- sheep and goats  
34 the King shall say -- come, inherit the kingdom  
prepared for you from the foundation of  
the world  
35-36 because I was hungry -- I was thirsty -- I was  
a stranger -- I was naked -- I was sick -  
- I was in prison  
37-39 when?  
40 as you have done it unto the least of these My  
brethren, you have done it unto Me  
41 the King shall say -- depart from me  
42-43 because I was hungry -- I was thirsty -- I was  
a stranger -- I was naked -- I was sick -  
- I was in prison  
44 when?  
45 as you have not done it unto the least of these  
My brethren, you have not done it unto Me  
46 punishment -- eternal life