

The Olivet Discourse - Parallels

Matthew 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

³ Now as He sat on the *Mount of Olives*, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming [**parousia**], and of the end of the age?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ "All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 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

Mark 13:1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*" ² And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

⁵ And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁶ "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and will deceive many. ⁷ "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for *such things* must happen, but the end *is* not yet. ⁸ "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

⁹ But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰ "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ "But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³ "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

¹⁴ "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ "Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ "And let him who is in the field not

Luke 21:5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, ⁶ "These things which you see -- the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

⁷ So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign *will there be* when these things are about to take place?"

⁸ And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. ⁹ "But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end *will not come* immediately." ¹⁰ Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ "And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

¹² But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. ¹³ "But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. ¹⁴ "Therefore settle *it* in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; ¹⁵ "for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. ¹⁶ "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put *some* of you to death. ¹⁷ "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. ¹⁸ "But not a hair of your head shall be lost. ¹⁹ "By your patience possess your souls.

²⁰ But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ²¹ "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. ²² "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be

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. ²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe *it*. ²⁴ "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ "See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; *or* 'Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!' do not believe *it*. ²⁷ "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming [parousia] of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. ³³ "So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near -- at the doors! ³⁴ "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³⁵ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ "But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and

going back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ "And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ "For *in* those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

²⁰ "And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. ²¹ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here *is* the Christ!' or, 'Look, *He is* there!' do not believe it. ²² "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ "But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ "the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ "And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

²⁸ "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near -- at the doors! ³⁰ "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. ³¹ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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fulfilled. ²³ "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ "And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. ²⁷ "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ "When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ "So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁴ "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ "For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ "Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ "Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

⁴³ "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched ⁵¹ "and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins ³² "All the nations will be gathered before Him And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

³³ "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

³⁴ "It is like a man going to a far country ³⁷ "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

³⁶ "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Glossary

Eschatology - From the common Greek word *eschatos* which means *last* or *end* (John 6:40). Eschatology is the study of the last events of human history as we know it.

Olivet Discourse - The discourse of Christ given to His disciples as they sat on the mountain called Olivet (Matt. 24:3) just outside of Jerusalem. From where they sat the city and temple were clearly in view. The Olivet Discourse is the largest portion of Jesus' teaching on eschatology. It is recorded by Matthew (24-25), Mark (13), and Luke (21).

Parousia - From the common Greek word *parousia* which means coming, arrival, presence. The term is often used to refer to Christ's *second coming*, that is, His return to earth after having ascended to the Father after His first coming. See Matthew 24:3, 27, 37, 39. It seems best to simply refer to the Christ's *second coming*.

Apocalypse - From the common Greek word *apokalupsis* which means to uncover or reveal. The second coming of Christ is often referred to as the *revelation* of Jesus Christ (Luke 17:30), meaning He will be seen in all His power and Glory. At present we do not see Him, in person, revealed.

Futurists - A futurist centers his/her approach around an understanding of national Israel, and believes that most prophecies concerning Israel are yet to be fulfilled after the Christian Church has been taken out of the world. Among futurists there are moderate and more radical understandings. A moderate futurist view finds no reason to distinguish sharply between Israel and the believing Jew and Gentile Church. The moderate view is sometimes referred to as, "historic pre-millennialism", and also recently the view termed, "progressive dispensationalism" is similar. Futurists understand that much, if not all, of the Olivet discourse and the book of revelation, and passages in the book of Daniel, have not yet been fulfilled.

Preterists - In grammar a preterit refers to the *past*. A preterit tense would be a past tense. A preterist asserts that most or all of Christ's predictions in the Olivet Discourse were fulfilled during Nero's persecution of the early church and the Roman army's siege and destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Preterists assert that John wrote the book of Revelation (the Apocalypse) prior to 70 A.D. and that it describes Nero Caesar's persecution of the church. There are moderate and full preterists. Moderate or partial preterists understand the events leading up to and including 70 A.D. to have fulfilled the Olivet discourse and most of the book of revelation. The general resurrection and final judgment associated with Christ's second coming are yet to occur.

