

Sermon Outline

“The Time of Destruction”

Matthew 24:3-14

- I.** The big picture – the powers of heaven shaken vv. 29-30
The completion of the age (v. 3)

Prophetic language about judgment (*esp.* Babylon)

Isaiah 13:6-19; 14:4-15; 34:1-4; Ezekiel 32:5-8; Joel 2:10-11,
30-32; 3:14-15; Amos 8:9; Zephaniah 1:14-18

See also: Isaiah 48:20-22; 52:11-12

- II.** Jesus’ answer to the first question, “when?”

A. Part One: “not the end” vv. 4-6

Don’t be deceived v. 4

False deliverers (deceiving) v. 5

Wars & rumors of wars v. 6

B. Part Two: “the end shall come” vv. 7-14

1. Section One: The beginning of sorrows vv. 7-8

Nation vs. nation, kingdom vs. kingdom

Famine, earthquakes, pestilence

2. Section Two: The end shall come vv. 9-14

Affliction of Jesus’ disciples v. 9

Betrayals and hatred v. 10

False prophets (deceiving) v. 11

Men turning away v. 12

Preservation of the faithful v. 13

Preaching throughout the world v. 14

- III.** For the church today

A. Do not be blown about by winds of doctrine Eph 4:11-16

B. Be confident that Jesus is reigning as King today Mt 26:64

He has ascended to the throne – his presence (*parousia*) is in the world now as reigning King. The world is not out of control or in chaos; rather he is waiting at the right hand of the Father for his enemies to be made his footstool (Ps 110:1-2; Mt 22:44; Acts 2:32-36; Heb 1:3, 13; I Cor 15:25-26).