

AN ANALYSIS OF MATTHEW 24

...LESSON 1, THE CONTEXT OF MATTHEW 24 (lamenting city, not one stone...)

...LESSON 2, PRE-MATURE SIGNS OF DESTRUCTION (wars, famines, earthquakes...)

...LESSON 3, WARNINGS TO THE CHRISTIANS. (hated, betrayed, delivered up, put to death; abomination of desolation)

...LESSON 4, FLEEING A CONDEMNED CITY... (winter, Sabbath, pregnant, time shortened)

...LESSON 5, THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN... (2nd coming or Jerusalem?)

...LESSON 6, TRANSITION & SECOND COMING... (no signs, specific day & hour)

...LESSON 7, CHAPTER 25 (parables & further teaching on the judgment)

.....TONIGHT, Luke 17...

LUKE 17	MATTHEW 24
23 – ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’	23 – ‘Look, here...’ or ‘There!’
24 – as the lightning flashes	27 – as the lightning flashes
26 – as it was in the days of Noah	37 – as it was in the days of Noah
31 – on the housetop ... in the field	17-18 – on the housetop ... in the field
34-36 – one taken and the other left	40-41 – one taken and the other left
37 – the body ... the eagles	28 – the carcass ... the eagles



...read Luke 17:20-37

.....what is the text about? The destruction of Jerusalem? The 2nd coming of Christ? Some other event?

.....it is a challenging text, especially when we [set it next to Matthew 24]...

.....it uses the same imagery as Matthew 24, but the order is mixed...

.....[end result], if we use Matthew 24 as a key to understand Luke 17, we have Jesus flip flopping between 2 topics...

.....this once caused me to reject that the latter part of Mt 24 was the 2nd coming...



I am convinced that were it not for the influence of Matthew 24 and Mark 13, no one would even think twice about Luke 17:20-37 referring to the destruction of Jerusalem, yet not a word can be found in Luke 17:20-37 about Jerusalem.

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– *Edgar Dye*

...Edgar Dye was instrumental in helping me understand Luke 17:20-37...

...a statement by brother Dye was especially an eye opener for me...

...[quote] This caused me to not try to make Luke 17 fit Matthew 24, but to simply consider what Luke wrote...

...though he uses some of the same images and wording, that doesn't necessitate that the application of them is the exact same...

...Luke's parallel to Mt 24 is in Luke 21, not Luke 17...

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU

...20-21

...what did they mean by their question?

.....Jewish concept of the kingdom – outward, visible, earthly kingdom with the Messiah reigning as a “world monarch”...

...what Jesus gave as an answer? He affirmed the spiritual nature of the kingdom.

.....it is something [internal], not external; something spiritual, not physical...

.....cf. Jn 18:36; Ro 14:17

...NOTE – not specifically within the Pharisees!!

.....ESV – “is in the midst of you.” /NASB – “is in your midst.” (NIV)

...they sought an earthly kingdom; essentially he told them that the way had already been prepared, the King had already come, the Kingdom was present, and they had missed it...

LUKE 17:22-25

one of the days OF THE SON OF MAN

Regret merges into longing hope The word 'one' is emphatic : - 'even a single day.' (The Bible Commentary, F.C. Cook)

In the first place, our Lord addressed these words (the words of verse 22) to the disciples, who, in long weary years of toil and bitter opposition which lay before them (cf. John 16), would often long to be back again among the days of the old Galilean life, when they could take their doubts and fears to their Master, when they would listen without stint to his teaching, to the words which belonged to the higher Wisdom, Oh, could they have him for only one day in their midst again! (Pulpit Commentary)

...the context has changed – the disciples (no reference to Pharisees after this)...

...don't force the Pharisees' question on the following context. He doesn't limit Himself to the coming of the kingdom, but speaks of what will happen in the days of His kingdom...

...v 23-24, deception about His return. Do not be deceived...

...NOTE, v 22, "you will not see it." This cannot be the destruction of Jerusalem. They would see it (Mt 24:33-34; Mk 13:29-30; Lk 21:31-32)...

