

Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24-25 Luke 21

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Jesus Foretells of the Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem

Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12 : Jesus has entered Jerusalem as a humble King on a donkey (Zech 9) and is soon to be rejected, beaten, and killed yet rise again on the third day.

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” John 2:19

Luke 19:41-44 — Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem and foretells its doom

Luke 21:5,6 — Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple

Matthew 24:5,6; Mark 13:1-2

66, 70 AD : First Jewish revolt — city and temple destroyed by Titus

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Jesus is asked a series of questions

Matthew 24:3, Luke 21:6

When will this happen?

They expected the Kingdom to appear immediately
Luke 19:11

What will be the sign of your coming?

What will be the sign of the end of the age?

Jesus answers from the Mount of Olives in Matthew — the very place that He will return to (Zech 14:4).

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Jesus Responds

The Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21

Mark 13 and Matthew 24-25 is a private response to His disciples on the Mount of Olives

Luke 21 is possibly a public response and has some key differences

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Beginning of Birth Pains

False Christs (Matt 24:4,5,11; Luke 21:8,9; Rev 6:2; 1 Thess 5:3)

Wars and rumors of wars (Matt 24:6,7; Luke 21:9,10; Rev 6:3,4)

Famines and Earthquakes (Matt 24:7b; Luke 21:11; Rev 6:5-)

Persecution, apostasy, betrayal, hatred, wickedness, cold hearts, cosmic upheaval (Matt 24:9-12; Luke 21:10,11)

Matthew 24:9 “you will be handed over...” you = tribulation saints

Matthew 24:13 “the one who stands firm to the end will be saved” saints will persevere!

The gospel will be preached in whole world (Matt 24:14)

144,000 (Rev 7), Two Witnesses (Rev 11), Angel (Rev 14:6)

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The Signal to Flee Matthew vs Luke

“So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ ...” Matthew 24:15

Signal to those in Tribulation described by Daniel 9:27

Middle of the 70th week : about to enter *The Great Tribulation*

“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies..” Luke 21:20

Signal to those in Jerusalem and the surrounding region when the Roman armies are surrounding the city

According to Eusebius of Caesarea, a 4th century Church father, Christians fled to a city named Pella located in the Jordan valley which held one of the earliest Christian churches. *Eusebius, History of the Church, 3.5.3*

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Abomination of Desolation History or Prophecy?

Middle of Daniel’s 70th Week (Daniel 9:25-27; 11:31)

Daily Sacrifice is Ended

168 BC Antiochus Epiphanes IV sacrifices pigs on the altar and sets up an idol to Zeus (2 Maccabees 6:1-11)

slaughters 40,000 in Judea and enslaves another 40,000

Maccabean Revolt, Temple purified and rededicated

Jesus is perhaps celebrating Hanukkah at winter Feast of Dedication in John 10

Christ sees event as still future in Matthew 24:15

type : shadow, prototype or archetype of that which is yet to be developed and revealed

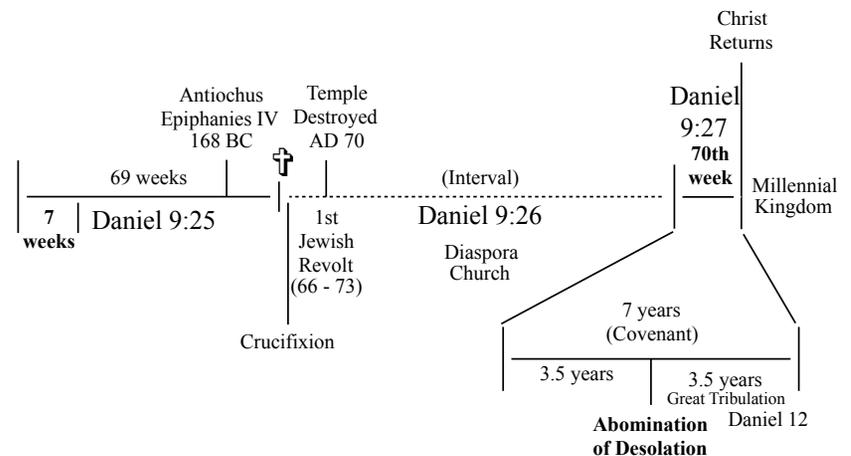
antitype: the reality or object that is foreshadowed by its counterpart type.

