

# **The Olivet Discourse on Second Coming of JESUS CHRIST**

**Matthew 24-25**

We have had 26 lessons on these two important Prophetic chapters, taught by our LORD JESUS CHRIST. This morning we will simply read the entire two chapters for flow of clarity and understanding. If you have any question on any verse, please raise your hand. After 20 years in academic education I have learned this, that if you have any question, others have that same question.

The Church is not involved in any way in Matthew 24-25;

The Church has been removed by the Rapture or taking away of the Church. This was in part for the removal of the Restrainer (2 Thessalonians 2:7); That is the Holy Spirit who resides inside of every believer so by removing every believer the restrainer (Holy Spirit) is also removed.

The Tribulation is about the Age of Israel, the Jews, these are the last 7 years of the 490 years God promised to Israel.

## **Historical Interpretive outline of chapter 24:**

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| (1) | 24:4-14 Refers to the first half of The Tribulation   |
| (2) | 24:15-31 Refers to the second half of The Tribulation |

1 **Jesus came out from the temple and was going away** (from the temple, geographically and spiritually) **when His disciples came up to point out the** (beauty of) **temple buildings to Him.**

2 **And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things?** (Temple complex) **Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”**  
(70 AD, by the Romans.)

3 (time break from verse 2) **As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives,** (therefore, Olivet Discourse) **the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us,**

1 **When will these things happen,** and

2 **What *will be* the sign of Your coming,** and

3 **The sign of the end of the age?”**

4 **And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you.** (being misled is the great danger in every dispensation.)

5 **“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.** (Jews)

- 6 (In the seven years of Tribulation) **“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars.**  
(Judgment of the Red Horse in Revelation 6:4) **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 (confederation of nations) against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.**
- 8 **“But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.** (For His coming back to earth)
- 9 **“Then they (the dictator of REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE and nations under his rule) **will deliver you to tribulation,** (physical crushing) **and will kill you, and you (Jews) will be hated by all nations because of My name.** (the hatred of Jews is Supernatural hatred, inspired by Satan.)**
- 10 **“At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.** (Of the same kind, Jew hating Jew.)

11 **“Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.** (Those Jews of verse 10. You have to know the truth, not to be deceived or led astray.)

12 **“Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold.** (The environment of the first 3 ½ years: hatred, false prophets and lawlessness.)

Why will lawlessness increase?

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| 1 | Because ‘the man of lawlessness’ will be revealed               |
| 2 | (2 Thessalonians 2:3) The restrainer (Holy Spirit) is removed   |
| 3 | (2 Thessalonians 2:7) When sin increases, true love grows cold. |

13 **“But the one (Jew) who endures to the end, he will be saved.** (That is those hated by the world, hated by fellow Jews, not being killed, not deceived by false prophets and survive the increase in lawlessness, will be Delivered through The Tribulation and into the kingdom.) This is described in Daniel 12:1 and Revelation 13:10 and Revelation 14:12.

14 **“This gospel of the kingdom (this is the gospel JESUS CHRIST proclaimed and it is another expression of the Gospel by which we are saved.) shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations,** (to get ready for the Kingdom is near) **and then the end will come.** (End of The Tribulation)

Now the Middle of The Tribulation.

- 15 **“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** (Abomination that causes Desolation) **which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet,** (Daniel 9:24-27) **standing in the holy place** (in the Jewish temple, this will be in the middle of the 7 years or 3 ½ years after Tribulation begins) **[let the reader understand], let the one reading understand** (understand Daniel and the putting up of this statute of dictator of REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE to be worshipped in place of the true God. Daniel 11:31, 12:11 and Revelation 13:14.)
- 16 **then those** (believing Jews who understand) **who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.** (Probably Petra).
- 17 **“Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.**
- 18 **“Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.**
- 19 **“But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!** (travel will be most difficult for these)

20 **“But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.** (Flight to a place already prepared by God for them Revelation 12:6.)

Why the urgency to move out of Jerusalem?

Once he has put the statue of himself to be worshiped he will come in hast against all who do not worship him.

