

# MATTHEW 24 vs 1

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**<sup>1</sup>Now, Jesus went from the temple, and departed: and His disciples came to show Him the buildings of the temple** / just in case He hadn't noticed! His **mathetes**; those supposed to be doing the math, they obviously had no idea what just happened in the Temple between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees.

**<sup>2</sup> But / sizing up the situation, Jesus answered and said to them, do you not see all these things?** / Do you see all of these things? Or not?

**Truly / Amen, I say to you, There will not be left one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down** / violently thrown down; in 70AD, it was romans who did the throwing down. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, during the reign of the Ottoman Empire, Sultan Suleiman the magnificent decided to rebuild the city walls, partly on the remains of the ancient walls which are the existing walls we see today, being rebuilt in 1535 to 1538.

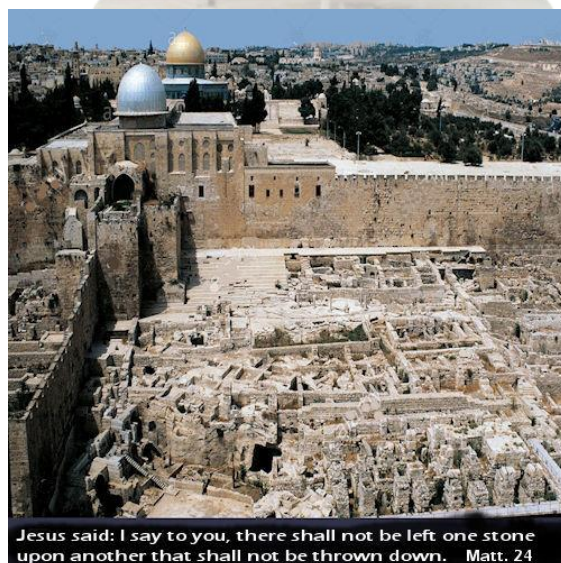
In 1968, under much rubble, archaeologists located some of those stones that were thrown down..

So, how did JESUS know that not a stone would be standing? They would build on the Temple site for 30 more years. And can't you hear all those scoffers say, Oh! See!! Jesus didn't know what He was talking about! Until finally the roman soldiers came in... and kicked the daylight out of the old Temple site. But I'm getting ahead of the Lord... who has just given us a great coffee break conversation... for the last 2,000 years! I guess He did know what He was talking about.

How could history be so wrong? See further comments at: [THE TEMPLE IN ZION THE CITY OF DAVID](#).

**<sup>3</sup> And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately saying, Tell us, when will this be?** / Mark tells us, there were four of them: Peter, James, John... and Andrew; where were the other eight? Who can imagine? Obviously preoccupied with something... very important; and these four came to Jesus wanting to know:/ when no stone would be left upon another. Your comment sounds morbidly interesting; and while You tell us that...

**what is the sign of Your official coming again?** / the word is: **parousia**; this word is used 24 times in the NT; and Matthew uses it first... here! For 300 years in the middle-east, this word was the official expression, the technical term for the arrival -- and official appearance... of an emperor, a king... or his ambassadors;



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**and of the end of the world?** / the point where it all comes together; I would never ask any of my friends in graduate school, no professors, no administrators any of those questions would you? How would they know something like that? But Jesus spoke with authority.

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them, Take heed / be warned, that no one deceive you** / His greatest concern was that deception will arise among those who claimed to follow Him; that no one mislead you, or cause you to wander off into error.

**5 For many will come in My name** / using My name, saying they represent Me. Many in a series: one after another, after another. It was the Reformers for the last 1,000 years who were persecuted to death for pointing out that those leaders in the roman confession use the title:

**Vicarius Cristus** which translates: **substitute Christ**. as if Christ needs any help. All that goofy stuff represents Christ, the Messiah? Certainly not the Christ we find in scripture; certainly not what we read about in previous chapters 21, 22 and 23. Interesting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, **Tertullian** wrote of the **Vicarius Cristus** as a title for the **Holy Spirit** and he said, **now represents Christ and His work on earth!** But now days in the genius 21<sup>st</sup> century, there are many modern churchgoers that are no different than the roman tradition... though they don't wear all that goofy-garb and talk all that showy hocus-pocus stuff!

Jesus says **many will come using My name** / doing business in My name. Don't be misled by them,

**saying, I am Christ / I am the Messiah / I am the Liberator and will deceive many** / can you imagine? They will mislead... and cause many to wander off into error.

