

Verse by Verse Matthew 24:9-13

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[0 : 0 0] All right, Matthew 24, and we opened in this chapter last Sunday, and didn't get very far at all, but it's a highly prophetic chapter.

It transitions from some things that we've been studying, and then really just dives into end times, and this is Jesus Christ. The Bible's full of what we call progressive revelation, that is, progressively God reveals more and more.

And so this chapter, and the two chapters here unlock a little bit, and even refers to Daniel the prophet in verse 15. And so things that were mysterious and were sealed up until the times of the end, then Jesus Christ starts to kind of open them up a little bit, and starts to give a little more light on it, and then comes later John, the apostle John, and he just opens it wide open and gives a whole lot more.

And so this is just getting a little more light. The disciples here learning of some more truth, and some more things that are going to take place. Now notice, we'll start in verse 3 with the questions they ask, and review that briefly, and then we'll move forward.

Matthew 24, verse 3, as he sat in the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately saying, tell us, when shall these things be? Referring to the destruction of the temple earlier. And what shall be the sign of thy coming of the end of the world?

[1 : 1 6] Now the sign of his coming, I tried to show you that last week, and the end of the world is one event, and some people break that down into two separate questions, and then try to find two separate answers, and I don't believe that's necessary.

Studying, I showed you from verse number 29. No, not 29. Verse 30, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and he comes in power and great glory.

And the tribulation that we call the tribulation comes to an end with the coming, the return of Jesus Christ. And let's just see how far we can get today with covering and answering these questions they ask.

So I'll begin reading again in verse 4 and pick it up where we let off around 9 or 10. And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceive you.

So deception is going to be prevalent, and it's going to mark the age, and we can see that coming on pretty strongly in our life, and it's going to be so much more in those days.

[2 : 2 6] So much more that in verse 24, there's false Christ, false prophets, and they're showing signs and wonders. So that stuff's going to come on big time. The deception of our age is probably just a foreshadowing, just the beginning of how dark people are and how Satan's blinded the minds of them, which believe not.

But it's going to get bad because many are going to come, verse 5, in my name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many. Now, I've never bought this that people try to sell that, oh, there's a guy back in the whatever hundreds, and then another guy here, he came, he claimed to be the Christ.

And all these guys are some just whack jobs. They got a following of 15 people and a web page. To me, that is not Matthew 24, verse 5 being fulfilled.

I think in the future, men are going to come claiming to be Christ, and they're going to have power to do it. And they're going to have signs and wonders to deceive many. And so when it comes to pass, as I said last week, and will strongly say again in this chapter, when it comes to pass, you're going to know it's upon you.

It's not going to be where preachers today and these prophecy teachers try to twist everything and make it match Matthew 24 to say that it's happening. It's upon us. Repent. The end of the world.

[3 : 42] Put your signs up. I believe sinners need to repent. But I don't want to use Matthew 24 as my signs and wonders chapter to say this is a fulfillment of it. And what was that guy's name not too long ago, a few years back, that they put billboards up all over the place?

It's slipping my mind. His name is pretty famous. I know somebody in here had to hear that. He was always marking this the end of the world. The Lord's coming back or it's all falling apart.

And, man, I can't remember the date of it all. It was in September, like 21st of 2020 or 19 or I don't even know.

Nobody knows that? It's already just disappeared from our minds? It's been a few years ago. Does anybody even know, remember a little bit of what I'm talking about? There's one. Okay, two. So Harold Camping, that's his name.

And I can't, if it was 2019 maybe, in the fall, they put this big thrust on. This was it. This was it. They got it from the Bible, figured it out. Well, what happened when they were wrong?

[4 : 47] They just, your whole credibility is gone. You don't even have a right now. You know what he did, though? He tweaked the date a little bit. It's coming. It's coming. He tried to readjust and make it work again.

No. I'm a firm believer when these things come to pass, it'll be obvious. It's no need to twist the scripture and make something happen that's not there. All right.

So verse number six, you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you be not troubled. Israel, don't be afraid of this. For all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Notice those words, the end. For nations shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in diverse places. And all these are the beginning of sorrows.

We have a beginning and we have the end. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you. And ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended.

[5 : 48] We'll pick it up here in verse 10 with that thought. And shall betray one another and shall hate one another. Now, keep your place. Come back to Matthew chapter 10. I showed you this last week, but we didn't really get to finish the whole thought.

