

The Fig Tree and the Flood

Matthew 24:1-44

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Matthew 24:1 And Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

² And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

³ And as He was sitting 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?"

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

Jesus will return after...

1. many false "anointed" ones have come

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

2. wars

⁶ "And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

⁷ "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

3. famines

and in various places there will be famines

4. earthquakes

and earthquakes.

⁸ "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

5. believers are hated by all people groups

⁹ "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.

6. many fall away

¹⁰ "And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.

7. many false prophets arise

¹¹ "And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

8. lawlessness and coldness increases

¹² "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

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

9. the gospel is shared with all people groups

¹⁴ "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

10. the abomination of desolation and great tribulation

¹⁵ "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

¹⁷ let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house;

¹⁸ and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

¹⁹ "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

²⁰ "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

²¹ for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

²² "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short.

²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There *He is*,' do not believe *him*.

11. signs and wonders by false teachers

²⁴ "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

²⁵ "Behold, I have told you in advance.

²⁶ "If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go forth, *or*, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe *them*.

²⁷ "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸ "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

12. cataclysmic events

²⁹ "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,

³⁰ and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

³¹ "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

³² "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

³³ even so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.

³⁴ "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³⁵ "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

The Lesson of the Flood

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

³⁷ "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

³⁸ "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰ "Then there shall be two men in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴¹ "Two women *will be* grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

⁴² "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

⁴³ "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴ "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

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