

## **Matthew 24 Series - Matthew 24:34**

### **Part 6 in the Series - This Generation**

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I'm glad once again that you have chosen to allow me to share things with you that I believe God has given to me over the last 30 plus years.

My message is now and has always been a singular approach to the Scriptures and it is that the Kingdom of God is a present-day reality. It is that the Kingdom of God was fully and completely established on earth - with Christ as its reigning King. The establishment of His Kingdom was completed at AD 70 with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem which was also the official end of the Old Covenant age. There is nothing more than what was established by God at AD70. There is no future Kingdom. There is no future coming of Christ.

Many people respond to this mockingly and say things like,

"Well, if this is what the Kingdom of God is, then He's it's a pretty pathetic Kingdom."

My respond to things like this, is,

"No, it's not that God is pathetic, it's that we who are supposed to be citizens of His Kingdom are the ones that are pathetic."

He has given us all the tools necessary to build His Kingdom and to have His blessing, but we have chosen to follow other gods and other kingdoms and governments and have refused to accept His Kingdom and allow His full and complete reign in our lives.

I believe that some people - even those sincerely seeking truth - have made their decisions based on the false teachings of the preachers who have spent the biggest part of their "ministries-so-called" teaching men and women, boys and girls that the Kingdom of God is yet future. They have spent the biggest part of their "ministries-so-called" teaching men and women, boys and girls that the Law of God is bad and that God Himself removed His Laws and replaced them with the command to obey men's laws - right or wrong - good or bad.

Some of these "preachers-so-called" have been wolves in sheeps clothing from the very

beginning. They have been part of a New World Order conspiracy that is bringing about a one-world government that will be used for total enslavement and control of all humanity.

Some of these "preachers-so-called" are actually sincere men who think they have been leading people into truth - but they are deceived because the foundations upon which they approach the Scriptures are not proper foundations and as such, their teachings have become the doctrines of men rather than the teachings of Christ which bring life and establish His Will on earth as it is in Heaven.

Christ said as plainly as it can be said,

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

If a "preacher-so-called" preaches that the Kingdom of God is now and future - *no matter how sincere* - that preacher will end up producing a flock that believes that the future coming Kingdom of God is preferable to the present Kingdom of God and that the present Kingdom of God is relegated to a powerless status subservient to the governments of men. This preaching is double-mindedness and it is unstable in all its ways.

These "preachers-so-called" have perverted the truth that the Kingdom of God is a present-day reality and that the Laws of God are in full force today - and they have done so in exchange for approval by men's earthly governments and tax-deductible gifts and tax-exempt status. Their "status approval" has come from men - and not from the God of Heaven.

The Old Covenant age included a time where God allowed Israel to set up kings over themselves - as was stated in I Samuel 8. This was never the perfect Will of God for His people - and His creation. The perfect Will of God is summed up in Genesis 26:4-5:

"And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed;"

Why?

"Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, and my Laws."

The perfect of God for His creation is that men follow His Laws and Statutes. Then men

- righteous men who read the Law of God daily - are used to judge among the people and determine any dispute that arises - whether from a criminal act - or a civil act - based on the Laws of God.

This is the most simplistic, least restrictive, most Freedom producing form of Government ever established with men. It was the Government that Moses established with God's people and lasted until I Samuel 8.

In I Samuel 8 beginning in verse 1, this is what we find:

"And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

[2] Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba.

[3] And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

[4] Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

[5] And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

[6] But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto Yahweh.

[7] And Yahweh said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

[8] According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

[9] Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

[10] And Samuel told all the words of Yahweh unto the people that asked of him a king.

[11] And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

[12] And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

[13] And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

[14] And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

[15] And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

[16] And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

[17] He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

[18] And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and Yahweh will not hear you in that day.

[19] Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

[20] That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

[21] And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Yahweh.

[22] And Yahweh said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city."

I believe that God allowed Israel to do this in hopes that they would see the error of their ways in that their choices were not God's choices and that in the end, they would return to the perfect Will of God as evidenced in the life of Abraham.

God allowed this "experiment" if you will - to last for a pre-determined amount of time. God "allowed" this time period in the history of mankind but the days would come - when He would no longer allow men - and particularly Israel - to set up their own kings.

We come to the birth of Christ and as we have discussed in prior messages, we see the birth of Christ fulfilled in the exact time frame in which Daniel prophesied Christ's advent to Israel.

I have shown you how that in Matthew 1, the time frame discussed by Daniel had come to pass and how that Christ was an heir to the throne of David. I showed you how Daniel prophesied that the "wise" would understand the times of the Christ and how that at Christ's birth, Matthew 2 shows "wise men" coming from the east to find He that was born King of the Jews.