Matthew chapter 10. Now, he gave very similar words a few years prior when he commissioned his 12 and sent them out. And he sent them two by two.

And he sent them to cast out devils and to heal the sick, raise the dead. And he gave them instructions that match this future stuff here. This tribulation warnings.

And he warned them that people were going to betray one another and kill one another. And so, what we just read in Matthew 24 verse 10 was that many shall be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another.

Now, in Matthew 10 and verse 21 says, And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death. That's family.

[6 : 53] Can you imagine your own blood brother or sister or father the child? Can you imagine as a father turning your child in to the authorities, to the Antichrist as we know him?

And the children shall rise up against their parents and cause them to be not imprisoned, not pay their taxes, not move their car because they parked in the wrong parking spot.

They'll cause their parents to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. And here's this statement, He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Now, this is a real, real warning. Is this happening in your life today? Nobody in here. Is it happening around the world in the church? A little bit. It is.

There is persecution. There is persecution against the church. Are there children turning in their parents to be put to death? Maybe you could find an isolated case.

[7 : 55] Maybe that's true somewhere in some way. But these warnings are not aimed at the born-again Bible-believing church of Jesus Christ, the body of Christ. These warnings are aimed at the Jew.

In Matthew 24, and not looking through this yet, but throughout this chapter, he mentions one of their prophets, Daniel. He mentions the holy place, referring to their temple.

He mentions in verse number 16, Judea, the mountains of Judea. That's a location over there in Israel. He mentions the Sabbath day in verse number 20.

All of these are Jewish things, peculiar to the Jew and to their land. He later mentions the elect, which we can study in the Bible, is the Jew. He mentions the fig tree, a parable about the fig tree, which go to Jeremiah easy.

That's the Jew. And so this is a chapter of prophecy toward the nation of Israel. It's not a church thing. This is not for you and I to start putting these things together and watching for these signs and trying to make this.

[8 : 57] When somebody doesn't rightly divide their Bible, and I know somebody personally who has a big hang-up with understanding the Scripture, and there are certain denominations that say there's no such thing as a rapture for the church.

You guys are deluded about that. And they say, look at Matthew 24. Show me where it's at in Matthew 24. And I say, it's not in Matthew 24. And then they say, see? I'm like, so is that it for everything?

If it's not in that chapter, it doesn't happen? They don't know how to study their Bible. They don't know how to rightly divide their Bibles. And so because they don't see it in here, Jesus didn't say it correct.

Jesus didn't say it, so it's not true. No, Jesus is teaching something for Israel. And so I don't want to get caught up in trying to study and learn their doctrine and apply it to me if that's not what I'm to be looking for.

However, Titus tells me to be looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. And I'll look for him to come back, but I'm not to be looking for nations to rise against nations, and I'm not to be enduring until the end either.

[10 : 04] And we'll get to that here just in a moment. All right, so verse 10, let's notice this phrase, Then shall many be offended. That doesn't mean they're going to get upset and have their little hearts broken.

It means that they're going to give in, that they're going to be offenders or transgressors, because the pressure is going to be on them. Then shall many be offended and shall betray one another.

So those that give in, and as we understand through more revelation, we understand that the only thing that makes sense to connect these things is that they worship the beast.

That they take the mark, they worship his image, and they're damned. They're fixed. It's settled.

And because they offend, then they end up betraying one another and turning in other people and turning on their own parents and sisters and so forth. So many shall be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another.

[11 : 10] And now verse 11, it says, Many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many. Many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many.

How are they going to do that? We read it already in verse 24. With great signs and wonders. So if this stuff is real, come to 2 Corinthians.

Let's look at 2 Corinthians. So that means that there's going to be, we'll call them false apostles.

There's going to be men that have abilities to do things to mimic what Jesus Christ gave his disciples power to do.

It's going to be showing signs. It's going to be, what were those signs for of the disciples in that ministry? It was to prove and to show to Israel that the kingdom is here. God is working.

[12 : 19] We are his servants. You can obey and follow us. And the signs were proof. And in the future, somebody's going to come on the scene with their own set of signs and wonders to the world and say, This is of God.

You can follow me. And so 2 Corinthians 11, and this isn't something that Paul says we should be surprised at. He talks about false apostles. Look at verse 13. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

But they're not. And no marvel. For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness.

It's not a surprise at all. What else would they do? They wouldn't show themselves to be ministers of unrighteousness. No one's going to follow that. So they deceive the world with their lies.

