“The Olivet Discourse”

... the most detailed teaching by Jesus on future things/end times.

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THREE GOSPEL PASSAGES:

MATTHEW 24-25
MARK 13
LUKE 21
The Olivet Discourse: A.D. 70, Future, or Both?

The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21) is Christ's second longest message; longest is Sermon on the Mount.
SITS BETWEEN 2 MAJOR EVENTS:

JESUS’ FINAL WORDS IN HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY &

THE LAST PASSOVER (FIRST LORD’S SUPPER)
Basic Purpose:
To answer the question …

“When & how would the Messianic Kingdom come into being?”
THE HISTORICAL SETTING:

- AFTER JESUS’ ATTACK ON THE PHARISEES
- MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE COMPOUND BEING BUILT BY KING HEROD
- JESUS & DISCIPLES LEAVED THE TEMPLE COMPOUND FOR THE LAST TIME DURING JESUS’ LIFETIME
The Disciples ask 3 Questions:

1. Tell us when these things shall be?
2. What shall be the sign of your coming?
3. What shall be the sign of the end of the world?
TWO CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH AGE:

1. RISE OF FALSE MESSIAHS (MANY)
2. EXISTENCE OF LOCAL WARS (STILL NOT A SIGN OF THE END)
Events to occur before the sign that the end of the age has begun:

1. Rejected by the Jews
2. Rejected by the Gentiles
3. Undergo persecution (testimony)
4. Proclaim Gospel everywhere
5. God will give words divinely at trial
6. Rejected by family members
7. Hated by all men (martyred)
8. Nevertheless, salvation assured
9. Succeed in winning many souls
ANSWER TO 1ST QUESTION

JERUSALEM SURROUNDED BY ARMIES
TRODDEN DOWN BY GENTILES UNTIL THE MESSIAH RETURNS
Events of the first half of the Tribulation:

1. Tremendous persecution of saints
2. Rise of many false prophets
3. Tremendous rise of sin - evil not restrained
4. Jews who survive to end of Tribulation will be saved
5. World-wide preaching of the Gospel by the 144,000 Jews of Revelation 7
E V E N T S O F T H E 2 N D H A L F O F T H E T R I B U L A T I O N:

1. **Abomination of Desolation**
2. **Jews will flee out of the land**
3. **World-wide anti-Semitism**
4. **Israel will survive although reduced**
5. **False Messiah will rise (aka AntiChrist)**
6. **Many false signs/miracles/wonders meant to deceive world-wide**
7. **People saying that the Messiah has come**
8. **Hint of place of 2^{nd} coming – Bozrah/Petra**
What will be the sign of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} coming?

Total blackout

Sign of the Son of Man will appear – God’s Shekinah Glory

~ Then the Messiah will return
Jesus gives more information:

Regathering of Israel
Exhortation to look up
Parable of the Fig Tree
The Rapture of the church
WATCH ... BE READY ... LABOUR

PARABLE OF THE PORTER
PARABLE OF THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE
PARABLE OF THE FAITHFUL & EVIL SERVANT
THE PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS
THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS
They still do not suspect I am a mere cat.
“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

- Matthew 24:42
CONCLUSION:

JUDGEMENT OF THE GENTILES
AFTER SECOND COMING OF MESSIAH
VALLEY OF JEHOUSHAPHAT
SHEEP & GOATS SEPARATED
BELIEVING GENTILES WILL ENTER ETERNAL LIFE
“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.” Matt. 24:42
Jesus is coming as King.

Are you ready?
Do you believe on the Messiah for salvation?
LET’S PRAY