

JESUS ANSWERS THREE QUESTIONS

Matthew 24:3 When shall these things be when one stone would not be left upon another?

Luke 21:20-24 answers the first question. Jerusalem will be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. and the people were led away captive into all nations. Luke is the Gospel to the Gentiles in particular.

Matthew is the Gospel to the Jew and presents the distant future when King Jesus is coming to set up His Kingdom. Matthew omits answering the first question.

Matthew 24:9-22 answers the question: What shall be the signs of the end of the age before Christ returns? These signs occur during the 7 year Tribulation which comes upon Israel and are redemptive by God's design. Israel will be hated by all nations. False prophets will deceive many. The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations. Many will be saved by believing the Gospel. The abomination of desolation will stand in the holy place. People will flee Judea into the mountains. Great Tribulation shall be such as has never been nor will ever be again.

Matthew 24:23-51 answers the question: What will be the signs of Christ's return to earth to set up His Kingdom? Christ's coming will be sudden like lightning. There will be astronomical signs in the heavens in which all the nations will mourn and see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Angels will gather tribulation saints. Saints will enter the Millennial Kingdom while the unsaved will be taken in judgment. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left (verse 40). Remember, Matthew 24 is written to the Jew and has nothing to do with the Church. The Church was raptured before the 7 year Tribulation.

After the 7 year Tribulation, the Church comes with Christ to earth at His Second Coming to set up His Kingdom.

Revelation 19:7,8,11-14