Why the urgency?: verse 21

21 **“For then** (introduces need of urgency in getting out of Jerusalem) **there will be a great tribulation,** (3 ½ years into the Seven years of Tribulation) **such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.** (As horrible as things were for the Jews during the Holocaust, this period will be even worse, more crushing.)

Verse 22 tells us just how horrible these last 3 ½ years of tribulation will be.

22 **“Unless those days had been cut short,** (cut short by God in Eternity Past, before the foundations of the world,) **no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect** (In context (verse 22,24, and 31) this refers to believing Jews in The Tribulation) **those days will be cut short.** (By God)

Recognizing the True Christ. 23-28

This emphasis on the false Christ is because...

in this time of Great Tribulation,

Jews will be anxiously looking for the Messiah to rescue them.

- 23 **“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There *He is*,’ do not believe *him*.** (more attempts to mislead the Jews)
- 24 **“For** (at this time in The Tribulation) **false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders,** (by the power of Satan) **so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.** (The elect are believers in JESUS CHRIST and they will be misled if they do not know Scripture, just as we are misled by false doctrine if we do not know the truth)
- 25 **“Behold, I JESUS CHRIST have told you** (the Jews) **in advance.** (Here is a demonstration of His love and grace. They are without excuse.)
- 26 **“So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, or, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe *them*.**

Verse 27 They are here told what to look for; no one will have to tell you, you will not miss His Coming.)

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

28 **“Wherever the corpse is,** (from the Armageddon campaign) **there the vultures will gather.**

Verse 29-31 JESUS CHRIST describes His own Return to earth

29 **“But immediately after The Tribulation of those days** (the seven year Tribulation after the Rapture of the Church)

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| 1 | <b>THE SUN <u>WILL BE DARKENED,</u> AND</b>      |
| 2 | <b>THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,</b>         |
| 3 | <b>AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and</b> |
| 4 | <b>the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</b> |

The earth is affected, then the Universe then the heavens.

30 **“And then the sign of the Son of Man** (the sign is the glorious light that will shatter the darkness; in the backdrop of Darkness the whole world will see His coming) **will appear in the sky,** (and the whole earth will see) **and then all the tribes** (race, lineage) **of the earth will mourn,** (we were wrong He is coming) **and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING**



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**ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.**

(GLORY, not of His deity but of the GLORY He gained by HIS CROSS WORK and RESURRECTION and SESSION at the RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

- 31 **“And He** (Son of man) **will send forth His angels** (to help the Jews) **with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect** (saved Jews) **from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.** (and bring them all to the Promised land.)

*Parable 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;** (They will know by all these signs that the coming of the Messiah is near.)
- 33 **so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He** (Messiah) **is near, right at the door.**

- 34 **“Truly I say to you, this generation** (in The Tribulation) **will not pass away until all these things take place.** (In a short 7 years period)
- 35 **“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.** (The Word of God, in other words all these things JESUS CHRIST is now teaching are sure, for they are the Words of Christ.)
- 36 **“But of that day and hour** (when JESUS CHRIST will return to earth) **no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.** (The disciples had asked in 24:3 about His coming, here He tells them as to the exact day and hour no one knows.)
- 37 **“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**
- 38 **“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying** (males) **and giving in marriage,** (females) **until the day that Noah entered the ark,** (They were so caught up in the daily routine of their own lives that they paid no attention to the warnings by Noah.)

39 **and they did not understand** (because they would not listen to the prophecies of God) **until the flood** (*the cataclysmic flood*) **came** (they had never seen rain or the water rising as it will at this time) **and took them all away;** (in judgment, off the earth) **so will the coming of the Son of Man be.** (The new civilization after Noah started with believers only, so after the coming of JESUS CHRIST the new civilization that will go into the millennium will be believers only.)

### Baptism of Fire for the Jews

40 **“Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken** (the unbeliever) **and one will be left.** The believer to enter into the Millennial Kingdom. Attitude toward JESUS CHRIST divides the world between those who believe and those who do not believe.

41 **“Two women *will be grinding at the mill;* one will be taken** (unbeliever) **and one will be left.** (Believers are left to enter the Kingdom on earth.)

