

## Overview

**1-V1-2** "The accumulated judgment of the centuries breaking in" (23:36) on Israel and Jerusalem for crucifying Christ would result in the Roman Armies in 70 AD tearing down the Temple. Jesus is prophesying that *not one \_\_\_\_\_ will be left on top of another!*"

**2-V3** Jesus was talking about an event that would soon happen. The disciples connected this event with the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, which has not yet happened. They wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_? Only the \_\_\_\_\_ knows when. V36

**3-V4-8** Jesus tells them that there would be terrible days before the end and His return. Many would come saying that they were the \_\_\_\_\_, returned in those days of horror when there would be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and earthquakes.

**4-V9-10** The people will turn against God and God's ways and look for scapegoats rather than admitting they were reaping the evil they had sowed. Jesus tells the disciples that they will be \_\_\_\_\_, persecuted, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all over their world because of their \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

**5-V11-14** In those times just preceding the end "*many false \_\_\_\_\_ will appear and lead many people \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ will grow rampant, the \_\_\_\_\_ of many will grow \_\_\_\_\_. But those who \_\_\_\_\_ to the end will be \_\_\_\_\_. And in those desperate times the \_\_\_\_\_ about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole \_\_\_\_\_, so that \_\_\_\_\_ nations will hear it; and then, finally the \_\_\_\_\_ will come.*"

**6-V15-20** History repeats itself. There will be many times so terrible that God's people will think that the time of the end has come (Europe in the time of the Nazis). However, Jesus now talks of one of those terrible times—the one coming in the lifetime of many of his hearers—the coming of the Romans. He warns his hearers that when they see foreigners desecrating the temple altar, then those in \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ to the hills. Don't return to get a \_\_\_\_\_. Run! It will be terrible for \_\_\_\_\_ women. Pray that it will not be in \_\_\_\_\_.

**7-V22** The suffering and horrors at the end will be so unspeakable that God will \_\_\_\_\_ so the \_\_\_\_\_ human race will be not destroyed and God's \_\_\_\_\_ ones will be saved.

**8-V23-25** When times are desperate many false \_\_\_\_\_ and false \_\_\_\_\_ will be writing books and be on TV. Some will do miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that even God's \_\_\_\_\_ ones will tend to yield to the deception.

**9-V26-29** Jesus says that when he appears there will be no mistaking it. He will appear in the skies flashing like \_\_\_\_\_ that covers the sky of the whole earth. His coming will be accompanied by the \_\_\_\_\_ and moon being \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ falling from the skies, and a \_\_\_\_\_ of the powers of heaven—the whole universe.

**10-V30-31** Jesus says that His arrival in the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven and in great power and \_\_\_\_\_ will be a time of deep \_\_\_\_\_ for those who were stubborn in their godlessness and wickedness to the end. And it will be a wonderful time for the faithful whom the \_\_\_\_\_ will gather from the farthest ends of the \_\_\_\_\_ and heaven.

**11-V32-34** Jesus says to watch the \_\_\_\_\_, the symbol of Israel. When Israel (the Israel of today perhaps ) buds out and leaves begin to sprout, you'll know that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the end is very near.

**12-V35** In the midst of every terrible time it is the promises and prophetic blessings of the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ that will \_\_\_\_\_ although everything else disappears. In particular, "I am with you till the (very) end of this age." Matthew 28:20

**13-V37-39** People get so used to things—even great troubles – so Jesus said people will be like the people of \_\_\_\_\_ day, going about the normal things of life till He shows up.

**14-V40-42** Jesus talks about what is called the rapture. Some people will be taken out, some left. One of two men working in a \_\_\_\_\_, one of two women grinding \_\_\_\_\_.

**15-V42-50** Jesus warns us to be \_\_\_\_\_ for we don't know the day He is coming. He exhorts us to be a \_\_\_\_\_, sensible \_\_\_\_\_ who is managing his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his family. Those who are bad servants will be banished to that place with the hypocrites (false Christians) where there will be \_\_\_\_\_ and gnashing of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Word Study • TEMPLE • SACRILEGIOUS OBJECT • FALSE • HORRORS • ENDURE • GENERATION • HATED

**1.V1** \_\_\_\_\_ This would be the second and last time the Temple would be destroyed. It would never need to be rebuilt, although some fundamental Jews want to do that in our time. Jesus, the final Lamb of God, was the sacrifice on the altar of the cross and now the temple of God is in believers. "*Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.*" I Cor. 6:19

**2.V:5,11** \_\_\_\_\_ Messiahs and prophets. A messiah is a person from God who has been anointed with supernatural powers to help people in times of great distress. A prophet is one who has a word from God for people who need to know what to do. It is no wonder then that false ones show up: (1) Sent by the devil; and (2) opportunists.

**3.V8** \_\_\_\_\_ The word is translated "horrors" in the NLT but the actual word is "birth pangs." Some translations use "sorrows" because it is a time of pain and sorrow for a woman who is about to give birth—though in the long run a time of great joy when the child is born. Likewise, the sorrows and horrors at the end will be ended by the coming of Christ for his people and the recreation of earth and skies for evermore.

**4.V9** \_\_\_\_\_ The world is composed of those who love God and those hate God. So it will be in the life afterwards. There will be some who will choose hell to the end. When bad times come, bad people who have caused the bad times always look for someone to blame—scapegoats—and usually it is the good people – God's people. It started with Eve saying, "The serpent tempted me" and Adam blaming God, "The woman You gave me." Genesis 3. It is God in the end that rebellious and wicked people hate. Jesus told the disciples it is because of your allegiance to me that they hate you. "*When the world hates you remember that it hated me before it hated you.... Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you.*" John 15:18-21

**5.V13** \_\_\_\_\_ The Greek word HUPOMENO means to stand one's ground, to bear up in times of adversity, to persevere under pressure. A person who endures may not be able to change a bad circumstance right now – but he refuses to lose hope or give up. A Christian is "confident" in every adversity because he is confident in Christ's promises to deliver him, put his feet on a high place and a new song in his heart.

**6.V15** \_\_\_\_\_ The historical memory that would come to most Jews was when Antiochus Epiphanes, king of Syria, who conquered Israel and thinking to break them of their religion, sacrificed pigs (an especially unclean animal to Jews) on the altar in the Holy of Holies about a 100 years earlier. (2) In the season in which Jesus was speaking, it probably referred to the Romans entering the most holy places of the temple and tearing it down stone by stone. V2 (3) At the end, the final and greatest of the Antichrist persons proclaiming himself god and holy, will intentionally defile everything holy to God and good on the earth.

**7.V34** \_\_\_\_\_ Two applications: (1) The Jews Jesus was speaking to would see a terrible time of God's wrath for rejecting and killing His Son within 40 years when the Romans would come and destroy the land and scatter the Jews. (2) This generation could mean this age following the coming of Christ, which has already lasted 2,000 years.

What does this Scripture say to you? \_\_\_\_\_