

Kids Camp 2010 (Teen Class)

Bible Prophecy: More important than we think!

Dear Teens:

Can you predict the future? Many people wish they could, and some have tried, but actually no person has ever been able to do much more than guess. God is the only one who can tell us with 100% accuracy what will happen in the future. He has revealed future events to his prophets, and we can find out about what is going to happen to us and to our world by studying their prophecies.

The Teen topic this year is in two parts, a study of Esther and Bible Prophecy. Bro. Tim Badger will be leading the Esther study and Bre. Ian Macfarlane and Peter Robinson will be covering Bible Prophecy.

You may think studying Bible Prophecy is interesting but not all that important. Well, there is a reason why the Bible is packed with prophecy. The Bible is God's book, so God must think that it is important for us to know about prophecy. Why is prophecy so important?

- Bible prophecy confirms the Bible's authority.
- Bible prophecy keeps us awake and watching for Jesus' return.
- Bible prophecy supplies the extra oil for our lamps.
- Bible prophecy builds faith.
- Over 50% of the Bible is prophecy.
- Over 70% of the prophecies have already come true with 100% accuracy.
- The prophecies yet to happen will also come true with 100% accuracy.

Bible prophecy is especially important in 2010, for we live in an age that demands evidence for what we believe, and rightly so. Bible prophecy provides that evidence. Our faith in the Bible is not a blind faith but a faith built on evidence, and fulfilled Bible prophecy is a good source of evidence.

We need faith to be saved!

Romans3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Hebrews11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Our faith in God helps us to trust him and want to obey his commandments. It is no wonder Romans 3:28 says we are made righteous by faith.

HOMEWORK QUESTIONS:

To prepare for our classroom study, you will need to be familiar with the background of the Bible prophecies we will be covering. This means you need to have thought about the enclosed material. Answering the questions is designed to help you to come to camp with a basic knowledge of some of the prophecies we will be covering. No doubt you will also come with questions. That is a good thing!

Finding the answers will help build the faith God requires us to have.

Olivet Prophecy Here is a comparison of the account in each gospel side-by-side.

MATHEW CHAPTERS 24- 25	MARK CHAPTER 13	LUKE CHAPTERS 17 & 21
Matthew 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.	Mark 13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!	Luke 21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,
Matthew 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	Mark 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	Luke 21:6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?	Mark 13:3,4 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?	Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?
Matthew 24:4 ,5 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	Mark 13:5,6 5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	Luke 21:8 8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.
Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.	Mark 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.	Luke 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.
Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.	Mark 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: ...	Luke 21:10,11 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: 11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.
Matthew 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.	Mark 13:8 ... these are the beginnings of sorrows. >	
Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.	Mark 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; <u>and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten</u> : and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.	Luke 21:12,13 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, <u>delivering you up to the synagogues</u> , and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. 13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.
	Mark 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. Mark 13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.	Luke 21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: Luke 21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
Matthew 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.	Mark 13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. Mark 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.	Luke 21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. 18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish. 19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

MATTHEW CHAPTERS 24- 25	MARK CHAPTER 13	LUKE CHAPTERS 17 & 21
<p>Matthew 24:11,12,13 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.</p>	<p>Mark 13:13 ... but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.</p>	
<p>Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.</p>		
<p>Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)</p>	<p>Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:</p>	
<p>Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.</p>	<p>Mark 13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.</p>	<p>Luke 21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Luke 21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. Luke 21: 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.</p>
<p>Matthew 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!</p>	<p>Mark 13:17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!</p>	<p>Luke 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! ...</p>
<p>Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:</p>	<p>Mark 13:18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.</p>	
<p>Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.</p>	<p>Mark 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.</p>	
<p>Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</p>	<p>Mark 13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.</p>	
		<p>... for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.</p>

MATTHEW 24 & 25	MARK CHAPTER 13	LUKE CHAPTERS 21 & 17
		Luke 21:24 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.
Matthew 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.	Mark 13:21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:	
Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.	Mark 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.	
Matthew 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.	Mark 13:23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.	
Matthew 24:26 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.		
Matthew 24:27 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.		Luke 17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.
		Luke 17:25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.
		Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
		Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
		Luke 17:28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
		Luke 17:29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.
		Luke 17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
		Luke 21:25 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;
		Luke 21:26 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.
		Luke 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
		Luke 17:35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
		Luke 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
		Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
Matthew 24:28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.		Luke 17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.
		Luke 21:28 And when these things <u>begin</u> to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

