



# MATTHEW

*The Prophecy Fulfilled*

# Woe unto us?



- I am sending you prophet! (34)
- “all these things will come upon this generation.”
  - The sin and guilt of the rejections of His Word...
- His response?
  - I wanted to gather you! As chicks...
  - Unwilling! Desolate house...

# Until you say...



- Jesus put a promise in place... hope!
  - Destruction in 70AD and another yet to come...
  - The “desolation” is only for a time...
- Jesus will be received by Jews ~ 144,000!
  - The return of God’s people to Him - Rom 11:25ff
  - He reminds them of their words at His entry... He leaves







# Jesus and the Temple



- Stones of the Temple Mount
  - 70x10x8 – enormous and heavy (up to 50 tons)
  - Jo 2:20 – 46 years to build
  - They were fascinated by the durability
  - All would be destroyed! (70 AD)
  - Not one stone upon another... all that is left are the retaining walls – left as a testimony...
  - Titus tried to keep the Temple, Jews set it aflame and Romans finished the job – Jewish Wars, Josephus

# The Three Key Questions



- When will “these things be”
  - This refers to the Temple Destruction
- “sign of your coming”
  - This is the Rapture/Gathering
- “End of the Age”
  - The establishment of the Millennial Kingdom
- Which question is He answering?



# Warning #1



- Deception and wandering (planao)
  - This runs thru the entire discourse! (4,5,11,24)
  - Knowledge of the Word!
  - Many will come; many will be misled!
  - Contrary to the warning!!!!
  - All in “the Name” ~ claiming His authority...
  - Are we protected from wandering???

## #2 Wars/Rumors & #3 Disasters



- This was true prior to 70 AD
  - Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellisu all met bad ends
  - Many declared and undeclared wars...
  - Jesus says: “don’t be disturbed” to cry out...
  - These things **MUST** happen
  - Not yet the end...birth pangs begin (8)
  - Anti-Christ, War, famine, earthquakes...

# #4 Persecution



- “then” ~ this points to a specific chronology (9)
  - Deliver you to Tribulation (*thlipsis*)
  - Kill you
  - Hated by all nations on My account
  - “many” fall away because of this...
  - False prophets now arise ~ “many” misled! (7:5)
  - Lawlessness increases; love grows cold (many)
  - Mutual hatred and distrust... lulled to isolation...

# Endurance and Preaching



- The one who endures to the end (13)
  - Is this the end of the age or of your life?
  - *hupomeno* ~ abide under, take patiently
- This Gospel of the Kingdom
  - Not other gospels...money, wealth, ease...
  - ...for these, look to the false prophets!
  - *oikoumene*, world, earth, *ethnos*, nations
  - Then the end will come!!!