

# Stay True & Ready

Matt 24

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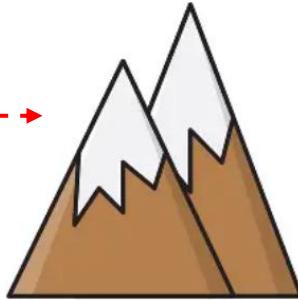


## Structural Outline of **Matthew** - 5 Major Teaching Blocks (Discourses)

Matt 5-7	<b>The kingdom of the Messiah: Its character</b>	(Sermon on the Mount)
Matt 10	<b>The kingdom of the Messiah: Its mission &amp; messengers</b>	(Mission Discourse)
Matt 13	<b>The kingdom of the Messiah: Its reach &amp; expansion</b>	(Parable Discourse)
Matt 18	<b>The kingdom of the Messiah: Its implications (Living with one another)</b>	(Discourse on the Church)
<b>Matt 24-25</b>	<b>The kingdom of the Messiah: Waiting &amp; getting ready for the end times</b>	<b>(Olivet Discourse)</b>

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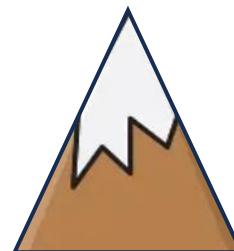
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when his disciples came to point out  
to him the buildings of the **temple**.  
2 But he answered them, “You see all these,  
do you not? Truly, I say to you, there  
will **not be left here one stone upon**  
**another** that will not be thrown down.”  
3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives,  
the disciples came to him privately,  
saying,  
“Tell us, **when will these things be**,  
**& what will be the sign of your**  
**coming & of the end of the age?**”



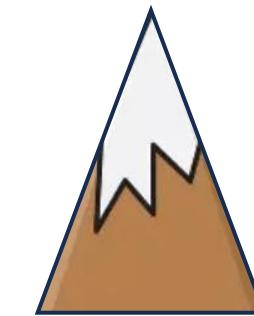
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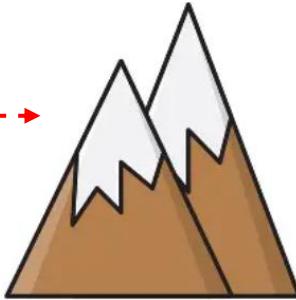


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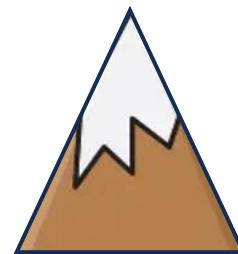


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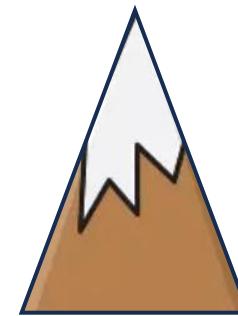


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4 And Jesus answered them,

**See that no one leads you astray.**

5 For many will come in my name,

saying, 'I am the Christ,' & they will lead many astray.

6 And you will hear of **wars & rumors of wars.**

**See that you are not alarmed,**

for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation will rise against nation, & kingdom against kingdom,

& there will be **famines & earthquakes** in various places.

8 **All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.**

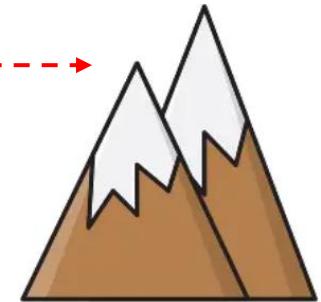
9 Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation & put you to death,**

& you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then **many will fall away** & betray one another & hate one another.

11 And **many false prophets will arise & lead many astray.**

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, **the love of many will grow cold.**



15 So when you see the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by the prophet Daniel, **standing in the holy place** (let the reader understand),

16 then **let those who are in Judea flee** to the mountains.

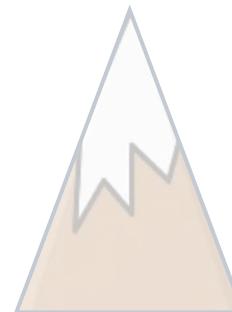
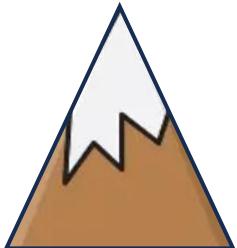
17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house,

18 & let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak.