MATTHEW 24&25	MARK CHAPTER 13	LUKE CHAPTERS 17 & 21
Matthew 24:29 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:	Mark 13:24,25 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, :25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.	
Matthew 24:30 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.	Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.	
Matthew 24:31 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.	Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.	
<u>THE 2ND QUESTION</u> "What shall be the sign of the coming?" Mt. 24:3Error! Bookmark not defined.	<u>THE 2ND QUESTION</u> Mk. 13:3 "What shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"	<u>THE 2ND QUESTION</u> Lk 21:7 "What sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?"
Matthew 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:	Mark 13:28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:	Luke 21:29 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.
Matthew 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.	Mark 13:29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.	Luke 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.
Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.	Mark 13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.	Luke 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.	Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.	Luke 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.	Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.	
Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.		Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,		Luke 17:27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.
Matt. 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.		
Matthew 24:40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.		Luke 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
Matthew 24:41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.		Luke 17:35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
	Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.	Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
		Luke 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
	MK. 13:34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey.. tells porter to watch	
MATTHEW 24&25	MARK CHAPTER 13	LUKE CHAPTERS 17:21
Matthew 24:42	Mark 13:35	Luke 21:36

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.	Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:	Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
	Mark 13:36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.	
	Mark 13:37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.	
Matthew 24:43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.		Luke 12:39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.
Matthew 24:44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.		Luke 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
		Luke 12:41 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?
Matthew 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?		Luke 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?
Matthew 24:46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.		Luke 12:43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
Matthew 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.		Luke 12:44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.
Matthew 24:48,49 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowseruants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;		Luke 12:45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menseruants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;
Matthew 24:50,51 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.		Luke 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelieuers.
		Luke 12:47 And that seruant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.
		Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoeuer much is given, of him shall be much required:
Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the virgins		
Matthew 25:13-30 Parable of the talents		
3RD QUESTION "the end of the world" Mt.24:3		
Matthew 25:31-46 Parable of the sheep and goats		

Questions:

1. Why is Bible prophecy important?

2. Jesus made some important prophecies that can be found in the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. List some of his prophecies here: (find at least 3)

3. Jesus' largest prophecy fills an entire book of the Bible. Which book? What is the prophecy about?

4. Some Bible prophecies have a full fulfillment and a partial fulfillment. Read the Bible prophecy found in Isaiah 61:1-2. Who is it talking about? _____ Now read Luke 4:18-21. Part of Isa. 61:2 is left out. Which part? _____ That is because the fulfillment in Luke is a partial fulfillment. Why did Jesus stop reading the verse at that point?

When will the full fulfillment happen? _____

5. Do all Bible prophecies have both a partial and a full fulfillment? Think of some examples to prove your answer. Yes/No _____

6. Acts 2:17-22 is a quote from Joel. There are some minor differences in words (handmaids, handmaidens; delivered, saved) but there is a phrase added in Acts 2 that is not found in Joel, and there is a section omitted from Joel in Acts. Find these phrases and highlight them in the text box on the next page:

What is the added phrase in Acts? _____

What phrase in Joel is omitted in Acts? _____

Do you think that Acts 2 is a partial or a full fulfillment of Joel 2? Explain why.

<u>JOEL CHAPTER 2</u>	<u>ACTS CHAPTER 2</u>
[28] And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:	[17] “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
[29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit	[18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
[30] And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.	[19] And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
[31] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.	[20] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
[32] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.	[21] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved

Read Matthew 24:1-22

7. In Jesus’ Olivet prophecy found in Matt. 24:3, there are three questions the disciples asked Jesus. One is filled in below. Write the remaining two.

- *When shall these things be?*
- _____
- _____

8. In the Olivet prophecy in Mt. 24:2 did the "one stone upon another" include the "wailing wall"? [Hint: Google "wailing wall" and look at the Wikipedia definition for "Western Wall." Notice the date the stones were put there, and decide if you think that those stones were in place when Jesus was speaking.] Answer Yes/No and explain.

9. In AD 70 Jerusalem was destroyed and the temple was taken apart stone by stone because the fire melted gold in between the stones and the soldiers pried them apart to get the gold. Based on the evidence from your answer to #8, is the destruction of AD 70 a full fulfillment of the prophecy in Matt. 24:2 or a partial fulfillment? Why?

