

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S TRIUMPH: THE EXPECTANT LIFE

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Matthew 24:15-28

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24:15-21 I. God will severely judge His Old Testament Church.

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A. It will be accompanied by great wickedness.

"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)..."

cf. Daniel 8:13; 9:27; 11:31; 12:11; Luke 21:20; II Thessalonians 2:3, 4

:16-20

B. It will require great alertness.

"...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath."

cf. Genesis 19:17; Deuteronomy 28:53-57

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C. It will bring great suffering.

"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be."

cf. Daniel 12:1; Revelation 7-19 (especially 7:14)

:22 II. God will graciously spare His elect remnant.

"And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."

cf. Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:4, 5; Phil 1:6; I Thess 1:4, 5; II Thess 2:13; II Tim 1:9

:23-28 III. God will clearly reveal His coming King.

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A. Many will try to deceive you.

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it."

cf. Matthew 7:22; Josephus, Ant 20.97-99, 167-72

:27-28

B. His coming will be evident to all.

"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

cf. Zechariah 9:14