

## Matthew 24:1-51 Yeshua's Prophecy Pt. 2

Messiah Yeshua's earthly Ministry set the record straight concerning the preeminence of YeHoVaH's Word in the earth in the lives of the people of Israel and the people of the world. From the very beginning of the New Testament writings, John the Baptist proclaimed Messiah's coming and Yeshua made clear He did not come to do away with the Law or the Prophets.

Included in the Law was the proclamation of YeHoVaH that He would raise up a Prophet from amongst the brethren likened unto Moses. Yeshua's Teaching Ministry reaffirmed the Words of YeHoVaH given to Moses and the Prophets, as well as it fulfilled what Moses and the Prophets had said concerning Yeshua.

As a Prophet, Yeshua's Prophetic Ministry is put on full display in this portion of Matthew as He prophesies concerning future events.

This Chapter opened with Yeshua's prophecy about the destruction of the Temple.

Mt 24:2 And Yeshua said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

The disciples asked Yeshua three questions:

Tell us, when shall these things be?

What *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Yeshua did not answer their questions directly and did not give dates or timelines. Instead, Yeshua gave them signs to look for. He began by warning them of being deceived by men that would deceive many.

As we discussed last week, much of what Yeshua prophesied has already come to pass.

- The Temple destroyed and left desolate
- The people fleeing from Jerusalem into the mountains and surrounding cities being pursued by the Romans
- Israelites sold into slavery
- Israelites forced to fight in the arenas as gladiators
- Dead bodies filling the Temple Courts and stairs leading into the Temple Courts
- The fall of Masada and the mass suicides
- The appearing of false messiahs

As stated last week, most of what Yeshua prophesied in this passage was fulfilled in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. Yeshua had said

Mt 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.

Mt 24:24 **For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets**, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

This would happen after the great tribulation spoken of in Verse 21.

As stated last week, most of what Yeshua prophesied in this passage was fulfilled in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. Verse 29 states:

Mt 24:29 **Immediately** after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

The tribulation of those days are referred to as the great tribulation in Verse 21.

Mt 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**Immediately** after the tribulation of those days... What days?

Mt 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The description or signs Yeshua gives, "the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

Yet to be fulfilled:

Mt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Daniel prophesied:

Da 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Da 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Mt 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Yeshua interrupts His prophesying to teach a quick lesson via a parable on discerning the times using the fig tree.

Mt 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

Mt 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

Mt 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This **generation** shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

**Generation – 1074 γενεά** genea {ghen-eh-ah'}

**Meaning:** 1) fathered, birth, nativity 2) that which has been begotten, men of the same stock, a family

**2a) the several ranks of natural descent, the successive members of a genealogy**

**2b) metaph. a race of men very like each other in endowments, pursuits, character 2b1)**

esp. in a bad sense, a perverse race

3) the whole multitude of men living at the same time

4) an age (i.e. the time ordinarily occupied by each successive generation), a space of 30 - 33 years

**Usage:** AV - generation 37, time 2, age 2, nation 1; 42

Yeshua spoke similarly concerning the Law and the Prophets.

Mt 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mt 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mt 24:37 But as the days of Noe/Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Ge 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Ge 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Ge 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Ge 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Mt 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Mt 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mt 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mt 24:41 *Two women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Mt 24:42 **Watch** therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Watch – 1127 {gray-gor-yoo'-o}

Meaning: 1) to watch 2) metaph. give strict attention to, be cautious, active 2a) to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity suddenly overtake one

Origin: from 1453; TDNT - 2:338,195; v

Usage: AV - watch 21, wake 1, be vigilant 1; 23

Mt 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what **watch** the thief would come, he would have **watched**, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Mt 24:44 **Therefore be ye also ready:** for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Mt 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

If we are watching, we will be ready and doing what we are supposed to be doing when Yeshua returns, just as the servant described in the next verse.

Mt 24:46 Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Mt 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

The servant who thinks his master delays will treat the master's goods as if they were his own and not be watchful.

Mt 24:48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

Mt 24:49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

Mt 24:50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

Mt 24:51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the **hypocrites**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Yeshua had spoken woes to those He identified as hypocrites in Chapter 23. They were the teachers of the law, who called themselves rabbis and fathers, and the Pharisees.