In Revelation 2, we read about those churches, the ones specifically, that tried them and found them to be liars, false apostles, whose ends shall be according to their works.

[13 : 24] All right, just understand, Satan has the ability. He has ministers in verse 13. They're deceitful workers. They're ministers in verse 15.

And they can have power from him. And we could go to 2 Thessalonians 2 as well and see some more of that. But let's get back here, Matthew 24. So there's going to be a lot of fake preachers, you might call them.

And today there's fake preachers with a bunch of what I call bogus ministries. They're not doing anything for Christ. They're just building a work, getting paid, showing off from city to city, filling a stadium, having everybody come and have a little praise fest and clap their hands and hug each other.

And then a few of them get, quote, unquote, healed. And then they leave. And how are their lives changed? Where is this revival? If this is such an outpouring of the Holy Ghost over these last 20, 30 years, where's the – look at this, the United States of America and the morality.

If we could put a gauge on it, a number, and could you not see the association to getting rid of the word of God, the pure words of God, bringing in fake Bibles and bringing in false prophets and bringing in big ministries, could you not see as that goes up, that goes down?

[14 : 53] And it should be opposite if we're supposed to believe that these Bibles are helping us understand the word of God better. And if these ministers are the ministers of Jesus Christ and, oh, they're putting out so much good books and material and YouTube videos and, oh, everybody's just getting in on it.

Well, where's the change in this world? Why isn't God bearing witness to it then? Because in the days past when the book got believed and preached, things happened.

You can read about those revivals. It's in the history books now, but it happened. And it happened in this land. And wouldn't it be something to see that again?

Well, I'm not holding my breath for that because I don't think it's going to happen. But what I do know is going to happen and what I am waiting for is Christ to come back and some things to get sorted out and then him to set up a kingdom on this earth where peace and righteousness are going to abound and sinners are going to hold their tongues and the place is just going to get cleaned up like no politician could ever do, although they've promised they haven't been able to do it.

All right. Back and back in Matthew 24, verse 11. To wax something is to increase in size or in number.

[16 : 19] You hear of somebody waxing eloquent or a king waxes stronger or something in the Bible. It's a term used. If it's not familiar to you, then get in your Bible.

It will get familiar with you pretty quickly. I think this is just a straight-up truth. Regardless of where it's placed in this passage, this is just a truth that spans all of humanity.

Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. When iniquity abounds, it has an effect on the society. It has an effect on men. It has an effect on doing right and righteousness.

Look back at Ecclesiastes quickly. Solomon had something to say about this thought of when iniquity abounds and when law and order is not established.

Then it has an effect. In Ecclesiastes chapter 8, and look at verse number 11. Because sentence, that's judgment, sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily.

[17 : 33] So you let it go. You make a threat. I'm going to do it. But because judgment's never dealt out, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Because they don't get punished, they don't change. Why would they? If you can get away with it, why not? And when iniquity abounds, it has an effect on society.

It has an effect on Christians. And here we live in this, what we call this Laodicean from Revelation 3. This Laodicean age of the church where we're indifferent about so much.

And just to put up with it and allow it and not stand against it or fight it, even in our own lives, in our own hearts. Just, eh. It's accepted. Why? Because iniquity abounds.

That's why. Because it's so around you so much, as long as you're not that bad, then you don't feel so guilty.

[18 : 34] Instead of comparing yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ and feeling dirty and vile and guilty, you look around at how iniquity abounds in our world, in our workplace, and even in homes, and it's just the way we've become now.

Indifferent and complacent toward sin and righteousness. Waxing cold. Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

And it's easy to live right when everybody around you is living right. It's just kind of natural. It's fun. But when this world's full of sin, it's a lot harder to stand up and do right.

And Jesus Christ isn't going to give you an excuse, by the way, to say that, oh, the world is so filthy. You should have seen the people that I had to work with.

He's not going to give you that excuse and say, why didn't you live for me? Why didn't you show them something different? So, even though this is a true principle, don't let it be something that gets into your heart or changes you.

[19 : 39] The iniquity around you. Verse number 13. And we're going to start diving into some doctrine here. Verse 13. He, but he, but he. So, somebody who's not going to wax cold.

Somebody who's not going to be deceived and not going to offend or give in to the Antichrist and to the entire system set up. But he that shall endure unto the end.

There it is. The end. The same shall be saved. Now, the end is part of the question back in verse 3. The end of the world. When is the world?

