

The Beginning of The End

MATTHEW 23:37—24:3

END TIME FAQ

1. Are we in the End Times? *Yes and No.*
2. Do we know when The End will begin? *Yes and No.*
3. Will all of Matthew 24-25 apply to me? *Yes and No.*

I. The end begins with the _____ of Jesus.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Matthew 23:37-39

TO LIVE WITH The End IN MIND

... don't presume upon God's patient _____ of you.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

II. The rejection of Jesus will lead to _____.

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." Matthew 24:1-2

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... invest in the imperishable kingdom that cannot be _____.

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe ... Hebrews 12:28

III. The end of all things will be Christ's ultimate _____.

As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Matthew 24:3

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... align your _____ to His purpose.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Titus 2:11-14

Living with
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DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

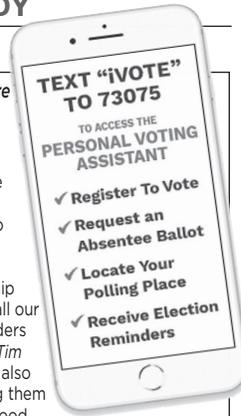
1. How much would you say you allow the news to affect how you feel or what you do on a certain day? How much do you counteract that with reading God's Word and prayer?

2. Read Matthew 23:37–24:3. What are the implications of Jesus' words here? How is His sadness for Israel related to what will happen eventually to anyone who rejects Him today?

Elections are just around the corner!

As we have always done historically, we intend to continue to encourage our fellowship to pray for all our nation's leaders (Rom 13:1, 1 Tim 2:1-4), while also encouraging them to vote as good citizens should. If you're not registered or you need to update your information, a quick way to do both is through Turbovote's Personal Voting Assistant.

Voter registration forms and resources are available today at each campus.



COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY Starting in the first chapter of Genesis, Dr. Bill Egnor teaches the books of the O.T. in chronological order—and some New Testament books will be included along the way. We promise that your walk with Jesus will never be the same as you mine the endless treasures in this part of your Bible. Begins next Sunday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. in the Oak Room. Get more info at ccbcfamily.org/events.

ELDER PRAYER The Elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we're excited to do this together on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. If you would like to learn more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.

WOMEN'S FALL PRAYER RETREAT Join our Women's Ministry as we get away from distractions starting Friday, Oct. 14 at Riverbend Retreat Center in Glen Rose. You'll hear messages and testimonies focusing on prayer, have opportunities for personal time in the Word and enjoy community with other women at Christ Chapel. Learn about accommodations and register at ccbcfamily.org/events.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY Ever wondered about our Global Missions Ministry? Join us Sunday, Oct. 16 for Lunch with a Missionary! Fellowship with one another and learn more about how to support the persecuted church around the world. We'll meet in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.

WOMEN IN THE WORD We all want to walk with Jesus in the right way, yet how do we live out this desire when we are broken, prone to mess up, tempted to choose wrongly or perhaps even unaware of our mistakes? We need wisdom. We need skills in living. The book of James offers us practical and relevant ways to live faithfully in specific situations, and we would love to discover them together. Join us on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. or 7 p.m. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/women.

BAND OF BROTHERS The book of Genesis is more than stories—it's a history of God's sovereign plan to offer redemption to all of us. How did this cosmic story of salvation begin? Discover the answer with us in Band of Brothers this fall as we jump into a new series, In the Beginning, Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/men.

HOME GROUPS This fall get involved with a Home Group! From studying Scripture together to catching up about your week, Home Groups are a great way to be connected and meet more people here at Christ Chapel. Visit ccbcfamily.org/homegroups to learn more.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 24:13

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 23:37–24:3

3. How did this passage and this sermon inspire a sense of peace in you? Now that we know God has a plan, why don't we have to worry about the future?

4. What sense of urgency toward unbelievers do you feel as the subject of the End Times comes into play?

5. How does the subject of the End Times urge you to become more intentional about how you live your life each day? What burdens does it place on your heart, similar to the compassionate burden Jesus felt for Jerusalem?

"Nothing in Scripture is more certain than the truth that God is sovereign over all things; but God's Word nowhere teaches determinism, as this verse [23:37] makes clear. God was abundantly willing for Israel and all men to receive and follow His Son, but most of them were unwilling. They did not turn from Christ because of fate but solely because of their own unwillingness. When a person rejects Christ, it is never God's desire or God's fault but always his own."

JOHN MACARTHUR

JOURNAL Matthew 23:37–24:3

How are the church and Israel distinct entities?

How do Jesus' words here regarding Israel have application for us today?