

LESSON 2: JESUS AND APOCALYPTIC IMAGERY

MATTHEW 24:1-51

1. Do you think Jesus is talking about an event to happen in this life, shortly afterwards, or at the second coming? Why? _____

2. What was Jesus talking about with his disciples? _____

3. What three questions did his disciples really ask? _____

4. Who was Jesus is talking in Mt 22:41-46? _____
5. What warning does he give in Matthew 23? _____
6. How does this fit in with what he says to the disciples in Matthew 24? _____

7. When does the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem take place? _____
8. Who destroyed Jerusalem and the temple and why? _____

9. What does parousia mean? παρουσία - _____
10. In light of apocalyptic imagery what are the “wars and rumors of wars?” _____

11. How does earthquakes and famines fit in? _____
12. What are all these signs of? _____
13. Jesus uses the word YOU specifically identifying that the disciples will be persecuted.
When does this happen? _____
14. Give an example of someone who abandoned the faith (2 Tm 4:9-10) _____
15. What does “the gospel will be preached to the whole world” mean in light of apocalyptic language? _____

16. What is the abomination of desolation as we understand through this apocalyptic language? _____

17. Why does the word “Tribulation” confuse our understanding of what Jesus is saying? _____

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18. What does the word “Tribulation” mean? -θλίψις _____
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19. What tribulation happens in 70AD? Describe it? _____
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20. What is the reference to false prophets and people saying they are the messiah? (see 1 Jn 2:18; 2 Jn 1:7) _____
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21. Is the language of Mt 24:29 literal? (see Isaiah 13:10; 34:4; Ezekiel 32:7-8) _____
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22. What does Jesus mean by quoting this? _____
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23. The image of Jesus coming on the clouds is two-fold. What event in the disciples lives does it point to? _____
What future event does it point to? (Ac 1:6-11) _____
24. What two “new things” does this event announce? _____
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25. Name at least two disciples of “this generation” who were still alive in 70AD. _____
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26. All apocalyptic literature and imagery is to help give hope and encouragement. What message is Jesus really trying to tell here? _____
27. How are these events all like the days of Noah? _____
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28. What was the point in the Romans taking one and leaving one behind? _____
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29. What did Jesus mean when he said, it is right at your door? _____
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30. List the three parables Jesus uses to illustrate the point of being ready?
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 2. _____
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