

# ARE WE IN END TIMES?

## “The Olivet Prophecies”

Scripture Reading: MATTHEW 24:3-14

- ) **SLIDE 7-9.** Scripture reading.
- ) **SLIDE 10.** This is our 4<sup>th</sup> week in our series titled “*Are We in End Times?*” Today’s message: “*The Olivet Prophecies.*”
- ) Last week we briefly looked at the five different views of eschatology. More than likely you are a premillennial pretribulation dispensationalist (left behind). I am an amillennialist and will be teaching this series from the amillennial point of view. And we will look more at all these views in future weeks.
- ) Last week we looked at the Olivet Discourse—that long talk Jesus gives when He answers two questions His disciples ask Him on the Mount of Olives two nights before the Last Supper.
- ) **SLIDE 11.** Question #1 was “*When will these things happen?*” And question #2 was “*What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?*” Last week we answered question #1. That was the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD.
- ) **SLIDE 12.** Some prophecies from the Olivet Discourse that we know were fulfilled by the DOJ. 4 prophecies.
- ) Next, I want to look at several prophecies in the Olivet Discourse passages that are proleptic. In other words, they applied to the DOJ, but could also apply to end times.
- ) **SLIDE 13.** Here are some prophecies that could be proleptic. That means they were fulfilled in 70AD, but they could also be referring to end times. **SLIDE 14.**
- ) Do I personally believe we are in end times? I believe there is a strong possibility that we are. You decide.

- ) Let's break down these four prophecies and see how they could very well be proleptic and also apply to end times.
- ) **SLIDE 15**. Abomination of desolation.
- ) **SLIDE 16**. Brother vs brother. Children vs parents.
- ) **SLIDE 17**. Hated by all.
- ) **SLIDE 18**. Gospel preached to all nations.
- ) Now, let's look at 5 other signs that Jesus gives us concerning His return and the end of the age.
- ) **SLIDE 19**. Wars and rumors of wars.
- ) **SLIDE 20**. Famines and earthquakes.
- ) **SLIDE 21**. False Christs and prophets.
- ) **SLIDE 22**. Many will fall away.
- ) **SLIDE 23**. Because of lawlessness, love grows cold.
- ) **SLIDE 24**. There is nothing good about eight of the nine signs that Jesus gives us which will lead up to His return. 1) Abomination of desolation, 2) Brother vs brother. Children vs parents, 3) Hated by all, 4) Wars and rumors of wars, 5) Famines and earthquakes, 6) False Christs and prophets, 7) Many will fall away, 8) Because of lawlessness, love grows cold.
- ) There is only one positive sign out of these nine and that is the gospel will be preached to all nations.
- ) So, there you go. That's a lesson on the interpretation of most of the prophetic passages as found in the Olivet Discourse as spoken by Jesus. Some prophecies refer to the DOJ in 70AD, some prophecies refer to end times, and some prophecies are proleptic—they refer to both. This is how I see eschatology from my amillennial view.

- ) There are a few more prophecies that Jesus speaks in this Olivet Discourse which refer to the exact day of His return which we will cover at a later time.
- ) Wednesday Midweek Message concerning 2 THESS 2.
- ) Next week we will pick up right here and talk about something the Book of REVELATION calls the millennium and how the five different eschatological views look at that event.

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