

When Will These Things Be?

Matthew 24:32-35

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 - The chief priests and elders questioned Jesus' authority. ***Matt 21:23-27***
 - Jesus rebuked the Jewish leaders using the parable of two sons. ***Matt 21:28-32***
 - Using the parable of the wicked vinedresser, Jesus rebuked the Jewish leaders for rejecting Him whom the Father sent. ***Matt 21:33-46***

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 - Jesus used the parable of the wedding feast to show that others would be invited into the kingdom of heaven since those first invited were unworthy. ***Matt 22:1-14***
 - The Pharisees question Jesus about paying taxes. ***Matt 22:15-22***
 - The Sadducees questioned Jesus about the marriage and the resurrection. ***Matt 22:23-33***

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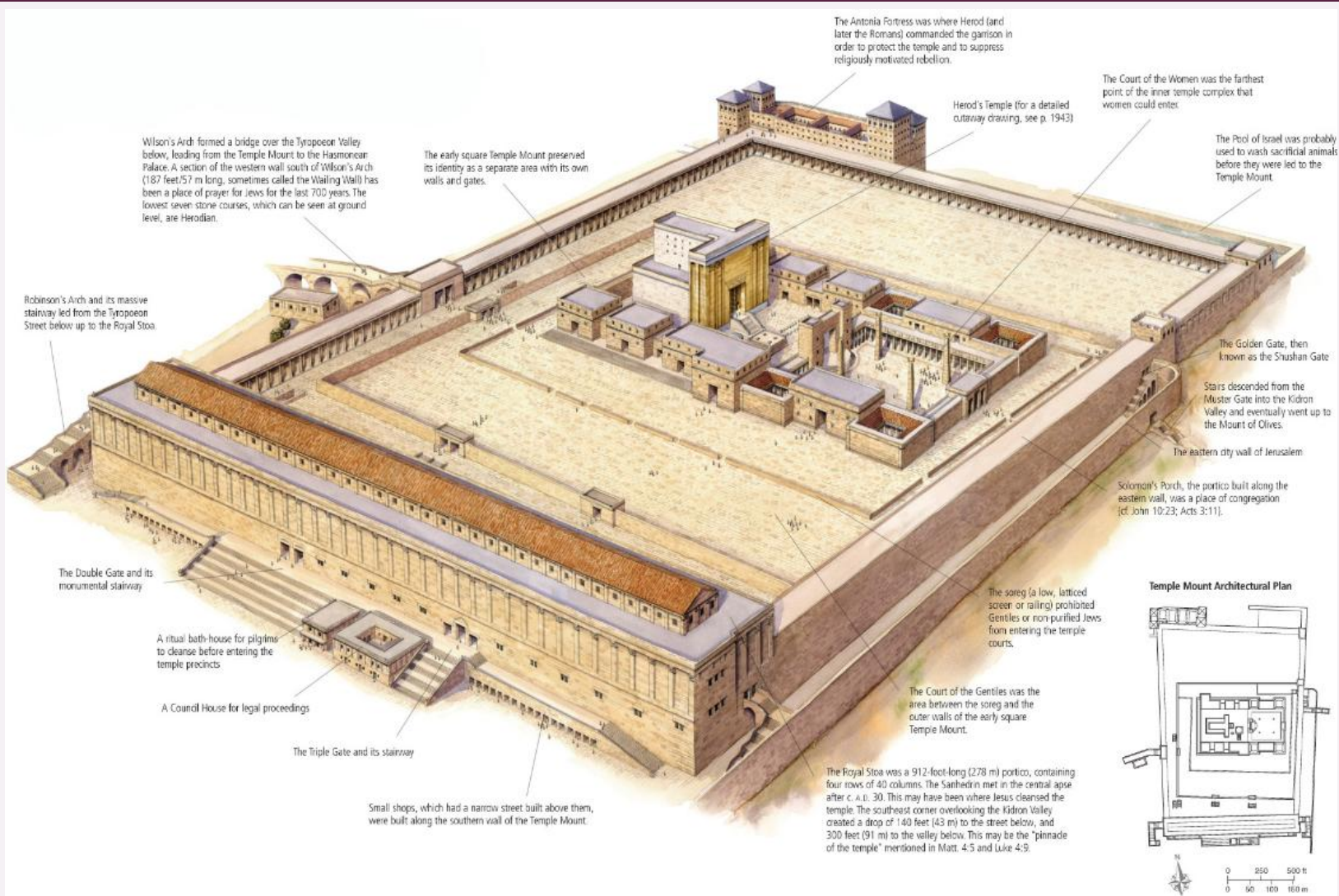
- In Matthew 21:23, Jesus entered the temple area. While there,...
 - A lawyer questioned Jesus regarding which is the greatest commandment. ***Matt 22:34-40***
 - Jesus questioned the Pharisees about who the Christ was the son of. ***Matt 22:41-46***
 - Jesus warned the disciples about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. He also pronounced seven woes against the Pharisees. ***Matt 23:1-36***
 - Jesus lamented over Jerusalem. ***Matt 23:37-39***

