



AN ANALYSIS OF MATTHEW 24

...LESSON 1 – THE CONTEXT OF MATTHEW 24

.....judgment upon that generation / lamenting the city / destruction of temple...

...LESSON 2 – PRE-MATURE SIGNS OF DESTRUCTION

.....wars, famine, earthquakes, false Christs...

...LESSON 3 – WARNINGS TO THE CHRISTIANS.

.....hated, betrayed, delivered up & put to death... / abomination of desolation...

...LESSON 4, FLEEING A CONDEMNED CITY...

.....not in winter, not on Sabbath / not pregnant or nursing children...

.....the time shortened, different events which made it quick...

...LESSON 5, THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN...

.....a challenging text; important to set in context...

...LESSON 6, TRANSITION & SECOND COMING...

of that day & hour **NO ONE KNOWS**

JERUSALEM'S FALL	FINAL JUDGMENT
Signs and more signs (24:5-34)	No signs (24:39, 42-44, 50)

...the topic has changed; v 34-36 is a transitional text...

...[signs] the Lord had answered the disciples' questions about Jerusalem's destruction. He gave signs, warnings, etc..

.....we've looked at corroboration of the fulfillment of these signs as recorded by historians – primarily Josephus, but also Tacitus, Seneca, & the Talmud...

.....as we go forward, we'll see the latter half of the text has no signs in it. Consistently, He says the final judgment comes without warning...

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those days (24:19, 22, 29)	a day / hour (24:36, 38, 42-44, 50)

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. (MARK 13:32-33)

...everything in the 1st half of the chapter speaks of a time frame. Certainly the phrase “those days,” but just the details require time (wars, famines, false teachers, a siege). None of these can occur in a day...

...consistently in the 2nd half of the chapter, a “day” is emphasized. Judgment is not a time frame, but a specific day & hour...

...and [NO ONE] knows when it shall be, except the Father.

...the time of Jerusalem’s destruction was certain; the time of the final judgment cannot be known...

...bible.ca lists 242 date setters, all the way from Theddis in the 1st century (recorded by Josephus) to more contemporary, Hal Lindsey, Jack Van Impe, Harold Camping (May 21, 2011)...

MATTHEW 24:37-39



they ... did not know
UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME

...read 24:37-39

...Noah's contemporaries continued with their daily lives, not knowing the judgment of God was imminent. Right up to the moment the rain began to fall & the deep was opened, they did not know...

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MATTHEW 24:37-39

...so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (MATTHEW 24:37, 39)



**they ... did not know
UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME**

...by that time, it was too late. The door was shut; the judgement was upon them...

...[it will be the same] when Christ comes in judgment. There is no warning; and when it happens, it will be too late to do anything to prepare for it (parables in ch. 25)

MATTHEW 24:40-42

ONE WILL BE TAKEN &
the other left

Greek — αἶρο

To raise up, to raise from the ground, take up, bear away what has been raised, carry off, to move...

Greek — παραλαμβάνο

To take to, to take with one's self, to join to one's self .. an associate, a companion.. to take one's betrothed home...

**WHO IS
TAKEN?**

...read 24:40-41

...some use this as proof of the righteous being “plucked” from the earth – the rapture – prior to a period of tribulation.

...there is a distinction, a separation; but it is not the rapture, which is one part of a much larger doctrine, premillennialism. The doctrine as a whole (rapture, tribulation, millennial kingdom) is not supported by the Scriptures...

...[Question]. In v 39, the wicked were taken in the flood [Gr. airo]. It is a different word in v 40-41, [Gr. paralambano]

.....the righteous are taken by the LORD to heaven (cf. 1 Thes 4:15-17)...

.....the wicked are left – let's look at the Greek word used...

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MATTHEW 24:40-42

ONE WILL BE TAKEN &
the other left

Greek — απηιμι
... to send away... to bid go
away or depart... to send
forth, yield up... let go, let
alone... to give up, keep no
longer, to leave...

Greek — παραλαμβανο
To take to, to take with one's
self, to join to one's self .. an
associate, a companion.. to
take one's betrothed home...

**WHO IS
TAKEN?**

...Gr. aphiem, they are not simply left behind (as the Premillennial doctrine says), but are sent away to eternal destruction (which agrees with the Scriptures: Matthew 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Jn 15:6; 2 Thes 1:7-10; Heb 6:7-8; Rev 3:15-16; 21:8)

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:2**
- **2 Peter 3:10**
- **Revelation 3:3**
- **Revelation 16:15**

...the Lord is not a thief, but it is a suitable illustration about His coming...

...the thief doesn't call ahead, doesn't give warning, doesn't schedule a time...

...[this image] is used elsewhere to speak about the Lord's coming...

...it is fruitless to make predictions of His coming...

