

# **The Jew and You**

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I. Introduction. Text: Matthew 24:15-24.

II. Clear historical events.

- A. The removal of the body of Christ by an act of transfiguration with the rapture of the church.
- B. The destruction of the great powers of the north.
- C. The collapse of a religious colossus known as Babylonianism.
- D. The emergence of an individual who through intrigue and popularity mounts to worldwide power propagating the lie that man is his own god.
- E. The standing of the abomination of desolation in the Holy Place ushering in the worst time in the world.

III. The abomination of desolation standing in the Holy Place.

A. The people Jesus forewarns: those around Judea.

- 1. The Lord's mention of the Sabbath establishes that they are Jews.
- 2. The Lord's mention of the elect makes clear that they believe Jews.
- 3. They are not Gentiles--Christians are free from the law.

B. The event He foretells.

- 1. The Lord would descend with a shout, the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of the Lord.
  - a. The Lord comes with a shout to wake the dead. (John 5:28)
  - b. The archangel, Michael, is always associated with the Jews--he calls a new body of people linked with Israel. (Daniel 12:1, Revelation 7)
- 2. Jesus remains with the church when they are raptured, but He appears from time to time to the 144,000 Jews.
  - a. These are 144,000 "Paul's" because of their preaching.
  - b. This is the period of God's renewal of activity with the Jews.
  - c. The 144,000 would be martyred during this time.
  - d. The 144,000 would not be a restraint because they will only act individually.

3. The philosophy that man does not need God will be advanced, and destruction will befall men.

IV. What can be taken away.

A. This time has not yet come upon us. A person is on one side or the other--one must respond to the invitation of grace.

B. The world is on schedule and is moving as predicted.

C. God's dealing with Israel is forever a picture of His dealings with us. God knows how to break through unbelief.

**Application questions:**

1. What is God's plan for the Jewish people in the end times?

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2. After 144,000 are martyred, the philosophy of independence from God will be advanced. How do we see this philosophy in our culture today?

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3. How can a Christian find encouragement in how God deals with the Jews? Explain.

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