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Matthew 24:1-8
In The Bunker, On The Perimeter, Or Outside The Wire

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The Olivet Discourse is the fifth and last great discourse in Matthew. It is given this name because of its location of delivery. It includes **chapters 24-25**. Three questions are raised by the disciples: **(1)**When is the destruction of Jerusalem prophesied by Jesus to take place? **(2)**What will be the sign of Christ's coming? **(3)**What signs will foreshadow the "end of the age"? The first query is given less attention than the last two. The coming destruction of Jerusalem, which was accomplished by the Roman general Titus in A. D. 70, is pictured along with the course of the entire age in **24:5-28**. However, even this is clearly viewed by Jesus as the foreshadowing of the fateful days of the Great Tribulation period. The greater portion of the material relates to the awesomeness of those days. Gleaned from, *The Believer's Study Bible*, p. 1378.

TERMS:

Build your eschatological tool box, place working definitions in yours of the following!

Define "eschatology".

If I had an Olivet Discourse in my hand right now, what would that look like?

Define the "rapture" of the church, when does this occur?

Define "parousia" what is it?

Are the Rapture and Second Coming the the same thing?

What in the wide world of sports is the Millennial Kingdom?

Application:

"In a painting the artist by skillful perspective may give on the same surface the inside of a room, the fields outside the window, and the sky far beyond. Certainly in this discourse Jesus blends in apocalyptic language the background of his death on the cross, the coming destruction of Jerusalem, his own second coming and the end of the world. He now touches one, now the other. It is not easy for us to separate clearly the various items. It is enough if we get the picture as a whole as it is here drawn with it lessons of warning to be ready for his coming and the end." *A. T. Robertson*

This is the longest answer given by Jesus to any question asked of Him in the NT, it must be important for Christians to understand what He: said, meant and how this information applies directly to his or her life! Watch out for those false Messiahs and prophets! Always go to God's Word for answers of TRUTH!