I have shown you that John the Baptist was the fulfillment of Malachi chapter 3 and 4 and that His fulfillment was in preparing the way for Christ the Messiah and King. I showed you from Matthew 11 that Christ Himself plainly said that John the Baptist was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy concerning Elijah being sent to prepare the way for Christ:

[10] For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

[11] Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Then what was the message of John the Baptist?

"Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

What is Kingdom of Heaven? It is the time where God says -

"No longer will I allow my people to set up kings like all the other nations. This is the time where I will establish My Kingdom and I will set My Son on the throne of David and He will be the only King that I allow and My Laws and My Commandments and My Statutes will be the only ways that I will acknowledge for My people."

"If they will embrace My Kingdom and the Kingship of My Son, then I will bless them. If they choose to rebel and walk in the ways of the Old Covenant then they will suffer the consequences."

This is why in Galatians 3:29 we find if someone is in Christ - then are they Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise.

In other words, find a people who lived as Abraham did in Genesis 26:5 - "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, and my Laws" and there will you find the followers of Christ.

If we are not striving for the Kingdom of God as Abraham did - then we better examine what it is we are striving for.

Abraham was not waiting for a future Kingdom. Abraham obeyed the Laws of God in his life.

What I'm saying is that Abraham demonstrated what life in the Kingdom is like. The children of Israel in I Samuel 8 showed their rebellion to Abraham's way of life.

Christ was sent to show God's people how to return to the faith of Abraham and to follow Him and His Commandments - which were simply the Commandments of His Father.

So, the reason I believe my message is so vitally important today, is because I believe I have the answer as to why there seems to be no sense of urgency to begin living in the Kingdom of God today.

Most everyone believes that we are not living in the time when people are commanded to return to the faith of Abraham - to embrace ONLY the Laws, Statutes and Commandments of God.

If we are not in those days - today - then what is left? The teaching that men's governments - no matter good or bad - right or wrong - are ordained of God and are to be obeyed no questions asked.

The future Kingdom message creates apathy and complacency among the people that results in a "kay sura sura - whatever will be, will be" attitude and a sit back and do nothing because Jesus is going to come back and set it all straight again. And this is EXACTLY what the enemies of God created and we are too Scripturally inept to see it.

There is a group of people in the world today, led by Rhodes' scholars who have used a false teaching of the Scripture as it relates to Bible prophecy to dupe people into falling for their agenda. They have used their seemingly unlimited spending power to reenact a Hollywood fulfillment of what the false preachers have told people are prophesied events in the Scripture in order to strengthen their deception and we continue to fall for it.

A one-world government created by a false messiah - in which the supposed real Messiah will take over someday - does not have basis in the Word of God.

The "preacher-so-called" and the "christians-so-called" are some of the leading proponents of world government today and they are doing so because they believe it is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. And if what we are seeing today is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, then not only is there anything you could do about it, but there is nothing you should do about it, because to resist the fulfillment of Bible prophecy would be to resist God Himself.

I'm telling you today that men do not have the authority to make their own laws. Men do not have the authority to create world governments. At the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ in AD70 - the fulfillment of Revelation 11:15 became a reality when the angel said:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Not only is Jesus Christ King of kings and Lord of lords, but He is the last of the Kings that God allows for His people. That's why after AD70 there has never been another earthly king of Israel. Christ WAS Messiah and He IS King - right now.

And this is correct because All Bible prophecy has been fulfilled. When you understand the prophecies - and that they have been fulfilled - this is what the implications are.

Now, with all that said in mind, turn with me now to Matthew 24.

In the very beginning of this series, I asked you to take a pen or pencil and go through Matthew 24 and circle all the pronouns.

For instance, verse 1:

"Jesus departed the temple and HIS disciple came to Him."

Verse 2:

"Jesus said to THEM - See YE not all these things, Verily I say unto YOU."

Verse 3:

"Tell US, they shall these things be? What shall be the sign of THY coming, and of the end of the world."

Verse 4:

"Jesus answered and said unto THEM. Take heed that no man deceive YOU."

Verse 6:

"And YOU shall of wars...see that YOU be not troubled.."

Verse 9:

"Then shall they deliver YOU up to be afflicted... They shall kill YOU..."

Verse 15:

"When YOU therefore shall see the abomination of desolation."

"When YOU shall see the abomination of desolation, let THEM which be in Judaea flee..."

Verse 20:

"Pray YOU that YOUR flight be not in the winter or on the Sabbath."

Now watch closely.

[21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

[22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

[23] Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

[24] For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

[25] Behold, I have told you before.

