

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 11

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Matthew 23:1-39 (NKJV)

- 1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,
- 2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. (They have seated themselves)
- 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. (Greek: imperative ...command ... or indicative ... that you are observing and doing)
- 4 For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.
- 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

(Matthew 23:5 NLT

Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels).

Matthew 23:6-39 (NKJV)

- 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,
- 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'
- 8 But you, do not be called "Rabbi"; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.
- 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

13 "But **woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** (They know they are pretenders) For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. (Don't follow their example or teaching)

14 **Woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

15 "**Woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

16 "**Woe to you**, **blind guides**, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.'

17 **Fools and blind!** For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

18 And, "Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.'

19 **Fools and blind!** For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

20 Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it.

21 He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it.

22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

23 "**Woe to you**, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier

matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. (Fastidious about minutiae)

24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

31 "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.

33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? (Gehenna)

34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather

your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

38 See! Your house is left to you desolate;

39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

Matthew 24:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Matthew 24:3(NKJV)

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (2 questions here ... which part is historic and which part relates to us today?)*

Note: Jesus was only addressing 4 of His disciples ... Peter, James, John and Andrew.

*Mark 13:1-4 (NKJV)

1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

Matthew 24:4-9

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: **"Take heed that no one deceives you.** (Watch out for deception)

5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

6 And you will hear of **wars and rumours of wars.** See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** in various places.

8 **All these are the beginning of sorrows.** (Birth pangs)

9 **"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you,** and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (Matthew's discourse focuses on the end of the age and Luke's on the destruction of the temple in 70 AD)**

**** Luke 21:5-7 (NKJV)**

5 Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,

6 "These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

7 So they asked Him, saying, **"Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"**

**** Luke 21:8-11 (NKJV)**

8 And He said: **"Take heed that you not be deceived.** For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.

9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

But ... before the birth pangs ...

****Luke 21:12-24 (NKJV)**

12 **But before** all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

19 By your patience possess your souls.

20 **"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.**

21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

24 And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

**** Luke 21:25-28 (NKJV)**

25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Matthew 24:10-14 (NKJV)

10 And **then many will be offended**, (stumbling ... fall away) will **betray one another, and will hate one another**.

11 **Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many**.

12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

14 **And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*****

***** Revelation 14:6-7 (NKJV) A future Proclamation**

6 **Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—**

7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Matthew 24:15-28 (NKJV)

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' (abomination: foul/detestable ... sacrilegious idols?) spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), (it may imply that a tent/tabernacle is yet to be erected in Jerusalem where the Jews can commence sacrifices)****

Historically, the Abomination of Desolation appears to be an individual named Antiochus Epiphanes, who was a successor to Alexander The Great ... and came to power in 175 BC. He outlawed Judaism, The Torah, Circumcision, The Sabbath ... and in 168 BC ... erected a statue of Zeus in The Temple and sacrificed pigs ... pouring their blood around the Holy Place. He appears to be a forerunner of an individual yet to appear in the end times.

****** Daniel 11:21 (NKJV)**

21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, (Antiochus) to whom they will not give the honour of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

****** Daniel 11:28-35 (NKJV)**

28 While returning to his land with great riches, his heart shall be moved against the holy covenant; so he shall do damage and return to his own land.

29 "At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.

30 For ships from Cyprus shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and return in rage against the holy covenant, and do damage.

“So he shall return and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31 And forces shall be mustered by him, **and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.**

32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.

34 Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.

35 And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

****** Daniel 12:1-2 (NKJV) Future**

1 “At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.

And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

****** Daniel 12:9-13 (NKJV)**

9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.

11 **"And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

12 **Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.**

13 "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days."

This is the future. We haven't got sacrifices yet!!

****** Daniel 9:26-27 (NKJV)**

26 "And after the sixty-two weeks.

Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;

And the people of the prince who is to come

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he (the individual to come... coming on the world scene peaceably) shall confirm a covenant (treaty/covenant ... with Israel) with many for one week; (7 years)

But in the middle of the week (three and a half years into it) He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

Matthew 24:16-28

16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
(urgently!!)

17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation,

such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would

be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.

24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.