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- The coming destruction. ***Matt 24:1-2***
 - The temple was beautiful. Herod had begun reconstructing the temple built by Zerubbabel in 20 B.C.
 - The work on the temple was still in progress during Jesus' life. The work was completed in A.D. 64.
 - Josephus compared the temple to a snow-clad mountain when seen from a distance.

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“Herod’s Temple Mount was the focal point of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. Sitting atop Jerusalem’s northeastern ridge, it occupied one-sixth of the city’s area. Under Herod the Great, the Temple Mount’s foundation was expanded to encompass approximately 1.5 million square feet (140,000 square meters). Its foundational walls were constructed using gigantic stones, the largest found being 45 feet long, 11.5 feet high, and 12 feet thick (13.7 m by 3.5 m by 3.7 m).” (ESV SB)

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- The coming destruction. ***Matt 24:1-2***
 - Jesus said to His disciples, *“Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” vs 2*

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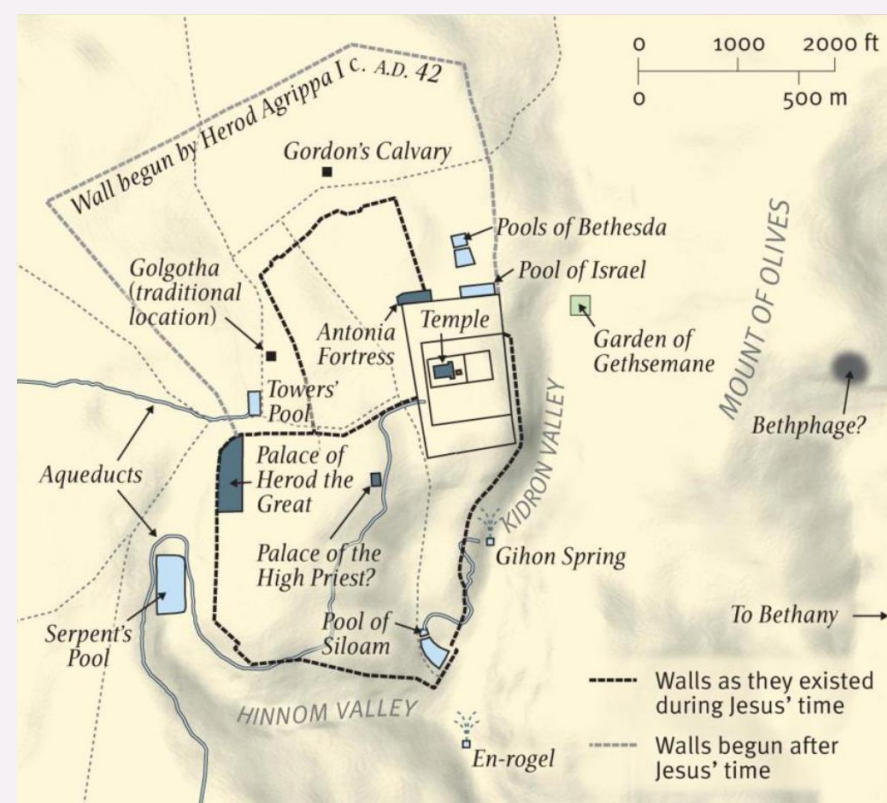
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 - *Solomon's temple had been destroyed due to disobedience. Micah 3:12; cf. Jer 26:4-6, 16-18*

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 - Why would God allow the destruction of the temple?
 - *Herod's temple would be destroyed due to disobedience and the change in covenants.*
 - *In the parable of the wicked tenants, Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it." **Matt 21:33-44; cf. Luke 22:20***

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- The Mount of Olives was east of Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives overlooked the temple mount.