[26] Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

[27] For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

[28] For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

[29] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

[30] And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

[31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

[32] Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

[33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

[34] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. There can be no mistake in understanding who was the doing the speaking in Matthew 24 and to whom the words were spoken to. This was Jesus to His disciples 2,000 years ago.

There is nothing, absolutely nothing, in this text or in any other related text that gives the reader even the slightest notion that Christ was talking about events to take place 2,000 years and more into the future.

Verse 34 is as clear as clear can be.



The words of Christ from Matthew 24 were spoken sometime around the year 30 AD.

The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans at AD 70. Here is what the historian Josephus wrote in his book *The Wars of the Jews* on page 589:

1. Now as soon as the army had no more people to slay, or to plunder, because there remained none to be the objects of their fury: (for they would not have spared any, had there remained any other work to be done:) Cæsar gave orders that they should now demolish the **entire city, and temple**: but should leave as many of the towers standing as were of the greatest eminency, that is, Phasaelus, and Hippicus, and Mariamne: and so much of the wall as enclosed the city on the west side. This wall was spared, in order to afford a camp for such as were to lie in garrison: as were the towers also spared in order to demonstrate to posterity what kind of city it was, and how well fortified, which the Roman valour had subdued. But for all the rest of the wall, it was so thoroughly laid even with the ground, by those that dug it up to the foundation, that there was left nothing to make those that came thither believe it had ever been inhabited. This was the end which Jerusalem came to, by the madness of those that were for innovations. A city otherwise of great magnificence, and of mighty fame among all mankind.

Being raised in the Baptist church until going off to two Bible colleges, then working in two church ministries - it was not until AFTER I left the organized church - that I even knew about the temple being destroyed in AD 70. I still talk to people today who have no idea what happened to Jerusalem at AD 70.

I believe, that at least in the type of Baptist churches I was raised in, and in the Baptist colleges I attended, this information was purposely kept from me.

And interestingly enough, it was not until I reexamined Matthew 16:28 - "There be some standing here which not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom."

Then, from there I quickly realized that the words of Christ, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" were valid for today - it was not until then - that I began to discover some of these things - like what was recorded in *The Works of Josephus*.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that *The Works of Josephus* are inspired writings. The truth is, if there was NO history book written whatsoever regarding the events that took place at AD 70 - and the text I had for coming to these conclusions was what is self-contained in the Word of God - then I would still just take God's Word above everything and stick with Scripture upon Scripture, text upon text to reach my conclusions.

I still see some real significance in the Works of Josephus and next week, I'll bring out some more interesting things that are recorded in that book.

So, verse 34, Matthew 24.

"This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

One must stretch the Scriptures into something they simply do not say to try and apply those words of Christ to something 2,000 years into the future. The text simply does not allow it. Jesus was clearly talking to His disciples - and it was 2,000 years ago. This generation clearly means THAT generation - those people and that time period.

We've touched on this previously. How is it possible that people today take those words from Matthew 24 and say they are occurring in our lifetime, some 2,000 years later?

I know how they do it and I know why they do it.

What I don't know is why and how people say the words have dual interpretations. That's a real head scratcher.

But as far as total futurism, I get it.

In the Scofield Reference Bible - the preferred Bible of the Baptist churches I was raised in, in Scofield's notes of Matthew 24:34, he has footnote number 1 and Scripture reference m attached to the phrase "this generation."

In the footnotes of that page, he says the word generation comes from the Greek word genea. This is true. However, he does not offer the definition for the word genea, but rather says, "the primary definition for the word genea is, "race, kind, family, stock, breed." Then, to reinforce this, he has in parentheses (So all lexicons.) In other words, I'm not the only one saying this.

That's fine. My question is, why does he offer that the word here is genea - but he doesn't even tell us what the word means? Why does he go straight to what he calls the "primary definition" of the word. The definition he provides is for the Greek word genos - which is not the primary definition of the word genea. It is part of the root of the word - but it is not the primary definition. Race, kind, family, stock is the primary definition for the word genos.

In Strong's concordance, the word Genea is 1074 and Strong's says that it is a presumed derivative of 1085 genos. He then says the word means, an age, the period or the persons. age, generation, nation, time.

You have to understand what Scofield is doing is why he is doing it. He is saying that the "race of the Jews" is the generation that Christ was talking about in verse 34 - the "race of the Jews" will not pass away, till all these things be fulfilled.

Further, in his footnotes, he says:

"That the word is used in this sense here is sure because none of "these things," i.e. the world wide preaching of the kingdom, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord in visible glory, and the regathering of the elect, occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, AD70."