19 And alas for women who are pregnant & for those who are nursing infants in those days!

20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

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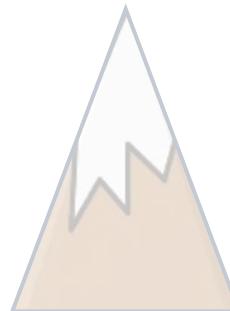
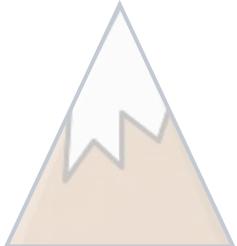
21 For then **there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, & never will be.

22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it.

24 For **false christs & false prophets will arise** & perform great signs & wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

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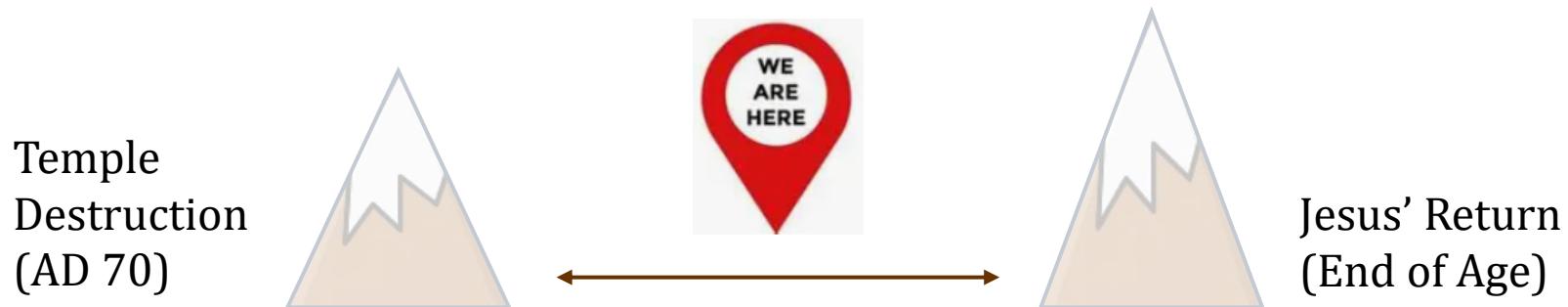
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25 See, I have told you beforehand.

26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out.  
If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.

27 **For as the lightning comes from the east & shines as far as the west,  
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

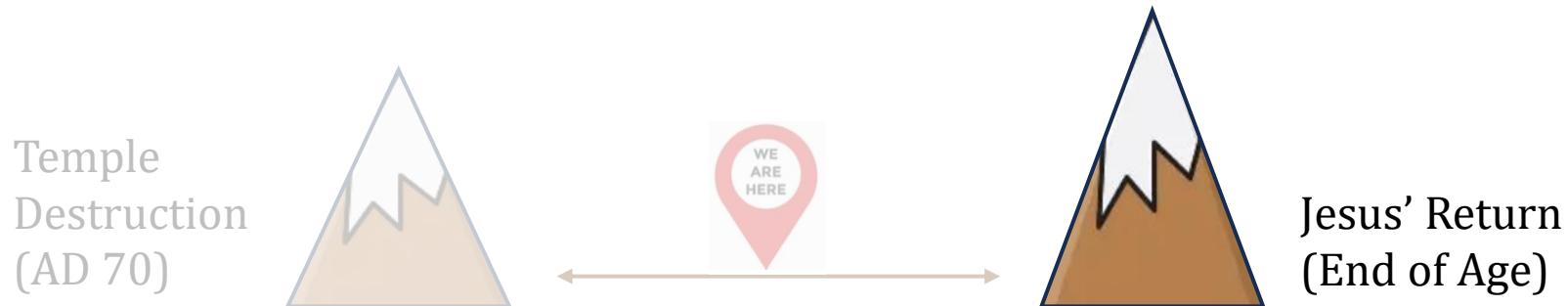
28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.



29 Immediately **after the tribulation of those days**  
the **sun** will be **darkened**, & the **moon** will not give its light,  
& the **stars** will fall from heaven, & the **powers** of the heavens will be **shaken**.

30 **Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man**,  
& then all the tribes of the **earth** will **mourn**, & **they will see the Son of Man**  
**coming on the clouds of heaven with power & great glory**.

