

## **The Coming of Christ as a Thief in the Night**

### **Matthew 24:1-ff**

**The abomination of desolation was when the Roman army surrounded Jerusalem & showed their idolatrous standards (like a flag) with an eagle upon a pole.**

**The word coming is often used in the Old Testament to describe God Coming in Judgment Note:**

### **Matthew 24:12-14**

**Isaiah 35:4 Say to them [*that are*] of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come [*with*] vengeance, [*even*] God [*with*] a recompense; he will come and save you. 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame [*man*] leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, [*shall be*] grass with reeds and rushes.<sup>2</sup> 8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it [*shall be*] for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err [*therein*].<sup>3</sup> 9 No lion shall be there, nor [*any*] ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk [*there*]: 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

### **Matthew 24:14**

**Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with [*them*], and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

**Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

**Romans 10:13-18** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [*cometh*] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

**Colossians 1:5-6** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as [*it is*] in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as [*it doth*] also in you, since the day ye heard [*of it*], and knew the grace of God in truth:

**Colossians 1:23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [*be*] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [*and*] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

**I Thessalonians 1:6-8** And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

**Matthew 24:15ff**

**Matthew 24:29ff**

**Isaiah 13**

**Same language used about Babylon,**

**Ezekiel 32:1ff**

**same language about Egypt**

**Matthew 24:29-30**

**Matthew 24:31**

**Mark 16:15-16**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Joel 2:1ff**

**uses the same language to prophecy the destruction of Judah by Babylon & the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD Note: after Spirit poured out**

**Joel 2:28-32 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, [*that*] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. 32 And it shall come to pass, [*that*] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.**

**Matthew 24:32-34**

**Matthew 24:35-36**

**Matthew 24:37-39**

**Matthew 24:40-42**

**Matthew 24:43**

**I Thessalonians 4:13-18 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [*and*] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.<sup>7</sup> 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we**

**which are alive [*and*] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.<sup>8</sup>**

**I Thessalonians 5:1-6 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as [*do*] others; but let us watch and be sober.**

**Luke 21:23-25 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. 25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;**

**Matthew 24:44-51**