The next 3 verses: is the shortest History **of the World**... you will ever hear, anywhere.

**6 Now you will hear of wars and rumors of wars: do not be alarmed: for it must happen** / the word is: **ginomai**; the birth must happen; these things must take place,

**but the end is not yet.**

**7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there will be famines and pestilence and earthquakes... in different places.**

And we could add: **but the end is not yet.**

**8 All this is the beginning of sorrows** / of birth-pains, the whole world pains together.

And we could again add: **but the end is not yet.**

And the next 6 verses... is a longer, detailed history **of the Church**... that Jesus is building. And this detail shows what really concerns the Lord.

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**9 Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and killed / some of you: and all of you will be hated of the nations for the sake of My name** / for representing Me; and this afflicting and killing and hatred, still goes on today, while goofy churchi-anity in the west plays around; some who follow Jesus think it should all be a little more fun!

**10 And then many will be offended and will betray one another and will hate one another** / they will scandalize and trip each other; and deliver one another like Judas did to Jesus; / Wow! This is the church?

And we could add: **but the end is not yet.**

**11 And many false prophets will arise** / another bus full... pulled into town today,  
**and will deceive many** / will mislead lots of folks,

**but the end is not yet.**

**12 And because lawlessness will abound** / in Greek: **anomia**, a = **negative** + **nomia** = **law**; **lawless** crimes and injustice will increase; **they will say: law is good for everybody else**, but not for them; **Jesus did not come to eliminate the 10 commands of God**... because to love God our Father above all else is not a bad thing; to honor our parents is not a bad thing; to not lie, to not murder, to not covet our neighbor or his stuff... to acknowledge the Sabbath... all are still perfectly good things to do,

**and the love of many will grow cold** / love for God and for others will chill; so many will be too busy loving themselves. And still we can add: **but the end is not yet.**

**13 But he who endures to the end, that one will be saved.**

**14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations** / What God the Father spoke through Jesus; His good news gives witness of those who follow the Lord. But to where the gospel of the kingdom has been preached throughout the world... and the nations yawn! It will be a witness **against** them;

**and then the end will come** / the end of the Gentile nations ruling will arrive.

And only now, Jesus starts to answer their questions. He is more interested in caring for His Church... than gratifying individual curiosity...

**15 Therefore, when you all see the abomination of desolation** / everybody who is a student of the Lord will see, the desolating abhorrence. Now is the Obama Nation desolating something similar? Or is that another matter? It makes you wonder. So be watchful, stay alert! We will see it.

**when you see the desolating abhorrence spoken by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place** / Daniel 9 v27; because some generation will, when you look and see some desolating abhorrence, this verse has a double fulfillment 2000 years ago... and also at the conclusion of the time of the Gentiles. Perhaps a demon infested person: a very charming person in the wrong place; somehow associated with a new, slicker idolatrous version of worship + denying the Lord Jesus.

In Greek: **hagios topos**; notice this is not the word **hieron** = **temple**, though what Jesus says will relate to worshiping God; after the book of Acts that word for temple no longer is used in the New Testament; **the holy place of the Spirit is naos**, in us, the church, **the Love of His Life**: that's us! Paul to the Corinthians writes: Don't you know? **We are the sacred place of the Spirit of God**. **so don't be looking just for a building**

**when you all see the abomination of desolation spoken by Daniel... occupy the holy place** / (let the reader understand) – let the reader pay attention

Jesus the good Teacher uses two words His students understood: some who are of the old Jewish school as the romans took control of Jerusalem; as well as some of the New Testament school... who learn of a different **holy place** of the Spirit, who are readers... in the last days. Jesus says... when you see something abhorrent standing there... that shouldn't be in the **sacred place**... **that belongs to the Spirit**...

**Let the reader pay attention.** / and these 5 verses speak to what happened 2000 years ago.

**16 then let those in Judaea flee into the mountains** / let them run like crazy!

**17 Let the one who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of the house** / there isn't enough time!

**18 Nor let the one in the field return to take their clothes** / there's no time!

**19 And woe / how terrible it will be, to pregnant mothers with child, and to those who are nursing their babies in those days!**

**20 and pray that your flight is not in winter, nor on the Sabbath day / why? it snows in Jerusalem in the winter;** 2,000 years ago shepherds did not watch their sheep; freezing their oxen and asses in the winter. Since creation the 7<sup>th</sup> day is a gift from the Creator; sadly in 363AD, the ignorant church council of Laodicea – changed the day, they thought they knew better than God. That church makes the Lord want to puke.