What's the sign of their coming and of the end of the world? And the sign is, as I mentioned back in verse 30 last week, that it's going to be, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And when you see Jesus Christ coming back, before that you'll see in verse 15 some things going on in the temple.

But when you see the sign of the Son of Man, that's when the end is come. That's when it's over. That's his coming and the end of the world. Now, he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

[20 : 48] Just quickly come to Acts 16. And let's contradict ourselves for a moment. And then study our Bibles. What does the word saved mean?

It means to be delivered. And he that shall endure unto the end shall be saved. He'll be delivered from what's going on around him.

Deliverance, according to this Old Testament, deliverance arises at the end of what we call the tribulation, at the coming of Christ. Now, how do you get saved?

Acts 16, verse 30, sirs, is the question, what must I do to be saved? And the answer is, endure unto the end and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

No, it's just believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Why is there a different answer to a question here? Why did Paul not repeat the words of Jesus Christ?

[21 : 56] Christ said it in chapter 10. He said it in chapter 24. So at least two times in his ministry, he made this proclamation. It's written down that you have to endure unto the end in order to be saved.

And in these both contexts, there's people turning on one another and there's just chaos on the earth. And so why doesn't Paul tell this jailer, well, don't you know about what's coming in the end?

Don't you know that Jesus Christ is coming back and he's going to establish his kingdom? And before that happens, there's going to be deception and iniquity is going to abound and you're going to have to endure to the end of all of that.

Then you'll be saved. Why didn't Paul tell him that? Look back at Malachi chapter 4, the last book of your Old Testament, Malachi. This is what the scriptures say.

This is the scriptures that Paul had and knew and that they could have looked to. Much of the gospels weren't penned or at least if they were, they weren't distributed.

[23 : 02] At this time when Paul's in prison and preaching to this man. Why didn't he go to the scriptures? Malachi 4. Verse number 1.

For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly shall be stubble. And the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Son of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. And ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked. They shall be ashes. Ashes under the soles your feet. Now, when the day dawns, as we say, when Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness, appears or comes back.

The picture's clear of the sun rising after a dark night of time. When Jesus Christ comes back, there is deliverance to them that fear his name.

[24 : 06] But to them that do wickedly and to the proud, it's going to be fire. It's going to burn them up. And this is a theme throughout Isaiah of Christ coming back and destroying his enemies with fire.

In 2 Thessalonians 1, in flaming fire, Jesus Christ returns to destroy them that receive not the love of the truth. So why does he tell somebody to endure until the end?

Now, let's first, before we even talk about that, let's go to 1 Corinthians 1. And this will probably have to wait until next week. But let's establish some things Paul says to the church and why he doesn't tell us to endure unto the end in order to be saved.

Paul says some total different things. And because of this, we have to make a division. And we have to recognize Paul's teaching these Gentile believers the body of Christ something different than Jesus Christ taught his disciples, Jewish disciples, who are going to inherit a kingdom.

In 1 Corinthians 1, look at verse 7. So that you come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall also confirm you unto the end.

[25 : 30] Who's doing the work? Jesus Christ. That ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Where's the command to resist temptation and to endure and to, in Revelation, the word overcomer, be an overcomer? All of the work is placed upon Jesus Christ the way Paul writes.

Look at Ephesians chapter 4. Ephesians chapter 4.

All the way to the end of the chapter. And notice verse number 30. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

That's an important verse. And it's important truth that God gives us, that teaches us, that believe on Jesus Christ, that we are sealed by the Holy Ghost until a specific day.

[26 : 48] He doesn't tell us to endure until a specific day. He says we're sealed until a day. He says that he'll confirm us until the end. Look at Philippians chapter 1.

Notice the work is on God. Philippians chapter 1 verse 6. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Until a specific day, God's going to do something and keep doing something. And as we read back in 1 Corinthians 1, God is faithful. So it all hinges on him and his faithfulness.

This is why we teach that we are eternally secure. Come to 1 Thessalonians chapter 5. To the end of 1 Thessalonians 5. This is why we believe and teach that when you're saved, you remain saved.

And it's not because you're doing something about it. It's because he's faithful. Because he will perform the work. Because he sealed you. And all of that hinges upon he said so.

[27 : 59] If we don't have this Bible, we're ignorant of all of this truth.

And we're left to just do it our own way, I guess. 1 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 23. The Bible says, And how are we going to know that this will happen?

