

The background of the image is a wide-angle photograph of a desert. A light-colored dirt road with visible tire tracks curves from the bottom left towards the center of the frame. The road is flanked by sparse, low-lying desert vegetation. In the distance, a range of rugged, brown mountains rises against a pale, overcast sky. The overall tone of the image is muted and atmospheric.

# The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

## II. THE KINGDOM HAS NOT 13:54-28:20

### 6. The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46

(Matthew 24:15-26)

*“The Three Vital Signs for  
Jewish Deliverance”*

## The Questions:

- One, two, or three questions? v. 3
- Matthew doesn't record the answer regarding the first event.
- Correlation of the three events:
  - 1) Temple's destruction?
  - 2) Sign of Your coming?
  - 3) Sign of end of age?

# 1. The Structure of the Olivet Discourse 24:1-25:46

Part 1 – The Setting of the Olivet Discourse 24:1-3

Part 2 – The Seventieth Seven of Daniel 24:4-26

Part 3 – The Second Coming of Christ 24:27-31

Part 4 – The Series of Parables 24:32-25:46

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### A. Determining what it says:

- “Therefore” v. 15a (Review of vv. 4-14)
- The “abomination of desolation” v. 15
  - Daniel’s sevens. Dan. 9:24-27; 11:29-31, 36-37)
- Judeans instructed to flee vv. 16-20

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- 1) To the mountains v. 16 (cf. “Bozrah” Mic. 2:12)
- 2) Instructed not to gather house items v. 17
- 3) Instructed not to go back for clothes v. 18
- 4) Warning for pregnant and nursing women v. 19
- 5) Instructed to pray that their flight is not in winter or on sabbath v. 20



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## 2. The sign of great tribulation vv. 21-22

### A. Determining what it says:

- “For” v. 21a (The reason for fleeing)
- Unparalleled Tribulation (2<sup>nd</sup> half) v. 21
- The shortening of “those days” v. 22

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### 3. The sign of great deception vv. 23-26

#### A. Determining what it says:

- “Then” v. 23a (during this time)
- Warning of deception vv. 23-26
  - 1) False declarations of Christ’s appearing v. 23
  - 2) False christs and false prophets v. 24
    - a. The first beast Rev. 13:1-10

## The beast from the sea 13:1-10

1. The beast rises v. 1
2. The beast's description vv. 2-4
3. The beast's acts vv. 5-8
4. Warning vv. 9-10

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    - b. The second beast Rev. 13:11-18

## The beast from the earth 13:11-18

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> beast rises v. 11
2. Shared authority v. 12
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> beast's power vv. 13-17
4. Wisdom's guide v. 18

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  - 3) This is advanced warning v. 25
  - 4) Warning to not heed the declarations v. 26



### 3. The sign of great deception vv. 23-26

#### **B. Determining what to do:**

- Understand God's end time program for Israel.
- Understand God's ultimate plan for creation.
- Understand the spiritual warfare in creation.

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## 4. The sign of Christ's coming vv. 27-31

### A. Determining what it says:

- The visible sign v. 27
- The prophetic signs vv. 28-31
  - 1) The location v. 28
  - 2) The luminaries v. 29
  - 3) The lamenting v. 30
  - 4) The lassoing v. 31

#### 4. The sign of Christ's coming vv. 27-31

##### ➤ The prophetic signs vv. 28-31

##### 1) The location v. 28

- Jerusalem (cf. “where Lord?” Lk. 17:37)
- Gog and Magog defeat (cf. Ezek. 39:17-20)
- The two feasts in Revelation
  - 1) The Saints (Rev. 19:6-9)
  - 2) The Birds (Rev. 19:17-21)

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##### 2) The luminaries v. 29

- “Immediately after...” v. 29a
- The sun darkened v. 29b (cf. Joel 3:15)
- The moon will not give its light v. 29c (cf. Joel 3:15)
- The stars will fall v. 29d (cf. Joel 3:16)
- The heavens shaken v. 29e (cf. Joel 3:16)

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3) The lamenting v. 30

- The sign appears in heaven v. 30a
- Tribes will mourn v. 30b
- They will see... v. 30c

Cf. Zechariah 14:10-14

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➤ The prophetic signs vv. 28-31

4) The lassoing v. 31

- Angels sent
- Trumpet sounded
- Elect is gathered
- From all over

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