Second Advent - The second (or final) coming of Christ. The first coming being His birth and earthly ministry. Note that some preterists and futurists believe in multiple comings of Christ after His first coming.

We have three commonly used terms all referring to the second, or final, coming of Christ; Parousia, Apocalypse, Second Advent.

Interadvent period - the time between Christ's first and *final* comings. i.e the time between the two advents or comings.

Intertestamental period -The period from approximately 450 B.C. to the time of Christ. This period of Israel's history is not described in the Bible. It is the time between the Old Testament and the New Testament, thus the *intertestamental* period. The books commonly called apocrypha contain significant information on this period. Events during this period are often referred to when discussing prophecies in the book of Daniel.

Words and phrases having to do with time, the time of the Lord's coming, and "ages"

"The end of the age(s)"

Matt. 13:39 "the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."

Matt. 13:40 "as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age."

Matt. 13:49 "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just"

Matt. 24:3 "What will be sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matt. 28:20 "I am with you always even to the end of the age"

Heb. 9:26 "once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."

"The age to come"

Matt. 12:32 "whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."

Mark 10:30 "who shall not receive a hundredfold now .. and in the age to come, eternal life."

Eph. 1:21 "and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."

Heb. 6:5 "have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come"

Luke 20:35 "Those worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection .. neither marry nor are given in marriage;"

"The time of the end"

Dan. 8:17 "Understand, son of man, that the vision *refers* to the time of the end."

Dan. 11:35-40 "to refine them, purify *them*, and make *them* white, *until* the time of the end;"

Dan 12:4 "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him;"

Dan 12:9 "for the words *are* closed .. and sealed till the time of the end."

"The last days", "last times" "last hour"

Acts 2:17 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit"

2 Tim. 3:1 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come"

Heb. 1:2 "God, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son"

1 Pet. 1:20 "He .. was foreordained before the foundation .. but was manifest in these last times for you"

2 Pet. 3:3 "scorners will come in the last days"

Jude 18 "mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts."

1 John 2:18 "Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour."

"The last day", "the last time"

John 6:39 "that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day."

John 6:40 "and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:44 "and I will raise him up at the last day." See John 11:23-24.

John 6:54 "... has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day"

1 Pet. 1:5 "who are kept by the power of God .. for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

"The day of the Lord", "the great day"

Isa. 2:12; 13:6; 13:9; Jer. 46:10; Ezek. 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 3:14; Amos 5:18; 5:20; Obad. 1:15; Zeph. 1:7; 1:14; Zech. 14:1; 1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10, Jude 6, Rev. 6:17, 16:14

"Coming quickly", "the time is near/at hand"

Rev. 1:3 "Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things

which are written in it; for the time *is* near."

Rev. 3:11 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown." See vs. 10 also.

Rev. 22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Rev. 22:10 "And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand."

Rev. 22:12 "behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* .. , to give to every one according to his work"

Rev. 22:20 "He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

James 5:8 "You also be patient ..for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

John 20:21-22 "Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me."

Prepare for a long absence

Matt. 24:14 "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."

Matt. 25:19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them."

Luke 19:12 "He said: "A certain man went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return." See 20:9 for "far country" associated with a "long time".

Matt. 25:5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."

2 Pet. 3:8 "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise [of coming again]."

History - we now know the absence has been long by our standards.

References relating to Other Matters

Astronomical 'signs' language used in the Old Testament

Isa. 13:10, Isa. 24:23, Eze 32:7, Joel 2:10, Joel 2:31, Joel 3:15, Amos 5:20, Amos 8:9, Zep. 1:15

"Coming" references (not included above)

John 14:3, 14:18, 1 Thes. 2:19, 3:13, 4:15, 5:23, 2 Thes. 1:7, 10, 2:1, 8, James 5:7, 8, Mark 8:38, Matt.

16:27, 10:23, 26:64, Acts 1:11, 1 Cor. 15:22, 2 Pet. 3:12, Rev. 1:7