...what is "one of the days"? NOT a day of judgment, but a time when they were with Jesus. The "good old days," [as it were]... ...those were happy days for His disciples (Lk 5:33-35). Oh to have just one of those days, just a bit of those joyful & [comforting times] again...

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LUKE 17:22-25

one of the days
OF THE SON OF MAN

...AS THE LIGHTNING THAT FLASHES ...SO
ALSO THE SON OF MAN WILL BE IN HIS DAY

...they will not see “one of the days” (v 22)

...don’t follow the deceivers (v 23)

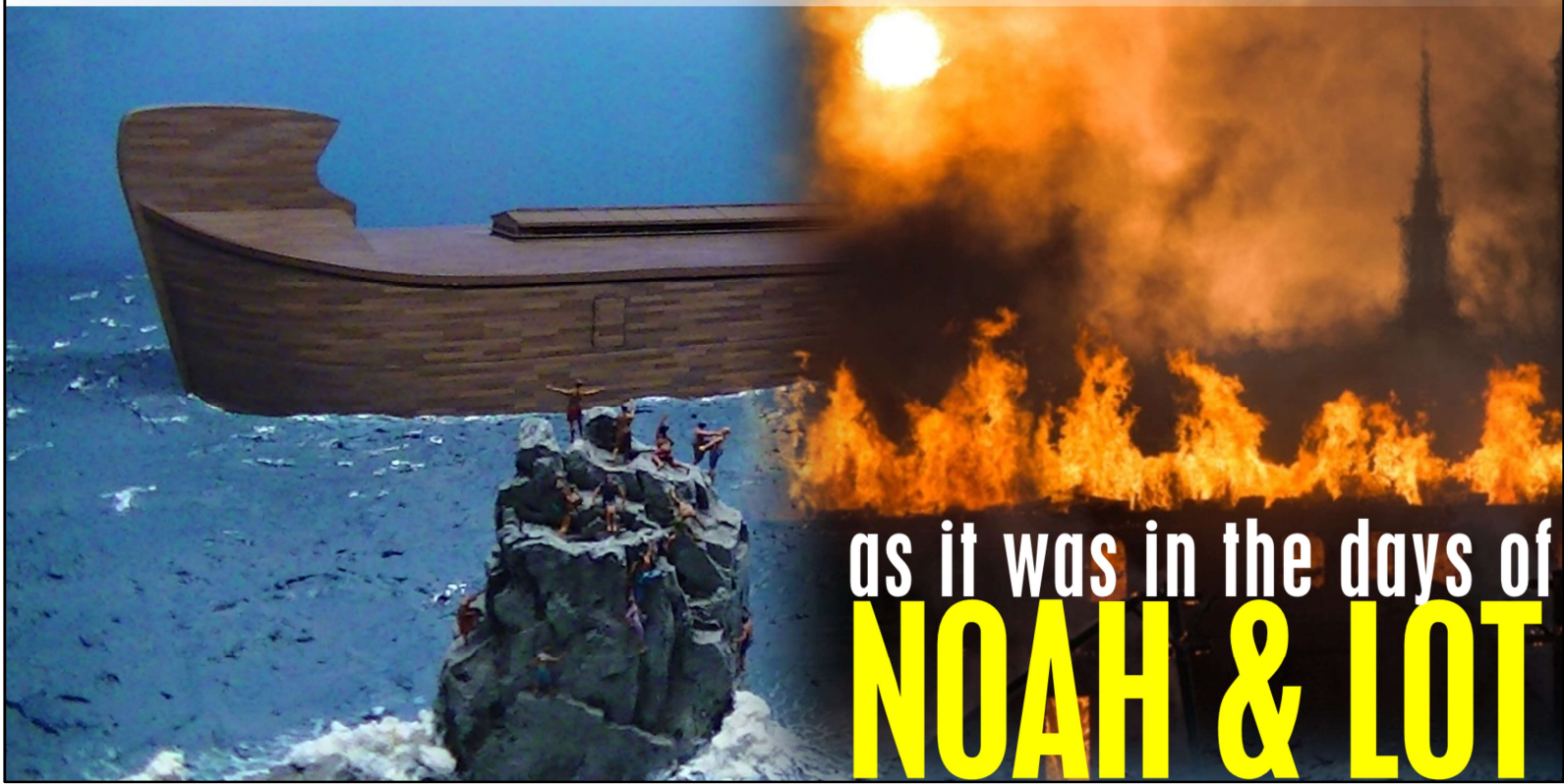
...v 24 speaks of the [DAY of His coming] – the final judgment. Again, context reveals this cannot be destruction of Jerusalem, though the same image is used of that event in Mt 24:27

...lightning – swift, powerful, seen by all.

