

**"This generation shall not pass,
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(A study with Matthew 24:1-51 - Part 3 (verses 16 to 20))

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The prophecies of Christ throughout the bible reveal the sovereign work that He is doing in the lives of that generation of which he said "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled".

The bible is written for the elect and this section of God's word is further confirmation of that truth that shows us via symbolism in His signified word (Rev 1:1-3) those who are being identified by their actions that they have been given eyes to see and ears to hear at the end of their age in Christ (Mat 13:16-17).

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew **unto his servants**[Luk 17:10] things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Luk 17:10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Rev 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.[Mat 13:16]

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

A tree is known by its fruit (Luk 6:43-45) and if we are connected to the vine (Joh 15:5-7) and blessed to continue in His word to become disciples indeed who bring forth much fruit (Joh 8:31 , Mar 4:20) then we must be "This generation [that] shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled".

Luk 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Luk 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the **evil treasure** [Rom 2:5] of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. [*both good or evil*]

treasure coming out of the mouth of which Christ said [Mat 15:11](#)]

[Joh 15:5](#) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me[\[Joh 14:20-21\]](#), and I in him[\[Rom 8:9\]](#), the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

[Joh 15:6](#) If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

[Joh 15:7](#) If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

What is being fulfilled in this section of scripture we will look at tonight ([Mat 24:16-20](#)) reveals God's power to both blind the masses while at the same time provide witness through the body of Christ that it is His good pleasure to give His little flock the kingdom today by opening our eyes and ears to read hear and keep the word of God that judges us and is a light unto our path through this life ([Luk 12:32](#) , [Psa 119:105](#)).

[Luk 12:32](#) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

[Psa 119:105](#) NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The kingdom of God can't be sought out by our might or power but rather by the holy spirit that causes us to be that faithful and holy seed that continues to abide in Christ, growing ([2Pe 3:18](#)) and bringing forth much fruit in this age, in this generation, as opposed to being ever searching and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth ([Zec 4:6](#) , [Mar 4:20](#) , [2Ti 3:7](#))

[2Pe 3:18](#) But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

[Zec 4:6](#) Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

[Mar 4:20](#) And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

[2Ti 3:7](#) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[2Ti 3:8](#) Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

[Jannes and Jambres wanted to know the truth, but it was the way that God caused them to withstand the government of God represented by Moses, and their natural resisting of the truth that demonstrated that they had "corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" and that is what it means to be an "enemy of the cross" and why we are constantly being judged so that we don't revert back to where we all were in our appointed time ([Php 3:18](#) , [Gal 1:6-7](#) , [Eph 2:3](#))]

[Php 3:18](#) (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath([Rom 9:22](#)), even as others.

These verses we've looked at so far will hopefully help set the stage for us to see this contrast being discussed in ([Mat 24:16-20](#)) that demonstrates God's power over the good and the evil and how He contrasts the one against the other, both the severity and goodness of our Lord, showing us who He has made approved by His mighty hand, and reminding us that he is not a respecter of persons and will do what he wants when he wants with that which is His own ([1Co 11:19](#) , [Rom 11:22](#) , [Rom 9:19-23](#)).

1Co 11:19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

Rom 11:22 Perceive, then, the kindness and severity of God! On those, indeed, who are falling, severity, yet on you, God's kindness, if you should be persisting in the kindness: else you also will be hewn out."[CLV]

Rom 11:22 See, then, the kindness and the severity of God: upon them who have fallen, severity,—but, upon thee, the kindness of God, if thou abide still in the kindness,—otherwise, thou also, shalt he cut out; [Rotherham]

Rom 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Rom 9:19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

Rom 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

[This spirit in mankind that despises the "riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering" was caused by God who has purposed this hardening of heart to create this contrast that demonstrates his power over all of humanity who will one day come to give an accounting of that absolute sovereign rule over the light and darkness the good and the evil that He made [Rom 9:17](#) , [Rom 2:4-5](#) , [Isa 45:7](#)]

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, [[Eph 1:4-6](#), "according to the good pleasure of his will" [Luk 12:32](#)).

Now we can look at this section of Matthew 24 and see what God expects and knows will happen to this generation that "**shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled**".

Our first verse:

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

God's children are spiritually initially in "**Judaea**" and come out of this region which represents Babylon or spiritual Sodom and Egypt that we must come out of and not touch. This process begins by being baptized by John who comes "preaching in the wilderness of Judaea" ([2Co 6:17](#), [Mat 23:37](#), [Rev 11:8](#), [Rev 18:2](#), [Mat 3:5-6](#)). We look to the mountain from whence comes our help ([Psa 121:1](#)) and do so as inward Jews whose praise is of God ([Rom 2:28-29](#)). The positive way of looking at the word "**Judaea**" is when we are in Christ, or Jerusalem above where we can then bring forth fruit meet for repentance as we come out of the world by being quickened by God's word that is spirit ([Joh 6:33](#)). That quickening is how we can "**flee into the mountains**".