10. (Yes/No) The Wailing Wall we can see today is composed of stones, some of which were placed there during the building of Herod's temple started before Christ's birth. (*The Wailing Wall is a retaining wall and not part of the temple itself*) Does this prove there is yet to be a full fulfillment to the prophecy Jesus made that there would not be left one stone upon another that would not be thrown down? (Support your answer)

11. Read Luke 19:41-44. What does verse 43 say that tells us that this section refers to the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70? _____
 Do you think that in interpreting the phrase “not one stone upon another” in verse 44 that this may be an idiomatic phrase meaning complete and utter destruction, not that every single stone was knocked down? _____

Unlocking the time frame: look at key phrases:

12. In Mark’s account of the Olivet prophecy in Mark 13, the phrase "in the synagogues ye shall be beaten" in verse 9 shows the events foretold in that section are related to the coming destruction of A.D. 70 and not Jesus' return. Explain how that phrase makes it clear that Jesus is referring to experiences the disciples would face before AD 70. [See the text box]

Compare these verses in Matthew and Mark.

Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.	Mark 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: ...
Matthew 24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.	Mark 13:8 ... these are the beginning of sorrows.
Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.	Mark 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the <u>synagogues</u> ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

13. Notice that earthquakes are mentioned in Matt. 24:7 and Mark 13:8. From Mark we know the context is relating to events leading to AD 70. Do you think that earthquakes were a warning for Christians in the times preceding AD 70? _____ We know that earthquakes have been happening in places like Haiti and Chile in our times. Are these necessarily a warning of the nearness of Christ's return?

14. There are three questions the disciples asked Jesus in Matt. 24. Some think that the Olivet Prophecy answers these questions in order. Also they think that the answer is a progression in time periods, each section a different time period, starting with events leading up to AD 70, and finishing with events leading up to the return of Christ and the end of our age. Do you think that each part applies only to a certain time period, or do you think each part has a partial and full fulfillment? _____

15. "The end" can mean various things. We talk about the end of a book, the end of the week, the end of the year, the end of life. Also "the world" can mean different things—the whole planet, the world of music, our personal world consisting of our friends and family. Do you think the context in Matt. 24:14 shows "the end" means the end of the Jewish nation in A.D. 70 and "all the world" equals the Roman world? [Yes/No – explain.] _____

John Gill "...it is remarked by several interpreters, and which Josephus takes notice of with surprise, that Cestius Gallus having advanced with his army to Jerusalem, and besieged it, on a sudden without any cause, raised the siege, and withdrew his army, ... by which means a signal was made, and an opportunity given to the Christians, to make their escape: which they accordingly did, and went over to Jordan, as Eusebius says, to a place called Pella; so that when Titus came a few months after, there was not a Christian in the city ."

16. What was the name of the city the Christian Jews fled to because of the warning Jesus gave in the Olivet prophecy Matt. 24:15,16 to flee Jerusalem? _____

17. How do the following passages support the "day for a year" principle which is used in Bible prophecy?

- Num. 14:34 _____
- Ezekiel 4:4-6 _____
- Daniel 12:11 _____
- Luke 13:32 _____

[Hint: think of how many years long was Jesus' ministry]

18. The following is a suggested sequence of events connected with Jesus' return. Pick two of the references after each event and explain how they prove it. [Use two references per item and explain how the references apply.]

1. Jesus returns to the world as a thief. (Rev. 16:15; Matt. 24:43,44; 2 Pet. 3:10)

2. Resurrection, judgment & marriage (Dan. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:16; Acts 24:15, Rev.19:7; S.Sol. 2:8-17)

3. Armageddon – 6th Vial (Russian confederacy, Eze.38:1-23; Zech.14:1-15) and when Jesus reveals himself as lightning (Mt.24:27).

4. Jesus upon the throne of David in Jerusalem from which gospel goes out to the world. (Luke 1:32; Isa. 9:6,7; John 1:49, Rev. 14:6; 10:11, Joel 2:32)

5. Israel accepts Jesus and Ezekiel's temple built. (Zec.12:10; 13:6; Psa. 48:2,4,5,12)

6. Jesus seen by Babylon the Great as the Antichrist. (Psa.2:2; Psa. 48:2-6; Psa. 83:3)

7. The 7th vial hour of judgment on Babylon the Great. The "Great and Terrible day of the LORD" (Joel 2:31; Mal.4:5; Jer.25:15-33; Rev. 19:15-21)

8. God's kingdom comes upon earth. (Matt. 6:10; Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2:2-4)

When will Jerusalem, the capital city of the kingdom, and the temple be built?

