



## IS THE END NEAR?

### Msg. 1: The End of the World!

#### I. Introduction: “Gospel of Matthew” and “Olivet Discourse”

A. The Gospel of Matthew: The purpose of the Gospel of Matthew was to write an account of the life of Jesus from a *Jewish perspective*, to a *Jewish audience*, to show that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of the \_\_\_\_\_!

#### B. The Importance Of Matthew Chapters 24-25:

1. These two chapters stand out in the whole of Scripture as giving us the most complete picture of Jesus’ teaching on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the age, and of His \_\_\_\_\_ coming.
2. To understand these chapters correctly we must understand some basic principles:
  - a. The two chapters deal in distinct ways with the \_\_\_\_\_ nation, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ nations.
  - b. As in Old Testament prophecy, many of the details of Jesus teaching have \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment.

#### II. What Is The Fascination With The End Of The World?

##### A. The Disciples Questions: Matthew 24:1-3

1. When will these things be?  
(The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple)
2. What will be the sign of Your coming?  
(The “parousia” - \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ)
3. When is the end of the age? (The end of the world)  
Cf., Act 1:6

B. Mankind has been obsessed with the End of the World for ages:

1. Religious Scenarios
2. Secular Scenarios

C. Christian’s view of the End of the World today:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ percent of Christians believe in the Second Coming.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Christians believe Christ will return in their lifetime.
3. Throughout Church history current generations have believed Jesus would return in their lifetime.

D. Why is this important:

#### 1. IT IS NOT:

- a. For mere entertainment or the arousal of curiosity.
- b. To cast doubt on the veracity of Jesus teaching or the Bible’s promises regarding His Second Coming and the End of the World.

#### 2. IT IS TO PROVE:

- a. That in every culture, in every age, in every religion, in every heart...there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that life is \_\_\_\_\_, and that the promises of politicians, idealists, and utopians are both fallacious and hollow.
- b. Ecclesiastes 3:11
- c. Romans 2:14-16

#### 3. IT IS TO CALL:

- a. All to a heightened sense of \_\_\_\_\_, and to a full resolve to take God’s call upon our lives \_\_\_\_\_!
- b. Romans 1:16-20
- c. II Peter 3:3-4