### *Be Ready for His Coming: BE ALERT, BE SURE, BE READY*

42 **“Therefore** (introduces a warning) **be on the alert,** (do not be one of those caught eating, drinking and marrying; pay attention to the Word of God) **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.** (Believers will be alert near the end of The Tribulation because they know the thief, Satan, is coming to take away those unprepared, and take away all their false allusions.)
- 44 **“For this reason you also must be ready;** (addressed to Jews who do believe in Jesus as Messiah) **for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.**
- 45 **“Who then is the faithful** (continue to walk and live by faith) **and sensible** (understanding that there are results from every decision made, good or bad) **slave** (Jew who believes in Jesus as Messiah) **whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?**
- 46 **“Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.**
- 47 **“Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.**  
**JESUS CHRIST** (will put these Jews in charge of running the millennial kingdom)

- 48 **“But if that evil slave** (Jews who refuse to believe in Jesus as the Messiah) **says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’**
- 49 **and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;** (Gentiles who drink of the great harlot Revelation 17:1-2.)
- 50 **the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,**
- 51 **and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites;** (Gentiles) **in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

*Parable of Ten Virgins*

The Baptism of Fire for Jewish unbelievers.

14-30 Parable of the Talents Baptism of fire for Jews

31-46 Judgement of Gentiles-Baptism of fire for Gentiles

*Parable of Ten Virgins*

The Baptism of Fire for Jewish unbelievers;

Being Prepared: There is only one preparation for death:  
to believe in Jesus as your Messiah-Savior

The Prepared: 5 wise virgins—go into the kingdom  
The Unprepared: 5 foolish virgins—under judgment

Mathew 25

- 1 **“Then the kingdom of heaven** (represents the millennial kingdom) **will be comparable to ten virgins,** (represents Israel as the chosen race of God during the Tribulation) **who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.** (JESUS CHRIST (notice that the bride is not mentioned, this is not about the Church.) (Israel was exhorted to be alert, sure and ready in 24:42-44.)
- 2 **“Five of them were foolish,** (refused to believe that Jesus is the Messiah) **and five were prudent.** (because they did believe in Jesus as the Messiah.)
- 3 **“For** (introduces evidence of their foolishness) **when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil** (represents the Holy Spirit who sets our souls alive at regeneration) **with them,**
- 4 **but the prudent took oil** (Holy Spirit) **in flasks** (human bodies) **along with their lamps.** (The soul,

the real you)

- 5 **“Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and *began to sleep.*** (They all got tired waiting on the Messiah)
- 6 **“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him.*’**
- 7 **“Then all those virgins rose and trimmed **their lamps.**** (When Christ returns to earth everyone will be awakened, some to rejoice... most to mourn.)
- 8 **“The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’**
- 9 **“But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you *too*; go instead to the dealers and buy *some for yourselves.*’** (The prudent believer knows he cannot give his salvation or Holy Spirit to anyone.)
- 10 **“And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.** (When you die as an unbeliever, the door is

shut.)

- 11 **“Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’** (they had been invited, just as everyone is invited to salvation, but so many refuse. Matthew 7:21)
- 12 **“But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’**

Does God know you?

Does JESUS CHRIST know you?

JESUS CHRIST closes this parable with its primary lesson:  
**BE PREPARED**

- 13 **“Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.**

*Parable of the Talents (or the Baptism of Fire for the Jews.)*

- 14 **“For *it is just like a man* (Jesus the Christ) *about to go on a journey,* (Acts 1; JESUS CHRIST leaving earth and going to the throne of God in heaven) **who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.** (and what is a valuable possession to JESUS CHRIST? the Word of God, more precious than silver or gold, and more precious than talents of man.**



Spiritually, the parable of the talents is understanding every glorious promise that will be fulfilled by His Coming, which is what all of Chapters 24-25 is about.)