Now watch this - and you need to understand that when Scofield was writing the notes for his reference Bible, there was beginning a push in the world for an establishment of a Jewish nation in Palestine. The Scofield Reference Bible first appeared in 1909 but had a revised and more popular release in 1917. The same year as the Balfour Declaration.

If you don't know what the Balfour Declaration was you need to research it. Briefly, this is it:

The Balfour Declaration was a public statement issued by the British government during World War I announcing support for the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people" in Palestine, then an Ottoman region with a minority Jewish population (around 3–5% of the total). It read:

His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

The declaration was contained in a letter dated 2 November 1917 from the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour to Lord Rothschild, a leader of the British Jewish community, for transmission to the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland. The text of the declaration was published in the press on 9 November 1917.

Now, once again, Scofield's notes concerning the word generation from Matthew 24:

"That the word is used in this sense here is sure because none of 'these things,' the world-wide preaching of the kingdom, the great tribulation, the return of the Lord in visible glory, and the regathering of the elect, occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, A.D. 70. The promise is, therefore, that the generation--

nation, or family of Israel-- will be preserved unto 'these things'; a promise wonderfully fulfilled to this day."

What is he saying? He is saying that the whole Jewish concept of the Jews taking back Palestine, and rebuilding the temple, and reinstating the animal sacrifices so that the messiah will come again and set up a one world government is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy as shown in Matthew 24.

Scofield's kingdom of God is a Jewish kingdom whose messiah is not the One of Whom Moses and the prophets did write. Scofield's Jewish kingdom does not have Christ as King.

What I'm telling you is that this ENTIRE teaching that Bible prophecy has not been fulfilled is a concoction by the elitists that twists the Scripture into something it does not say - for the purpose of neutralizing any opposition to their quest for world-wide domination.

Their goals are two fold.

1) To hide the true Kingdom of Christ and the freedom it offers to any people who will allow Christ the King's rule in their society;

2) To neutralize any opposition to their plans for world wide conquest - under their laws and their statutes and their commands. And it is not a pretty sight - and it is barreling down upon us now like a run-a-way freight train.

No bullets can stop it. No bombs can stop. The only thing that can stand in its way is for people to turn to the Kingdom of Christ as a present-day reality and allow God to intervene on the behalf of His followers and citizens in His Kingdom.

Nothing but a return to the faith of Abraham will save us. Friends, Jesus or any other messiah, is going to return to this earth and fight for us. It's up to us to acknowledge His Kingship - now - follow His ways - and let Him determine the outcome.

The Gospel of the present-day reality of the Kingdom of Christ is more powerful than any bullet. It's more powerful than any bomb. And it's available today.

So I'm saying that the clear words of Christ from Matthew 24 are that He is speaking to His disciples - 2,000 years ago. He repeatedly tells them THEY will see all the things in which he speaks in the chapter - which includes - verse 27-31:

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

[28] For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

[29] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

[30] And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

[31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Further, He tells them in verse 33, "So likewise YOU, when YOU shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

Know that what is near?

The entire theme of Scripture. The entire theme of John the Baptist's message. The entire theme of Christ's message. "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Luke heard Matthew 24:34 this way. In Luke 21: 22-32:

"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

[23] But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

[24] And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

[25] And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

[26] Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

[27] And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and

great glory.

[28] And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

[29] And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

[30] When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

**[31] So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.**

[32] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled."

Christ said to His disciples, 2,000 years ago, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.

This is Bible. This is clear. This is actually very easy - easy enough for a child to understand once we let go of all the fairy tales. All the Hollywood drama from the Lindsey's and the LaHaye's of the world.

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We need to understand that many things that are happening on the world stage and just that - staged. They are events designed to dupe the gullible into believing that Matthew 24 and Luke 21 are future. They are designed to make us believe that the Kingdom of God is not for today.

This is a calculated plan by men who planned and devised a scheme to bring about their goal of one world government and that one world government will not be a benevolent, friendly government that allows discourse and exchange. It has no room for true Christianity and especially for any preaching. Look around. We see an assault on anything and anyone related to freedom.

Anyone who will not "go along to get along" is labeled a terrorist or a domestic terrorist. Anyone who will not go along with political correctness is marked as an enemy of the state and will be demonized and castigated in the media and is even subjected to the harsh punishment at the hands of the state.

Once we let go and simply "Seek first the Kingdom of Christ" will our understanding increase and we will see the rightful place for King Jesus and we will begin to see how we fit into the grand scheme of things and what our responsibilities are in the present-day Kingdom of Christ.

I encourage you to email me with your questions and Lord willing, I'll respond accordingly. Until next time, Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed - rightly dividing the Word of truth.