In praising God, and worshipping Him "in the beauty of holiness"([Psa 96:9](#)), we cleanse our hearts and minds of all filthiness or spiritual fornication of Babylon through a life long process of coming out of her my people ([Jas 4:8](#), [Jas 1:21](#)). God has called us to flee fornication, youthful lusts, and riches, and we do this when we present all our earth 'all our body' before Him as a living sacrifice ([Rom 12:1](#)).

[Jas 4:8](#) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded.

[Jas 1:21](#) Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

[Psa 96:9](#) O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, **all** the earth.

[Rom 12:1](#) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies ["**all the earth**"] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

In Christ we are in the world but not of the world ([Joh 17:15-17](#)) and when we are on the "**housetop**^{G1430}" spiritually speaking this means that we are not of this world although were in the house, or in our own temple that has all that is in the world within it ([1Jn 2:16](#)). We're not of the world, and we're not proclaiming the same gospel as apostate churches do, taking things "**out of his house**", out of a mind that reasons carnally, as opposed to being given to receive the true gospel from the "**housetop**" or a raised position in our heavens that God has granted to those with whom he is working with ([Php 2:13](#)) where we are blessed to fulfill these words: "**Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like**

unto a man *that is* **an householder**, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things new and old*" ([Eph 2:6](#) , [Luk 22:11-12](#) , [Mat 13:52](#))

We are about our Father's business now as Christ was ([Luk 2:49](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#) , [Mat 24:14](#)) and we are doing that work not by might or power but by His his spirit ([Zec 4:6](#)), by his righteousness that is likened unto clothing that we are granted to wear ([Rev 19:8](#)). Therefore, if we go back in this world to get our own clothing, we are symbolically rejecting Christ and going back into the world to wear our own clothes as we try to prove our own righteousness which are really as filthy rags unto God ([Heb 6:9](#) , [Php 3:9](#) , [Isa 64:6](#) , [Isa 4:1](#)).

Here are the seven times the Greek word "**housetop**^{G1430}" is used in the new covenant, and it will help us understand the correlation of healing that comes from preaching the gospel as we are sent to all the nations within us and remain ready to give an answer, constantly giving witness for the hope of that gospel that is within us ([Col 1:27-29](#) , [Rev 1:3](#) , [1Pe 3:15](#)).

[Mat 10:27](#) What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops^{G1430}.

[Mat 24:17](#) Let him which is on the housetop^{G1430} not come down to take any thing out of his house:

[Mar 13:15](#) And let him that is on the housetop^{G1430} not go down into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house:

[Luk 5:19](#) And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop^{G1430}, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.

[Luk 12:3](#) Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops^{G1430}.

[Luk 17:31](#) In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop^{G1430}, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

We are sent to preach that gospel and God makes a way where there seems to be none ([Isa 43:16](#)) to redeem his banished ([2Sa 14:14](#)), symbolized by this sick man who is brought into the house ("through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus") the only way any of us can be brought to God as we are given to hear the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ ([1Ti 1:11](#)) that is preached from the "**housetop**^{G1430}"

[Mat 24:19](#) And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

[Mat 24:20](#) But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

These two verses are admonishing us to be diligent, and to be about our Father's business, labouring for the meat that shall not perish, fighting a good fight of faith, as we press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling, knowing that our labour is not in vain in Him

([Heb 11:6](#)). We have got to watch and pray to understand the world events outside of us, the signs and wonders that will deceive many, even the elect if it were possible ([Mat 24:24](#)), all for our sakes to keep us motivated in the process of examining ourselves to see if we are in the faith, dying daily, not being "**with child**" and in need to "**give suck in those days**" [burdened with an immature spirit and the cares of this world that takes us away from being a soldier of the Lord ([2Ti 2:4](#))].

The way to overcome that spiritually lethargic tendency that we all have ([Mat 25:1-9](#)) is to watch and pray ([Mat 26:41](#)) and when we do that we ought to pray "**that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day**", not in a season or time when nothing is happening. When we pray this prayer we are asking our Father to prune us so that we can bring forth more fruit, and this honours him, and encourages us to see that He is working in our heavens and granting us to bring forth that fruit in due season ([Joh 15:2](#) , [Mat 24:45-46](#)). Christ says "**But pray ye**" because it is in the asking that we can receive what we need to remain motivated and overcome in this age ([Jas 4:2-3](#) , [Joh 14:13](#)).

Lord willing when the next Monday night study rolls around for me, we will continue on with this study of Matthew 24 and look at the next series of verses:

[Mat 24:21](#) For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

[Mat 24:22](#) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

[Mat 24:23](#) Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not.

[Mat 24:24](#) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

[Mat 24:25](#) Behold, I have told you before.

[Mat 24:26](#) Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.

[Mat 24:27](#) For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

[Mat 24:28](#) For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.