

Sermon Outline
“The Great Tribulation”
Matthew 24:16-28

I. Review – Mt 24:15

The 70th “week” of Dan 9 fulfilled by the coming of Christ
Messiah is “cut off” Dan 9:27 *cf.* Isa 53:8

To shut up transgression v. 24; Ps 51:1, 9

To make an end of sin v. 24; Is 53:5; Heb 9:19-26

To make reconciliation v. 24; Ps 65:3; Heb 9:14

To bring in everlasting righteousness v.24; Heb 10:12-14

He shall cause sacrifice to cease v. 27; Heb 9:11-12

II. A three part warning – Mt 24:16-28

A “Then” vv. 16-20 – “Flee from Jerusalem”

After the abomination there is still time to flee

Lk 21:20-21 “armies” surrounding Jerusalem

Vespasian, the Edomites, Titus

At that time, you must flee and not hesitate (*cf.* Gen 19:17, 26)

Hardship: mothers, winter, Sabbath

B “Then” vv. 21-22 – “Recognize the great tribulation”

The worst ever (“before or **ever after**”) *cf.* Dan 12:1

Days are cut short – siege of only 5 months

Saving of the “chosen people” (*cf.* Gen 18:22-32)

The tribulation is the destruction of Jerusalem

See Rev 18:1-24 (*cf.* v. 24 w/ Mt 23:29-36)

A¹ “Then” vv. 23-28 – “Ignore false deliverers”

Those who claim to be anointed or to be prophets

Simon bar-Giora, a “king,” and others

Performing “signs & wonders”

But remember Jesus’ warning about this: Mt 12:38-39

Josephus records numerous examples during the siege.

Consider Deut 13:1-3; IIThess 2:8-12; Acts 8:9-11.

“You have been warned!” v. 25 (*cf.* v. 4)

His presence will be fully manifested in judgment vv. 27-28

III. What we should learn and take away

God’s promises are certain; both of salvation and judgment.

II Pet 3:3-9

God always reserves protection for his people.

Rev 2:10