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Book sources:

¹ Matthew

² Mark

³ Luke

132. Jesus Tells of Things to Come

(Mt. 24:1-42; 10:17-23; 25:1-46; Mk. 13:1-37; Lk. 21:5-36; 12:11-12)

² Now as he was going forth out of the temple, ¹ his disciples came up to point out to him the buildings of the temple, ³ how it was adorned with handsome stones and consecrated gifts; ¹ and ² one of his disciples exclaimed to him, "See, Master, *what tremendous stones, and what buildings!*"

¹ But Jesus ² answering him ¹ said to them, ² "Are you looking at these great buildings" ¹ Verily, I say to you, ³ as for these things which you are beholding, days are coming when there shall not be left one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down!"

² And as he sat on the Mount of Olives across from the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew ¹ came to him privately ³ and asked him, saying, ² "Tell us ³ therefore, Teacher, *when will these things be?* ² What will be the *sign* when all these things are going to ³ come to pass? ¹ And what is *the sign of Your coming, and of the consummation of the age?*"

The Remainder of the Age in Summary (Mt. 24:4-8; Mk. 13.5-8; Lk. 21:8-11)

² And Jesus answered and began to say to them, "Take heed lest anyone mislead you. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' ¹ 'I am the Messiah,' ³ and 'The time is drawing near,' ² and they will lead many astray. ³ Do not therefore be followers of them.

¹ "And you will hear of war and rumors of wars; ³ but when you hear of wars and commotions ² and rumors of wars, ³ be not terrified, ¹ see that you are not disturbed. For all of these things ³ must first take place, but the end is not to be at once."

Then said he to them, ¹ "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and pestilences, ³ and great earthquakes in various places; ¹ but all these are *the beginning* of travail. ³ *And fearful sights and great signs from heaven shall there be.*

Persecution and Betrayals to Be Suffered

(Mt. 10:17-73; 24:9-14; Mk. 13: 9-13; Lk. 12:11-12; 21:12-19)

²“But take heed to yourselves; ¹beware of men. For ³before all these things ¹they will deliver you up to be afflicted, and will put you to death. ³They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and ¹to Sanhedrins and ³to prisons. ¹They will scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of Me: ³but it will turn out for you as a testimony ¹before them and the Gentiles.

“But when they deliver you up ²and lead you away, ³and bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and authorities ²be not anxious beforehand ³how or what you are to answer in defense, ²but say whatever is given you ¹in that same hour. ³For the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say; ²it is not you who speak, but ¹the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. ³Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate beforehand what to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which none of your adversaries can reply to or resist.

¹“And you will be hated by all the nations for My name’s sake; and then will many be caused to stumble, and will betray one another and hate one another. ²Brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and put them to death. ³So you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, and by kinsfolk and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But not a hair of your head shall perish; by your patient endurance gain your souls.

The Gospel to All the Nations – Then the End (Mt. 24:12-14; 10:23; Mk. 13:10)

¹“And many false prophets will arise, and they will mislead many; and because wickedness is multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

¹“But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next; for verily, I say to you, you will not have completed the cities of Israel before the Son of man comes.

¹“And this Glad News of the Kingdom ²must first be proclaimed ¹in all the world as a testimony to all the nations; and then will the end come.

Jerusalem to Be Trodden Down (Lk. 21:20-24)

³“But when you see Jerusalem encircled by armies, then know that her desolation has drawn near. Then those in Judea, let them flee to the mountains; and those who are in the city, let them, go out, and those who are in the country, let them not go into her. For these are days of avenging, that all things that have been written may be fulfilled.

“But alas for those with child, and those with nursing babes, in those days. For there shall be great distress upon the land and wrath upon this people; and they shall fall by

the edge of the sword and be led captive to all the nations. And Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles till *the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled*.

Then a Great Tribulation on Earth (Mt. 24:15-22; Mk. 13:14-20)

¹“When therefore you see *the abomination of desolation*, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the Holy Place ²where it ought not to be” (let him who reads understand), “*then* let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains! He that is on the housetop, let him not come down into the house, or enter it to take anything out. And he that is in the field, let him not turn back ¹to take his clothes.

“And alas for those with child, and those with nursing babes, in *those days*! Pray also that your flight be not in winter or on a Sabbath. ²For in those days ¹there shall be a great tribulation such as has not been from the beginning ²of the creation which God created till the present time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened ¹those days, none of humankind would be saved; ²but for the elect’s sake, whom he has chosen, ¹those days will be shortened.

As Lightning from the East (Mt.24:23-31; Mk. 13:21-27; Lk. 21:25-27)

²“Now at that time, if anyone says to you, ‘Lo, here is the *Messiah!*’ or, Lo, he is there!’ do not believe it. ¹For false Messiahs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, such as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²So take heed; behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

¹“If therefore they say to you, ‘Lo, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go forth; or, Lo, he is in the secret rooms,’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so also will the coming of the Son of man be. For wherever the carcass may be, there the *vultures* will be gathered together.

“And immediately after the tribulation of those days ³there will be signs in the sun and the moon and the stars – ¹the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give her light, ²and the stars will be falling from heaven – ³and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men’s hearts growing faint with fear and expectation of the things which are coming upon the world.

“For the powers ²which are in the heavens will be shaken, ¹and then will appear in the sky the *sign of the Son of man*. And then will all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ²And then will he send forth his angels ¹with a great trumpet call, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, ²from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven, and ¹from one end of the heavens to the other.

“Watch Therefore; Be Ready” (Mt. 24:32-42; Mk. 13:28-37; Lk. 21:28-36)

³“But when these things *are beginning* to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is *drawing nigh*.

And he spoke to them a parable: ²“*From the fig tree learn a lesson*; ³ behold the fig tree, and all the trees. ¹When its branch has now grown tender, and ³ they are coming out in leaf, you see and know for yourselves that summer already is near. So also you, when you see ¹ all these things ³ taking place, know that the Kingdom of God is *near at hand*, ¹ at the very doors. Verily, I say to you, *this generation* will by no means pass away before all these things will have been fulfilled. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away!

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, ² nor the Son, ¹ but my Father only. Instead, just as the days of Noah were, so also will be the coming of the Son of man. For just as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, till the day when Noah went into the ark, and were unaware till the flood came and took them all away, so also will be the coming of the Son of man. Then will there be two men in the field; one is taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding at the mill; one is taken and the other left.

³“So take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be engrossed with dissipation and drunkenness and the cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly; for as a snare will it come upon all who dwell on the face of all the earth. Watch therefore unceasingly, praying that you be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are going to come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. ² Take heed, ¹ therefore; ² watch [and pray], ¹ for you know not in what hour your Lord is coming.

²“For it is like a man who made a journey abroad, leaving his home in charge of his bondmen, giving to each of them his work and commanding the doorkeeper to be watchful. Watch therefore, for you do *not* know when the Master of the house is coming – whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning – lest coming suddenly he find you asleep. And what I say to you, I am saying to all: *watch!*