

Matthew Class, 9 February 1995...Matthew 24-25

1. Preliminary considerations

- Predictions are given generally to encourage us today. In this case the areas of instruction are that we should not be..
  - ruined by disaster
  - terrified by trials
  - misled by false teachers but, on the other hand,
  - prepared for His coming
  - properly using our lives
  - with right treatment of others in testimony.
  
- And a quick note on the structure of the Gospel..temptation
  - and the sermon on the mount..now the teaching on the mount
  - and a great trial to follow.
  
- The study of eschatology..special features and the hermeneutical
  - rule that all Scriptures agree that deal with the same
  - subject to the same point.
  
- Note the views and interpretations of prophecy that tend to
  - divide and alienate aspects of the fellowship.
  
- Some questions in the scope of the text:
  - the elect..vs. 22, 24, 31.
  - intensification of difficulties
  - inorganic elements..24:15, 28, 31
  - the generation 24:34 and note 24:36 and 24:44
  - signs in 24:30

2.. The Chart

3. The questions..why here and what is their significance. It appears that the soon destruction of Jerusalem will typify the events to come in a larger measure.

And note finally that the basic message of the chapters is clearly seen even when there are differences in eschatological understanding and prophetic interpretation.