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- Jesus and His disciples went to the Mount of Olives. There they asked Jesus concerning what He had said earlier. ***Matt 24:3***
 - *“When will these things be?”*
 - *“What will be the sign of Your coming...*
 - *and of the end of the age?”*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The beginning of woes. **Matt 24:4-14**
 - *Many terrible things would happen, i.e. rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes.*
 - *There was a famine around 46 A.D. (Acts 11:28).*
 - *There was a famine in Rome in the time of Claudius.*
 - *There were earthquakes in Laodicea in 61 A.D. and in Pompeii in 62 A.D.*

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 - *The disciples would face hatred and tribulations.*
 - *The disciples would face people claiming to be the Christ as well as people claiming to be prophets of God.*
 - *Jesus warns the disciples not to be deceived. They are to endure. vs 4*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The beginning of woes. **Matt 24:4-14**
 - *Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”*
 - *What is the end?*
 - *The end of the temple.*
 - *The end of the Old Covenant law and practices.*
 - *The end of the city of Jerusalem.*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The destruction of Jerusalem. ***Matt 24:15-28***
 - *The “abomination of desolation...standing in the holy place.” vs 15-22*
 - *This phrase was used by Daniel likely to refer to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Seleucid king who ordered an altar to the Greek god Zeus be constructed in the temple (167 B.C.). He also ordered swine and other unclean animals to be sacrificed in the temple.*

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 - *In a similar application, Jesus may have been referring to the defilement and destruction of the temple by the Roman army.*

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 - *Once the disciples saw this fulfillment, they were to flee Jerusalem.*
 - *The destruction was eminent and would be disastrous.*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The destruction of Jerusalem. ***Matt 24:15-28***
 - *Do not listen when people say, “Look, here is the Christ!” vs 23-28*
 - *The trials and tribulations are not signs of the Christ’s arrival. vs 23-25*
 - *When the Christ returns, it will be visible to all the world. vs 26-28*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The sign of the son of Man. **Matt 24:29-31**
 - *Challenging statement due to:*
 - *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days...”*
vs 29
 - *“Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.”*
vs 34

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 - *Not in the sense of Jesus coming as in His second coming.*

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 - *The Jewish system of worship was annihilated.*
 - *Since the day of Pentecost, the Jewish leaders persisted in rejecting the New Covenant and holding to the Old Covenant. Jesus continuously pronounced judgment upon that generation.*

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 - *Verses 29-31 refers to something more imminent.*
 - *Could it refer to the time just after the destruction of Jerusalem?*
 - *With the destruction of Jerusalem, the full wrath of God had fallen upon Jerusalem.*
 - *The only true rule and authority was Jesus Christ. All nations would flow to the Kingdom, the heavenly Jerusalem. Isa 2:1-4*

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- *“When will these things be?”*
 - The lesson of the fig tree. **Matt 24:32-25**
 - *This is a warning to watch for the events of the coming tribulation and the destruction of Jerusalem, as seen earlier in the text.*
 - *The key thought is “this generation will by now means pass away till...” vs 34; Matt 23:34-36*
 - *God’s word would be fulfilled.*
 - *Jerusalem would be destroyed.*

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- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - Mark’s gospel: Peter, James, John, and Andrew ask, *“Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?”* **Mark 13:3**
 - Luke’s gospel: *“So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?”* **Luke 21:7**

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- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - This next section will continue into chapter 25.
 - *The second coming. **Matt 24:36-44***
 - *The faithful and wise servant. **Matt 24:45-51***
 - *The ten virgins. **Matt 25:1-13***
 - *The parable of the talents. **Matt 25:14-30***
 - *The son of man will judge the nations. **Matt 25:31-46***

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- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - The second coming. **Matt 24:36-44**
 - *No one knew the day or hour.*
 - *Be like the days of Noah.*
 - *“Watch therefore...”*
 - *“Therefore you also be ready,...”*

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- *“What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”*
 - The faithful and wise servant. ***Matt 24:45-51***
 - *Do not take the Lord’s “delay” as opportunity to grow apathetic, lazy, and sinful. These servants ;will face the wrath of the Lord.*
 - *The Lord will return. We must always be working and prepared for His return.*

Conclusion

The takeaway...

- Jesus said, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”*
Matt 24:35; cf. 1 Pet 1:22-25

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- Just as John, Jesus, and the apostles warned, the kingdom of heaven was at hand it was time to repent.
- Many did not repent and they saw the wrath of God with the change in covenants and the destruction of Jerusalem.
 - God's wrath fell on that generation.
Matt 12:38-45; 16:1-4