Faithful is he that calleth you. Notice the last line. I underlined it. Who also will do it. Amen. Now, these five verses we looked at are four passages, maybe.

Every single one shows us that God is doing the work. The sealing. The preserving us blameless and so forth. Based on his faithfulness to his own word.

Now, we'll just try to touch this quickly. Go to Hebrews chapter 3. Hebrews chapter 3.

[29 : 33] And let's notice some of the wording here. And I'm not going to be teaching this thing. We'll just, it's a book to be careful. When you're getting through here. I'll start in verse 5.

And Moses verily was faithful in all his house as a servant. For a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after. But Christ as a son over his own house.

Whose house are we if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Well, there's those two words again. The end.

Now, there's a contrast here. A little bit of a comparison of Moses and Christ. Moses was faithful in all his house. But Christ, or as a servant.

Christ as a son over his own house. A little bit different. We don't have time to talk about it. Whose house are we? We're in that house or household of Jesus Christ.

[30 : 31] If condition. If we do something. If we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Who's doing the work? The verses we just read. It was all God. All God. Sealing. Preserving. And so forth. This time, it's not God.

And it's not Christ. But it's the person. It's us. Or someone. I should say. Look at verse 14. Or I'll start in 13. Same chapter. Verse 13.

But exhort one another daily while it is called today. Lest any of you. And if you're not sure who that is. Notice the title of the book. That might help you.

Hebrews. Lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ. If we do something.

[31 : 25] If we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast. And there it is again. Unto the end. Now this is just two verses.

And there's several more. But it starts to show us something. After we got through Paul's writings to the church. Then here's this book called Hebrews. And it seems to match what Christ was teaching to his Jewish apostles.

And there can be a direct correlation between the teachings. Because the one has future application. And so does the other. Somebody is told to do something. And they're told to do it unto the end.

Now come back to Matthew 24. Matthew 24. What is the end? The end of your life? Well that could work in the tribulation.

When people are getting their heads cut off. They're being beheaded. For their testimony. But there's a time. It's the end of the world. Man we don't have time for this.

[32 : 29] Oh well let's just get this. One phrase. Because he says the end of the world. Keep your place. Come back to Matthew 12. The end of the world.

The end is not yet. He said. At the beginning of sorrows. And then he said. You have to endure unto the end. And what's the sign of that coming.

Of the end of the world. Matthew 12. And the world that he speaks of. Is going to come to an end.

When he comes back. This world. Notice in verse 31. Matthew 12. 31. Wherefore I say unto you. All manner of sin and blasphemy. Shall be forgiven unto men.

But the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word. Against the son of man. It shall be forgiven him. But whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost. It shall not be forgiven him.

[33 : 28] Notice now. Neither in this world. Which is going to end. Neither in the. World to come. The world to come.

Has to do with. The second coming of Christ. And the kingdom that he sets up. And when we went through Matthew 12. Who knows how long ago. I'm sure you've forgotten.

A lot of that. We came across that thought. And I took you. To a verse. I'll just read it quickly. In Hebrews 6. And verse 5. And he says.

And have tasted the good word of God. And the powers. Of the world to come. And we've made connection back then. Showing you that the signs. That the apostles had. Were powers.

And wonders. Of the world to come. Of the kingdom. And the world. The end of this world. The end. Is when Jesus Christ comes back.

[34 : 23] Because there's a world to come. Which is the kingdom. And so. That's what he says. When he's talking about the blasphemy. Against the Holy Ghost. Neither in this world. And the world to come.

And in Matthew 24. What's the sign of your coming. And of the end of the world. And he talks about. When he comes in power and glory. To establish the kingdom. And so.

Coming back into Matthew 24. 13. He that shall endure unto the end. The same shall be saved. And when they endure unto the end. Of this world. As he's answering the question.

Then comes Jesus Christ. And destroys the enemies of Israel. And sets up a kingdom. That the increase of his government. And peace. There shall be no end.

Amen. That's Isaiah 9. So. We got to. Kind of stop in the middle of this. And pick it up next week. Lord willing. And we're going to get into verse 14. With this gospel of the kingdom.

[35 : 19] Being preached to all the world. For a witness unto all nations. And then. Shall the end come. So he's answering that question. About the end of the world. And it's always connected to that sign of his coming.

So we'll have to stop. This is getting a little heavy. And we can't go any further. Unfortunately. This week. So let's take a 10 minute break. And then.