15 **“To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.**

16 **“Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.**

(NIV correction)

***immediately went out at once and put his money to work (or) invested it and it earned five more.***

(The point JESUS CHRIST is making is that it is what is precious, the Word of God doing the work not the servant Isaiah 55:11)

17 **“In the same manner the one who *had received the two talents* gained two**

**more.** (The servant put his two talents to work and they returned two more)

18 **“But he who received the one *talent* went away, and dug *a hole in the ground* and hid his master’s money.** (Many hear the gospel, then... bury it!)

- 19 **“Now after a long time** (it has already been some 2000 years) **the master of those slaves \*came** (Second Advent) **and \*settled accounts with them.**
- 20 **“The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’**
- 21 **“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful** (walked by faith in the Holy Spirit) **slave.** (Will He say this to you?) **You were faithful** (the righteous shall live by faith) **with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’** (Enter into the millennial kingdom)
- 22 **“Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’**
- 23 **“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with**

**a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'** (Enter into the Kingdom)

- 24 **“And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man,** (unfortunately this is the way many understand God) **reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed.**
- 25 **‘And I was afraid,** (many build up a false image of God then they live in fear of Him) **and went away and hid your talent in the ground.** (Hid the Word of God) **See, you have what is yours.’**
- 26 **“But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave,** (Spiritually lazy. Now the Lord uses his own argument against him) **you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.**
- 27 **‘Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.**
- 28 **‘Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten**

**talents.'** (In God's plan, the spiritually rich get richer—spiritually.)

- 29 **“For to everyone who has,** (spiritually) **more** (spiritually) **shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have,** (Does not even believe the gospel?) **even what he does have** (he has heard the gospel and refused to believe) **shall be taken away.**

(Baptism of Fire for Jewish unbelievers)

- 30 **“Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** (Be able to point out at least 8 phrases used in the bible to describe what awaits everyone who refuses to believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.)

Baptism of Fire for all unbelieving Gentiles at the Second Advent

31-46 (this is not the last judgment of the Great White Throne Judgment)

Be able to discuss

(1) be able to talk through how to understand history from God's standpoint

(2) talk through Times of the Gentiles

(3) the seven baptism's in the bible.

(3) the seven major judgments in the bible.

(4) define the Baptism of Fire (Matthew 3:11-12) and

as it applies to Jews Ezekiel 20:33-38; Matthew 25:1-30;

as it applies to Gentiles Matthew 25:31-46

31 **“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.**

Be able to answer: be able to discuss:

the **Who, When, Where** and **Why** of this verse.

(1) Why He is called Son of man in this passage?

(2) What ‘Glory’ His divine Glory or glory He received by His cross work?

(3) Significance of the angels with Him and to JESUS CHRIST throughout His life and at His Second Advent.

(4) Where is His glorious throne? and why is it called glorious?

(5) Define historically the verbs: **when He comes and He sits?**

(6) Where is this glorious throne and judgment will take place? Joel 3:1-3)

32 **“All the nations will be gathered before Him;** (according to Joel, this will be in the valley of

Jehoshaphat) **and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;** (believers from unbelievers)

33 **and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.** (Ecclesiastes 10:2)

34 **“Then** (after the Armageddon campaign) **the King** (Son of Man, Jesus the Christ.) **will say to those on His right,** (believing Gentiles) **‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.** (Millennial kingdom)

35 **‘For** (introducing immediate cause of judgment, they are already saved) **I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;**

36 **naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick,**

**and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'**

**37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?**

(1) This list 7 severe tribulations of the Jews during the 7 years of The Tribulation

(2) This refers to the kindness shown to the Jews by these Gentiles in these 7 years where the whole world hated Jews.

(3) They are righteous, they are already saved; this is why they are on the right side.

(4) discuss the two parts of the Gospel: the negative and the positive.)

**38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?**

**39 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'**

**40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'**  
(Genesis 12:1-3)

- 41 **“Then He will also say to those on His left, (unbelieving Gentiles, unrighteous) ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, (by refusing the true Gospel of faith alone in Christ alone Galatians 1:8-9) into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;**
- 42 **for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;**
- 43 **I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’**
- 44 **“Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’**
- 45 **“Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’**



46 **“These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

*“I will bless those who bless you  
and  
curse those who curse you”*