...v 25 – he takes this opportunity to remind them again that He must suffer & die (cf. Lk 9:22)

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LUKE 17:26-30



...read 17:26-30

...He continues to explain “His day” to the disciples...

...these verses parallel Mt 24:37-41

...He parallels the final judgment to 2 previous judgments, days of Noah; days of Lot...

...life will be “business as usual,” the same ol’ same ol’; judgment will be unexpected; people will be unprepared...

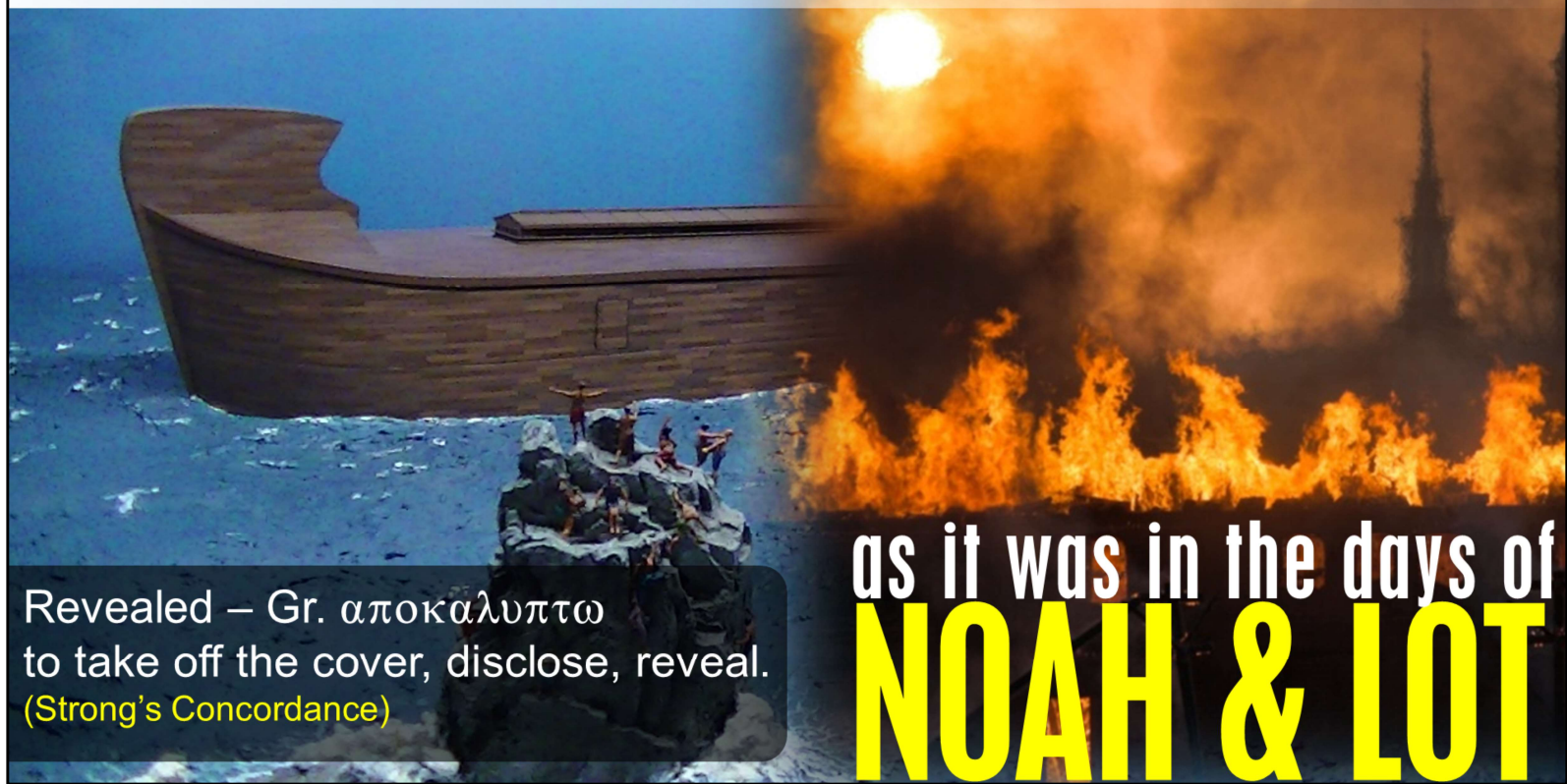
...this CANNOT be about Jerusalem, for it would have signs (Mt 24:4-34). No signs here...

