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## THE SECOND COMING GENERATION SESSION 2: MATTHEW 24: JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT THE END OF THE AGE

- I. **Why is it necessary to study these 150 chapters? Why is the Second Coming Generation so significant to God? Are we living in this generation? If so, what does it mean for my life?**
- A. Our goal is to present a deep dive into the Word of God so that can become confident in God's Plans and Purposes for the End of the Age. Many people have been hurt over the years from people emotionally reacting and giving wrong interpretations etc. God wants us to be confident and secure in knowing Truth.
- Acts 17:11-12 — "Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed."**
- B. Matthew 24 is like a pulled back (META) view of the End of the Age. This is most detailed and informative insight into the End of Age available from Jesus Himself.
- Matthew 24: 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?"**
1. Jesus is asked a very specific question about His Second Coming from His disciples. They are now understanding that He is coming again as King this time. They wanted that reality from Him presently.
- Matthew 24: 4-8 — "And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."**
2. Jesus highlights our immediate and focused response to the End of the Age: "**Watch out, take heed, be careful! Do not let anyone deceive you!**" The signs are **Birth Pains**.
- Matthew 24: 9-14 — "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow**

**cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”**

3. Jesus is now discussing some signs that time the End of the Age.
  - a) False prophets
  - b) The gospel of the kingdom will be preached through the world. As of 2020, almost every people group has been given access to the Gospel.
  - c) Increase of wickedness: Correlation with love of many growing cold.
  - d) Standing firm to the end: Jesus is actively asking those people that live at the End of the Age to stand firm until the End and they will be saved. There are several reasons for this statement.

**Matthew 24: 15-28 —“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 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. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. “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. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.”**

**LUKE 17:26-37 — “And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the**

**days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. [Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.]" And answering they \*said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered."**

- C. Jesus highlights the Great Tribulation: gives indication that the Great Tribulation is triggered by the Abomination of Desolation. The abomination is so significant, Jesus tells you to essentially study Daniel concerning it. It is the intense future, political event in human history. When you see it: flee! The Great Tribulation will be the most intense time on the planet since Creation.
- D. Days will be shortened: God's response to the Abomination committed by the antichrist makes desolate. If those days are not shortened, normal people that are not born again will be wiped out completely. For His people's sake, He is shortening those days! His People will be in protection except for some will fall by martyrdom.
- E. False teachers AND False prophets will arise.
- F. Vultures/eagles surrounding dead bodies. This pertains to coming judgment and the amount of people that will die.

**Matthew 24:29-31 — "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the**

**powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”**

1. One of the most significant theological paragraphs in Scripture about the Coming of Christ. The sign and the timing of His Coming and the Rapture.

**Matthew 24:32-35 — “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**

2. Generally agreed that this passage also gives a significant timing to all these events unfolding in one generation (40, 60, 100 years is the Biblical timing of generations).

**Matthew 24:36-44 — “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”**

- a) No one knows the day or the hour. this phrase has been used as a misconception which says that we are not to study the End times because of not knowing. Jesus says to watch because we are to know the season and be prepared as if protecting our house.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-10 — “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the**

day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him."

## II. SIGNS OF THE TIMES:

Many today neglect the subject of the biblical signs of the times despite many Scriptures that emphasize how important these signs are. Jesus, more than any of the apostles, emphasized the need to discern the times (Mt. 16:1-4; 24:32-44; Lk. 19:41-44; 21:34-36). He strongly rebuked those who did not pay attention to the prophetic signs that pointed to His first coming.

- A. **Matthew 16:1-4** — "Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed."
- B. **Luke 19:41-44** — "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

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- C. **Luke 21:34-36** — “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with Carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”
- D. A. Second Coming Generation is profoundly responsible for handling and disseminating TRUTH. These are significant signs to look for:
1. **ISRAEL: DANIEL'S 70th WEEK.**  
**Matthew 23:37-39** — “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! See! Your house is left to you desolate; 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!’”
  2. **Temple:** Daniels 70 week will not begin until a peace covenant is confirmed by the antichrist which enables resumption of animal sacrifice for the orthodox Jews.
  3. **Antichrist comes to power — Daniel 7:** Pitfalls of the pre-trib rapture theory
  4. **Body of Christ Maturity**
  5. **Abortion:** The enemy tries to stop every prophetic generation.
    - a) **Moses Generation:**  
**Exodus 1:22** — “So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”
    - b) **Matthew 2:16** — “Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”

6. **The Gospel being preached in every nation.**

NEXT CLASS: THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND DANIEL'S 70th WEEK. We will be building on the timeline that Jesus put forth in Matthew 24, Luke 17, Mark 13, Luke 21