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“Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.”

Matt. 24:2

I. The Departure of Glory (Matt. 24:1, 23:37-38)

- A. Jesus walks away from the Temple (Matt. 24:1)
- B. Jesus' judgement on Jerusalem (Matt. 23:37 – 38) – eight “woes”
- C. The Temple as a symbol of the presence of God on earth
- D. The beauty of the Temple is lost – His people have rejected Christ (Matt. 24:1)

II. The Destruction of the Temple (Sign #1) (Matt. 24:2)

- A. The temple was still under construction (completed in 64 AD)
- B. “I tell you the truth” = amen = exclamation point in Greek – Pay attention!
- C. “Not ONE stone” – “every ONE will be thrown down” – absolute destruction
- D. Prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD at the hands of Titus, son of Roman Emperor Vespasian

III. The Declaration of Independence (Matt. 24:3)

- A. Jesus moved to the Mount of Olives – The place of His return in glory! (Zech. 4:14)
- B. Three Questions the disciples wanted to know:
 - 1. When would the Temple be destroyed? (Answer: Luke 21:20 – 24)
 - 2. What will be the sign (semeion) of your coming (parousia)? (Answer: Matt. 24:29 – 44)
 - 3. What will be the sign of the end (sunteleia) of the age? (Answer: Matt. 24:4 – 28)
- C. Jesus did not answer their questions to feed their curiosity – but to prepare them!
 - 1. No one knows the day or hour...only the father (Matt. 24:36)
 - 2. The purpose was to warn them to be ready (Matt. 24:4, 33-34, 42, 44)
- D. The Bottom Line:
 - 1. No nation is safe from judgement that turns from the Lord! (Psalm 33:12 – 22)
 - 2. Jesus is coming back to establish His kingdom – Maranatha! (Acts 1:10-11)
 - 3. He will end time as we know it and establish a NEW eternal kingdom! (Matt. 25:31- 46)
 - 4. We praise God for our nation – but our allegiance is to CHRIST above all! (Rev. 7:9-10)