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LUKE 17:26-30



...Gr, apoca-loop-to (sound familiar?)

...the destruction of Jerusalem was not hidden. It was explicitly foretold many years before it happened; and had various signs accompanying it...

...the second coming of Christ is hidden until the last day...

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...read 17:31-33

...similar to Mt 24:17-18, but they are not about the same events...

...in Mt 24, don't go back; the situation demands urgency, life & death escape...

.....don't die because of love for earthly possessions...

...in Lk 17, the context demands that it be about the 2nd coming of Christ...

.....of course fleeing or escaping the judgment is impossible; be prepared for when He comes, there is no preparing when He comes...

...if we are not ready when the Lord comes, there is no opportunity to make ready (Mt 25)

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**WHOEVER SEEKS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT,
AND WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE WILL PRESERVE IT.**

...the example of Lot's wife drives home the tragedy of being zealous for this world and not obeying God's will...

...led away from destruction & yet chose damnation by looking back...

...must set our hearts on eternity, not this world. If we do so, we will be prepared, whenever he comes...

[v 33], a common admonition, Mt 10:38; 16:25; Mk 8:35; Lk 9:24; Jn 12:25

...which do we value more, this life or eternal life? Self-seeking = self-losing.

...this verse also demonstrates the text cannot be about Jerusalem, for the point of the signs was to save life (24:22). This text says losing one's life is necessary...

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LUKE 17:34-36

**one is taken &
THE OTHER LEFT**

Taken – Gr. παραλαμβάνω

To receive near, associate with oneself (in any familiar or intimate act or reaction); by analogy, to assume an office; to learn, receive, take unto. (STRONG'S)

Taken – Gr. αφήμι

To send forth; ...forsake, lay aside, leave, let (alone, be, go, have), omit, put (send) away, remit, suffer, yield up. (STRONG'S)

**...NOT left behind
& given a 2nd
chance.**

...read 17:34-36

...these verses parallel Mt 24:40-42, which deals with the 2nd coming...

...all will be part of one group or the other, taken or left. Saw this in the parables in Mt 25 (5 wise, 5 foolish / 5 & 2 talent, 1 talent / sheep & goats)...

...[taken] par-al-am-ban-o

...[left] af-ee-ay-mee


...this “take it or leave it” scenario is whether the Lord takes us or leaves us. If he [leaves us], it is unto destruction, not a second chance (premillennial theory)...

...Noah was removed, Lot was removed, the faithful are removed;

...Noah's contemporaries perished; Lot's contemporaries perished; the wicked will perish...

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where
LORD?

Where do eagles gather?
ANYWHERE & EVERYWHERE

...read 17:37


...parallel to Mt 24:28. There it is about Jerusalem. Here, the 2nd coming...

...[where?] The question illustrates they didn't understand. Didn't know D, B & R; how could they understand the final judgment? Ac 1:6 is another question asked in ignorance...

...[Jesus helps] ... [wherever] the (dead) body is...; judgment will be worldwide...

...all wicked in Noah's day; all wicked in Sodom; all wicked in the world...

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...concluded...

.....next – Galatians...



...next week we continue, looking at Matthew 24:11-15...