

Olivet Discourse Introduction

Matthew 24: 1-3

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Amillennialism

“A” = *no or without* = no millennial reign of Christ

The allegorical approach (*symbols and pictures, not literal interpretation*) **became popular**

This view dominates in Catholic and Reformed Protestant Churches (*belief in Replacement Theology = the Church has replaced Israel*)



Promised Land

Amillennialist's say that what Jesus said in **Chapter 24** relates to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by Rome

Postmillennial:

- **“Post”** = after the millennium, Christ returns
- **No 1000-year reign of Christ** on the earth; we are in the Millennium now
- The promises related to the Jews in the Old Testament pertain to the Church, again **Replacement Theology**

- **The Church will usher in the Kingdom; the world gets better and better, we are in the Kingdom now**

Historical:

- **The events in Revelation are happening throughout history**
- **No literal 7-year Tribulation**

Premillennial:

- **Christ returns before the millennial reign of Christ**
- **Literal interpretation - signs and symbols in Revelation are explained in Scripture**
- **We believe in a literal 7-year Tribulation**
- **God is not done with Israel**
- **God's wrath will be poured out upon the nations of the world which have rejected Him**
- **God will restore the Jews to be His people**

Verse 1

**The Disciples are confused about the
Temple being destroyed**



Matthew 6:9-13

9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Every generation, starting with the disciples,
thought Jesus was coming in their time**

Today, the world doubts and denies Jesus' return

Mark of the beast technology is here now!

Digital control exists today!

**The masses want this technology; *it is convenient
and easy peasy!***

Verse 2

The Temple will be destroyed

The Glory of God dwelt in Solomon's Temple

“Shechinah Glory is the visible manifestation of the presence of God.” (Arnold Fruchtenbaum)

The Shechinah Glory appeared in the New Testament with the arrival of Jesus – [John 1: 14](#)

Today, God dwells in you; you are the temple of God!

The Glory of God dwells in every believer!



Verse 3

The disciples ask Jesus three important questions



“When will these things be?”

When will the Temple be left desolate?

*Matthew does not answer this question,
but Luke does*

***“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by
armies, then recognize that her
desolation is at hand” Luke 21: 20
(70 AD fulfilment)***

“What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?”

Both questions address the Second Coming of Christ, not the Rapture!

The Olivet Discourse is all about Israel, not the Church!

The Rapture is for the believing Church!

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

1. It occurs *before* the tribulation
LUKE 21:36
2. Christ comes *for* the saints
I THESS. 4:13-17
3. Christ takes the saints to
heaven **JOHN 14:3**
4. Christ returns to the clouds
I THESS. 4:17
5. Christ is not seen
I COR. 15:52
6. It is the "blessed hope" of the
church **TITUS 2:13**

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

1. It occurs *after* the tribulation
MAT. 24:29-30
2. Christ comes *with* the saints
JUDE 14; REV. 19:11-21
3. Christ brings the saints back to
Earth **ZECH. 14:4-5; REV. 19:14**
4. Christ returns to the Earth
ZECH. 14:4-5
5. Every eye shall see Christ
REV. 1:7
6. It is the great day of His wrath
REV. 19:15

Rapture**Second Coming**

Jesus comes on/with clouds.

Jesus comes on a horse.

Jesus stops in the air.

Jesus comes completely onto the earth.

Jesus brings His people up to Himself.

Jesus brings His people with Him.

God's people get their glorified bodies.

God's people have their glorified bodies.

Judgment & the wrath of God begin with the 7 Trumpets and 7 Bowls as the wicked of mankind are allowed 3 ½ years.

Judgment and wrath of God conclude at the Battle of Armageddon and the end of the wicked from this earth.


The Antichrist and false prophet are allowed 3 ½ more years.

The Antichrist & false prophet are captured and cast in to the lake of fire. The devil is captured and sealed in the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Why I believe the Rapture is Pre-Tribulation:


Daniel 9: 24 *is for Israel only, not the Church!*

I do not believe the Church will be in the Tribulation, which is designed specifically for Israel



Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:24 KJV



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24 -27)

The Decree to Restore

Messiah the Prince

The Coming Prince

Messiah Returns

69 Weeks

Messiah Apr 3, "cut of F" AD.33



1 Week

Church Age

1/2 Week

1/2 Week

March 5, 444 B.C.

Artaxerxes' Decree Neh. 2:1-8

March 30, A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-40

City & Temple destroyed

Aug. 6, A.D. 70

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

We *do not* know the day or the hour that our Lord will return

We *will* know the signs of the times

Of Interest:

- The Pope announces a 7-year plan
- The 2030 agenda is being implemented (United Nations)
- Technology is now present for the antichrist system to be implemented
- Technology is messing with God's gene pool, like the days of Noah
- The Church that predominates in the end time is the Laodicean (*lukewarm*) Church

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- ① Ephesus
- ② Smyrna
- ③ Pergamos
- ④ Thyatira
- ⑤ Sardis
- ⑥ Philadelphia
- ⑦ Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



God is giving the world over to a debased mind
(anti-God, anti-good, anti-honorable)

Madness has become the norm in America,
I believe this is the judgment of God!

Judgment for a nation, or an individual, that God
gives over to their sinful desires

The Olivet Discourse is a *warning* about what is
coming

God always warns before He judges!!

What are we to do?

*As the true Church, we must return to our
Biblical roots*

*We need to proclaim the lifesaving
message of the Scripture – Acts 4: 12*

Bonhoeffer was right, *“to be silent is to speak”*

Speak the truth, don't blend to be safe

May we resolve to share the Gospel, to live it out,
**to not be ashamed, and tell people about Jesus,
their only hope!!**

***“Watch, stand fast in the faith,
be brave, be strong”***

1 Corinthians 16: 13

**Take the high ground and say with
Martin Luther:**

***“Here we stand;
we cannot do otherwise!”***