

Survey of the New Testament
“An Exposition of the Olivet Discourse”

I. Introductory Remarks

A. Key Texts

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

a. Matthews account will be the main focus.

B. Interpretive difficulties

1. D. A. Carson
2. Various orthodox positions:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

II. Expository notes.

A. Verses 1-2

1. Magnificence of the Temple

- a. See picture.

B. Verse 3

1. Disciples seem to note the destruction of the temple and close of redemptive history are related in time.

C. Verses 4-8

1. Note reference to “the end.” What end?

D. Verse 9-14

1. A general description of “the end” is in view.
2. Note necessity of missionary task.
 - a. To be completed or to be complete?
3. Review of verses 4-14.
 - a. General description of “the end.”
 - b. Intervening period between the f_____ and s_____
 - a_____.

E. Verses 15-26

1. “Abomination of Desolation”
 - a. An allusion to Daniel.
 1. See Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

b. Daniel's original prophecy was fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanies, but Jesus indicated a further fulfillment.

c. Luke's account clarifies the fulfillment.

1. Roman conquest, 66-70 A.D.

2. Note Verse 21.

a. An end time (Second Advent) event?

1. ___! T_____ h_____ found in the Old Testament (See Ex 11:6; Ezek 5:9; Joel 2:2).

F. Verses 27-28

1. Once again, note the occasions of Matthew's usage of the "Son of Man" designation.

a. Some will not die before the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom. Note comparison between Matthew 16:28; Luke 9:27; and Mark 9:1.

2. What about lightning? Is this the second coming or the enthronement and inauguration of His Kingdom?

3. Jesus is combining two Old Testament texts.

a. Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-5

b. Zechariah 9:14; Daniel 7:12-14

4. What about the corpse and vultures?

G. Verses 29-30

1. Note cosmic event language – The end of time or something else?

2. The coming of the Son of Man and the destruction of Jerusalem.

a. Consider historical description of what took place in AD 70.

1. Josephus
 2. Titus and the pillaging of the Temple
 3. Tacitus
 4. F.F. Bruce
- b. Meaning of “angelos.”

H. Verses 32-35.

1. The fig tree.
 - a. Which generation will not pass away?

I. Verse 36

J. Verse 37-39

1. The coming of the Son of Man and judgment.

K. Verses 40-51

1. The dire situation of Jerusalem.
2. Is Jesus description of judgment a reference to the final judgment or the inauguration of the kingdom?