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MATTHEW 24:45-51

A FAITHFUL & WISE servant

- ...of that day and hour no one knows... (Mt 24:36)
- ...did not know until the flood came... (Mt 24:39)
- ...you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. (Mt 24:42)
- ...coming at an hour you do not expect. (Mt 24:44)
- ...you know neither the day nor the hour... (Mt 25:13)
- ...after a long time the Lord of those servants came... (Mt 25:19)

Blessed is that servant whom his master,
when he comes, will find so doing.
(MATTHEW 24:46)

...read 24:45-51, another illustration or parable...

...teaching of preparedness & doing good follows thru into ch. 25
also...

...a faithful & wise servant does his master's will, always... (cf. Php
1:27)

...our master is away (not far from us, Mt 28:20), but nonetheless,
away...

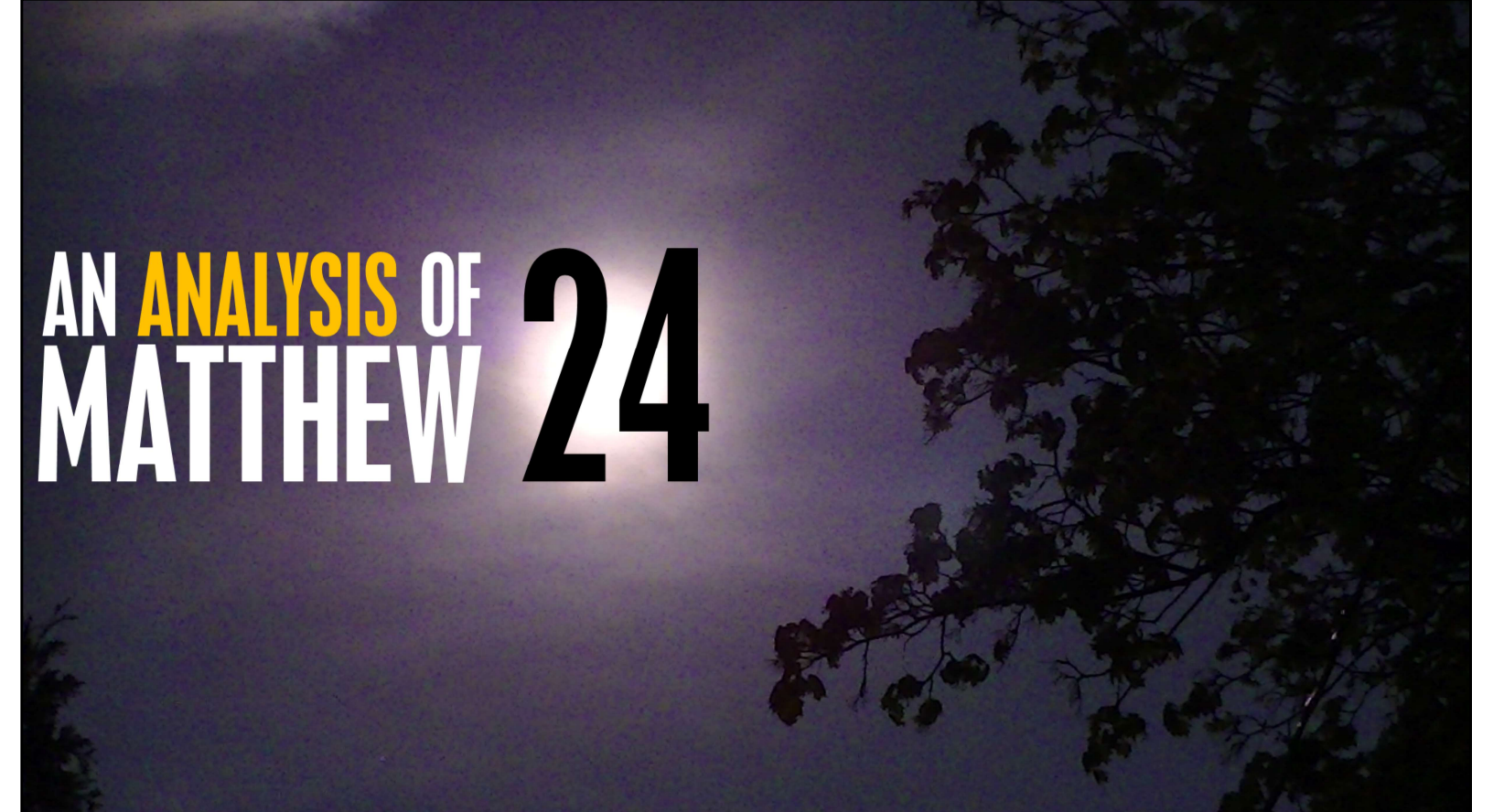
...what are we doing while He is away? [We need to be doing His
will]...

...v 48-49, have we consoled ourselves to do evil while He is delayed?

.....2 Peter 3:9 (purpose of the delay)...

.....judgment awaits those who do not do His will...

..[emphasis], we do not know when He's coming...



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...next week we continue, looking at Matthew 24:28-31, or further...



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