

## Readings from Matthew chapter 24—March 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11 "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

**Sunday:** Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22; what do learn there about false prophets?

**Pray** for Professor Keith Evans as he works on completing his doctoral thesis on a Reformed understanding of demonology while continuing to teach at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and leading the Biblical Counseling Institute. **Give thanks** for the births of three babies at Frankston (Australia) RPC.

**Monday:** Read Deuteronomy 13; how dangerous is the toleration of false prophets? **Pray** for Beth and Zach Smith, RP Global Missions missionaries to South Sudan, as they eagerly await the arrival of their third baby (due in April). **Pray** for Enniskillen (Northern Ireland) RPC and its outreach efforts.

**Tuesday:** What is the relationship between following the law and showing love? **Pray** with Orlando, Fla., RPC for Pastor Nathan Eshelman as he studies God's Word and ministers to the flock. **Pray** for Gainesville (Fla.) RP Fellowship.

**Wednesday:** What is the gospel? **Pray** for members of Lisbon (Ogdensburg, N.Y.) RPC to grow in their readiness to share the gospel in the various neighborhoods and counties where they live. **Pray** for Atlanta TGB, meeting tomorrow evening.

**Thursday:** Read Daniel 11:31; 12:11; what is the abomination of desolation? **Pray** that the spring cleanups at Christ (Floyd, N.Y.) RPC would make their church and homes safe, beautiful, and hospitable. **Pray** for Stornoway (Scotland) RPC as Rev. Kenneth Stewart has accepted its call to be the pastor.

**Friday:** What evidence is there that this time of tribulation is localized in Judea? **Praise God** for His faithfulness to Bloomington, Ind., RPC over the past 200 years; **give thanks** that many people from the community participated in the various events to celebrate this milestone. **Pray** for the evangelistic efforts of Cloughmills (Northern Ireland) RPC, that they would bear much fruit.

**Saturday:** What is meant by "the elect"? **Pray** for the community around Winchester, Kan., RPC, especially the people who do not worship Jesus. Pray that, through the work and witness of Winchester RPC, they would come to do so. **Pray** for the service at Atlanta RPC tomorrow.

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March 13, 2022*

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 99C      “The Lord is King Indeed! Let Peoples Quail and Fear!”

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 34

\*Psalm 18B                  “The Earth Then Quivered to Its Depths”

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 1A                  “O Greatly Blessed is the Man”

Scripture Text

Revelation 6:9-17

The Sermon                  “The Martyrs’ Cry and Divine Vengeance” (Part 2)

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 58A  
Gods”

“You May Be

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 117A

“O All Ye Nations of the Earth”

\* Congregation will please stand.

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

**Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers**

**“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”—Matthew 28:19-20.**

**“Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”—I Peter 2:17.**

**Q. 103. What do we pray for in the third petition? A. In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.**

**Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition? A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.**

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Revelation 6:9-17    “The Martyrs’ Cry and Divine Vengeance” (Part 2)  
Theme: The Lord avenges His people who were put to death because of the Word of God and their testimony.

I. The Fifth Seal

A. The martyrs

B. Their cry

C. Their consolation

II. The Sixth Seal

A. Cosmic shaking

1. Six great events

2. The meaning—apocalyptic language

## B. Reaction in the earth

1. The various categories of people
2. What they did—hid themselves and cried for relief
3. The meaning
  - a. All kinds of man are involved, and are terrified
  - b. The fall of Jerusalem had great implications for the entire earth

## Observations

### A. Persecution continues today

1. It is still true that there are martyrs for Christ's sake
  - a. Behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains
  - b. In Latin America and Africa

### c. In Muslim lands

2. This martyrdom calls forth for vengeance—often in history, certainly at the end of time

### B. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God

1. People may be going on in their carefree ways
2. They'll be terrified when the Father and the Lamb come in judgment

## Application—trust in Jesus, who is a faithful Savior

- A. He not only saves, but He vindicates His own elect

- B. Refuge from His wrath is found alone in Him