31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, & they will gather  
his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



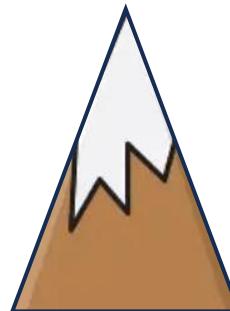
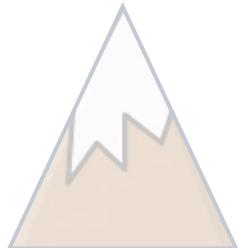
32 From the **fig tree** learn its lesson:  
as soon as its **branch** becomes **tender** & puts out its **leaves**,  
**you know that summer is near.**

33 So also, when you see all these things,  
**you know that he is near**, at the very gates.

34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away  
until all these things take place.

35 Heaven & earth will pass away, but **my words will not pass away**.

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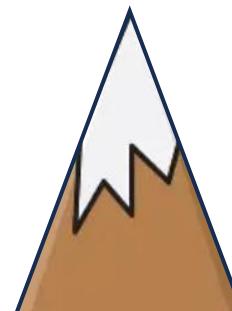
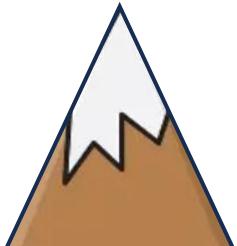
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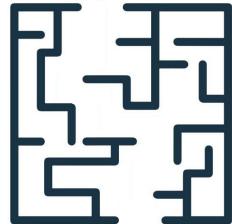
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**Stay true**



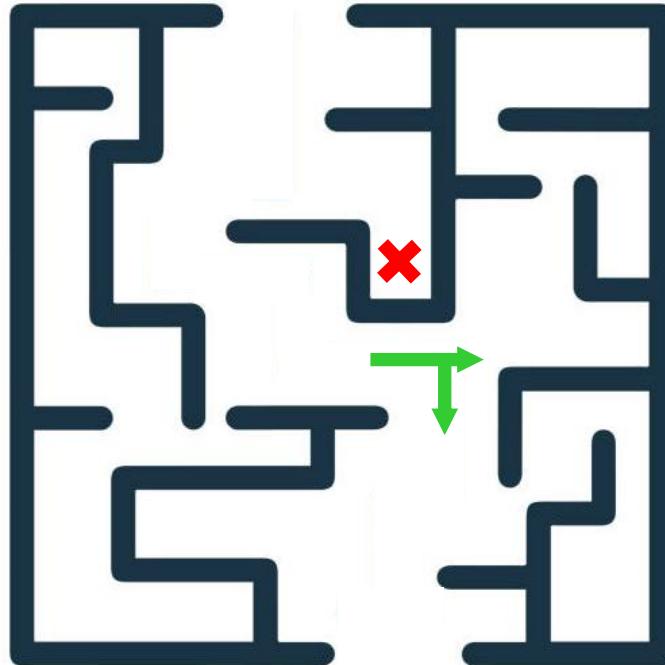
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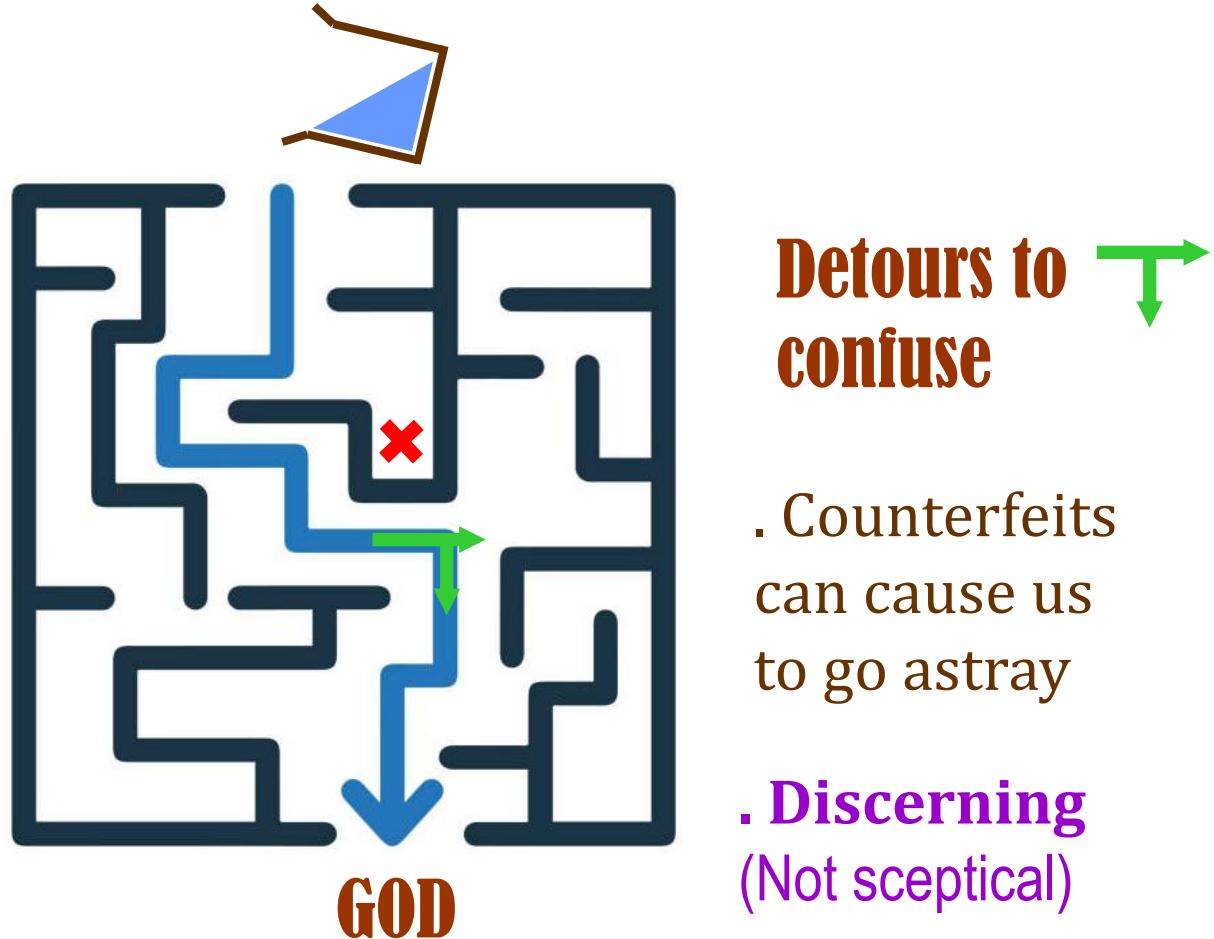
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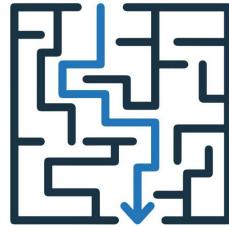
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Implications:

36 But concerning that day & hour **no one knows**,  
not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

37 For **as were the days of Noah,**  
**so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

38 For as in those days before the flood  
they were eating & drinking, marrying & giving in marriage,  
until the day when Noah entered the ark,

39 & they were unaware until the flood came & swept them all away,  
**so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken & one left.

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken & one left.

42 Therefore, **stay awake**,  
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- . His Coming or our Home-going

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# Matt 25

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. The Call to  
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Parable of  
wise & foolish  
Virgins

Parable of  
faithful & lazy  
Servants

25:14-30

25:31-46

. The Final  
Outcome

Jesus wel-  
comes His  
'sheep' &  
judges the  
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- We must be ready
- . like the wise virgin, we mustn't be presumptuous
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- When Jesus returns, He will separate His people from those who are not His

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46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will **find so doing** when he comes.

47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

48     But if that wicked servant says to himself, '**My master is delayed**',

49     & begins to **beat his fellow servants**  
        & **eats & drinks with drunkards**,

50 the master of that servant will come on a day  
    when he does not expect him & at an hour he does not know

51     & will cut him in pieces & put him with the hypocrites.  
In that place there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth.

**. Faithful**  
**Doing all that Jesus has entrusted**

**. Wise**  
**Maximizing all the**  
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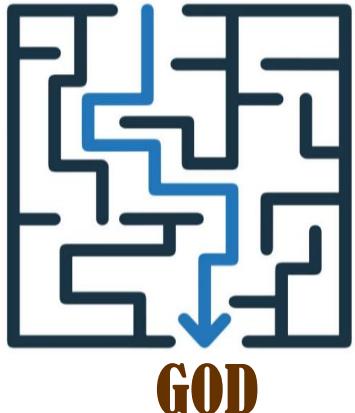
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Tough times  
& false christs



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Christ's coming &  
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