



**Lesson:** Two Hundred twenty

**Series:** The Kings Rejection

**Title:** Condemnation of False Teachers, Part 7

**Text:** Matthew 23:37-39

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Matthew 23:37–39 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

**“Jerusalem, Jerusalem”** “City of Peace”

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

**“Sodom”** Depicts their moral perversion

**“Egypt”** Describes their pagan religion

## **The repetition of the name is significant.**

“Martha, Martha (Lk. 10:41)

“Simon, Simon” (Lk 22:31)

“Saul, Saul” (Acts 9:4)

## **God’s attitude in regard to His wrath.**

### **1. His wrath is based on \_\_\_\_\_ justice.**

“For they had killed the prophets and stoned other messengers He sent to her.”

### **2. His wrath is mingled with \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ezekiel 18:23 “Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord God, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”

37b How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and **(yet)** you were unwilling

### **“wings”**

Ruth 2:12 “May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the **God of Israel**, under whose **wings** you have come to seek refuge.”

**Psalm 91:4** He will cover you with His pinions, And under His **wings** you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

### **“unwilling”**

**It is clear that God is sovereign over salvation.**

John 10:27–28 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; 28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

**Man’s salvation is completely of God and his  
damnation is completely of \_\_\_\_\_.**

38 “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

\_\_\_\_\_ **wrath**

**“your house”** - Matthew 21:13 **“My house”**

**“desolate”** [eremos] - **“wilderness”**

Matthew 24:2 And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.”

**When Christ’s presence is withdrawn, that soul  
and that place, becomes a \_\_\_\_\_  
wasteland.**

**When God goes out, all \_\_\_\_\_ break in.**

39 “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

**Willful blindness is often punished with**

\_\_\_\_\_ **blindness.**

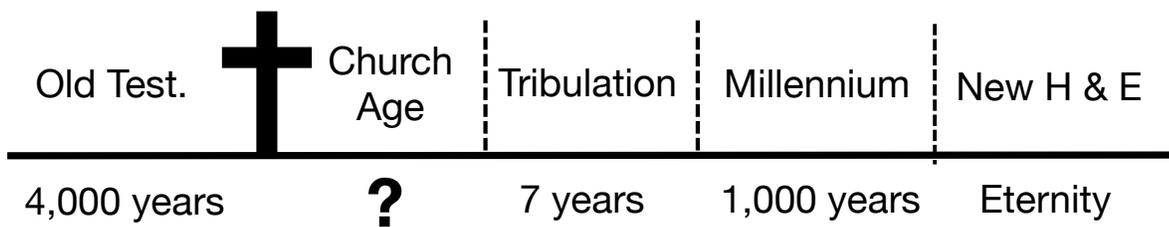
**The most important word is “\_\_\_\_\_”**

**The irony of it all.**

Matthew 21:9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;** Hosanna in the highest!”

**The Messiah they didn’t want will become the Messiah they do want.**

**When will this take place?**



Zechariah 12:8–10 “In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. 9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me (**Jesus**) whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

Romans 11:25–27 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.” 27 “This is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”

## Discussion Guide

1. We learned today that God's wrath is perfect in its justice and yet it pains Him to administer it. Why are both of those truths important and how do they help us explain judgment in our evangelism?
2. We were reminded that God is sovereign over salvation and yet man is responsible for his rejection of the gospel. How do we explain the tension? Are there other tensions in Scripture?
  - A. **Inspiration** - Who wrote the Bible? Man or God?
  - B. **Trinity** - How can God be one and yet three persons?
  - C. **Civil authorities** - If God places all authorities then how do our votes make a difference.
  - D. **Living the Christian life** - Paul says he lives the Christian life but that nevertheless he doesn't live it but Christ in Him.

How are we to respond to all these conundrums?

3. Do you believe America is experiencing abandonment wrath? Read through Romans 2 and discuss how that might be playing out in our world today?
4. Look up and read these verses and discuss God's faithfulness to Israel.

Jer. 23:5–6; Isa. 66:10–22; Zech. 14:1–11

5. Have each one share what they believe was the most important truth that we covered today.

**ANSWERS:** perfect, anguish, himself, Abandonment, spiritual, enemies, judicial, until

Because they had rejected God ... He's rejecting them

He would no longer be their God ... and they would  
no ... longer be their people

And in addition to that ... man would have good reason  
to never trust God's Word again ... Why"

Because God's word ... repeatedly promised that His  
chosen people ... would ultimately be saved, restored  
and blessed

It's ironic that ... these very words had been shouted at  
Jesus ... by the multitudes as He came into Jerusalem

(Matt. 21:9) ... It's from Psalm 118:26

Jeremiah 23:5–6 "Behold, the days are coming," declares  
the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous

Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’

Isa. 66:10-22; Zech 14:1-11

Interval ... between Lord’s death ... there would be an interval between His death and Second Coming during which unbelieving Israel would not see Him (after His resurrection He was seen only by believers).

looks forward to the Second Advent when a believing portion of Israel will accept Him as their Messiah-King.

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**“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”**

Psalm 118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

Jesus was speaking of His return to the earth to establish His millennial kingdom. This statement led to the following discussion.

that great messianic psalm that was quoted so many times in His last week of ministry. The crowds had used those words on Palm Sunday (Matt. 21:9).

Zechariah 12:1-14

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Once the cup of God’s wrath is empty ... He will sovereignly overturn ... and destroy the evil ... world system of Satan

Satan’s rule is only temporary

When Israel turns back to Him ... He will turn back to them and pour out ... upon them ... His Holy Spirit

And at that time ... they will both rejoice / weep

They will rejoice in their ... new-found Savior ... but they will weep ... in penitence because they had murdered ... their Savior

And in gracious response to their grief ... the Lord will pick them up and take them ... once again to Himself

Zechariah 13:1–2 “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity. 2 “It will come about in that day,” declares the Lord of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of

the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

Zechariah 14:3 (NASB95) — 3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

Zechariah 14:8–9 (NASB95) — 8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. 9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.

The apostle Paul wrote this about the Jews

Romans 11:11–12 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. 12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

Romans 11:23–26 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

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