Antiochus is the “type” representing the future “Man of Lawlessness” described in 2 Thess 2 and The Beast of Rev 13.

Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD is the “historical type” of of the Great Tribulation

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Daniel Timeline



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The Great Tribulation

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.” Matthew 24:21

Lasts 3.5 years (42 months, 1260 days, times + time + 1/2 time, 1/2 week)

Cut short ... else no one survives Matt 24:22

2/3 of Jews will die (Zech 13:8-9) — rest will be protected by God somewhere in the wilderness east of Jerusalem (Rev 12).

Most of the earth, sea, life, and humanity will be killed during the Seven Seal and Seven Trumpet judgments of Revelation.

The final Seven Bowl judgments, initiated by the 7th Trumpet as described in Rev 16 are the most severe.

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The Coming of the Son of Man Matthew 24:27-31

Daniel 7, Revelation 19

Cosmic darkness and upheaval (Joel 2:30, 31; Zech 14:6)

Rev 1:7 *“every eye will see Him”*

“the elect” = saints that will enter the Millennium.

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The Lesson of the Fig Tree Matthew 24:32-35

Fig Tree : possibly represents Israel / Jerusalem?

Jesus curses the fig tree (Matthew 11:20-25)

Israel as fig tree: Hosea 9:10, Joel 1:7, Luke 13:6-9

Fig Tree : perhaps just a simple illustration of observing the time

“This Generation” : the generation that witnesses that ripening of the fig tree.

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No One Knows that Day and Hour Matthew 24:36-44

“that day” = the Day of the Lord : Final Judgment of God.

“For as were the days of Noah...” (Genesis 6)

wickedness and violence was universal

lived life without regard for God

Scoffers — 2 Peter 3

“one will be taken and one left” — taken in judgment

“you must be ready”

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The Faithful and Wise Servant

Who is the faithful and wise servant?

Is steward of his Master's household

Feeds those he is responsible for (see Matthew 25:35)

Prepared for his Master's return

The foolish act as if their Master will never return.

Abuses those who he is in charge of

The master's delay causes him to lose sight of the Master's imminent return

Will meet a miserable end

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Parable of Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

Jewish Marriage

Engagement happens when young

Betrothal period — exchange vows, groom prepares for wife

Wedding Feast — about a year later

Groom goes to bride's house to take her to his house

Torches used to light procession through town

Feast at Groom's house for a week

Christ as Bridegroom — no fasting while He is present (Matthew 9:15)

Kingdom us like a King who gave a wedding feast for His Son (Matt 22:1-14)

Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-8)

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Parable of the Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

Compare with Parable of the Ten Minas (Luke 19:11-27)

Rewards (Hebrews 11:6)

Those who are responsible with what they are given will be given more;

Otherwise, even what you have will be taken away

Be careful how you hear (Luke 8:18)

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Judgment of the Nations

Matthew 25:31-46

Earthly judgment that determines who will enter the Kingdom

Judgment of Nations when Christ returns to earth

Not the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 11:15)

Not the *Bema Seat* (2 Cor 5:10, Rom 14:10-12) we receive our rewards (Matt 16:27, Eph 6:8, Psalm 62:12, Heb 11:6, Rev 22:10)

Resurrected Tribulation martyrs will also enter the Kingdom (Rev 20:4)

Parables of Matthew 13 reveal the characteristics of the Kingdom in this age and reveal the judgment (Matt 13:30, 41, 49, 50) at the end

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