19. Lots of people wonder when the temple will be built in the kingdom. There are many chapters in Ezekiel that tell us about its measurements. What part of it does Eze. 41:1 tell us about? _____

In Ezekiel, the temple description comes after Ezekiel 38. What happens in Ezekiel 38 and 39? _____

This order in Ezekiel helps us to understand that the temple is built AFTER what important event? _____

20. There are other clues regarding the capital city Jerusalem in the kingdom. How does Ps. 48:2 describe its location? _____

- Today there are no sides on the north of Mt. Zion. Something is going to happen to change the geography. Read Zech. 14:4 and describe what is going to happen. _____
- After the battle of Armageddon when the army of Gog is defeated (as seen in Eze. 38), Christ will begin his reign as king. What does Ps. 48: 2 say that indicates that the temple is built after Armageddon? _____
- Ps. 48:4-5 describes the reaction of the nations of our world when they see the capital city Jerusalem. What is their reaction? _____
- What feelings will the leaders of our world have? [v. 6] _____
- We sing about the description of the new Jerusalem in one of our anthems: "Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof" [v.12-13]. Look at verse 11 and 14 for clues—who will be the ones doing this? _____

The suffering in the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70 is a fulfilment of Bible Prophecy

When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, could anything be worse than that described by Josephus –

"The famine during the siege became so great that they ate what the most sordid of animals refused to touch. A woman of distinguished rank in hunger, rage and despair, killed and roasted her baby, and had eaten one half of him before the deed was discovered."

21. MAT 24:21 says: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." When does this apply? _____

What is the verse in Deu. 28 that prophesied this? _____

Read Matt. 24:23-26

Jesus begins a section warning his followers about false Christs, false prophets, fake miracles. Can you think of any examples in our day? [google "faith healers exposed" for some interesting examples] _____

22. In Matt. 24:26 it says: "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."

- What is this verse all about? _____
- (Yes/No) Would the following fit the context?
 - When a cardinals' conclave elects a pope in the adjoining Sistine Chapel, the new pontiff retreats to a special chamber and selects symbolic garb. The room's name, of uncertain origin, suggests the mingling of joy and sorrow and the gravity of the occasion.
 - The entry of the new pope is from the secret chamber.
- (Yes/No) Would the following fit the context? ... Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth:"
 - The origin of Muhammad (570-622) was from the desert.

23. T/F In Matthew 24:27 the lightning means that the coming of Christ will be so dramatic that it will be obvious that he has returned. [Many think that the sudden intervention of Jesus and his saints to deliver Israel from the Russian led confederacy described in Ezekiel chapter 38 is the moment Christ reveals himself to the world.]

24. Matt. 24:28 gives another example of how obvious it will be when Christ returns. Explain how the example works: [*Hint: if a rancher thinks that one of his cows has died somewhere in the wilderness, what does the rancher look for?*]

There is a spiritual meaning to this example. What nation is described as the "carcase" in Matthew 24:28? [*Hint: See Deut. 28:26—disobedience causes them to become a carcase that birds feed on*]

- "Carcase" is a symbol of the _____ nation lacking a spiritual life.
- "Eagles" here symbolize the Gentile nations which in this context are gathered at Armageddon

Context: "carcase/eagles" is natural Israel as described in Ezekiel 38:11,12.

25. Luke 17:26-37 gives some of the same details as are found in Matt. 24:37-42. Matt. 24:37 explains that what follows is what it will be like in the days before the "revealing" Luke 17:30 of the Son of Man. Write down the two clear examples from Luke 17:26-30 that show that the judgments that come when Jesus reveals himself to the world will surprise people living their normal lives:

- _____
- _____

26. Luke 17:31,32 suggests that it might be necessary to escape as Lot and his family escaped the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. What is the lesson Jesus wants them to remember when he says in v. 32 "Remember Lot's wife."

27. Luke 17:34-36 speaks of "one shall be taken and the other left." It is written as if a bystander is watching, and suddenly one of two people is taken away and the other is not. Do you think that this is another way that some will be helped to escape?

28. In Matt. 24:40,41 or Luke 17:34-36 would you rather be left or taken? Explain why.

Read Matt. 24:29

29. What do the "sun", "moon" and "stars" in Mat.24:29 symbolize? Read the verses below to see the symbolic way sun, moon and stars are used in scripture.

"Sun" _____

"Moon" _____

"Stars" _____

- Genesis 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.
- Isaiah 1:2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

30. In Matt. 24:30 there is a sign that causes the tribes of the earth to mourn. Read Zech. 12:10-14 for an Old Testament prophecy of when there will be great mourning after Christ's return. Who is mourning? _____ What have they seen that causes them to mourn? (v.10) _____ What major event has just happened before they start to mourn? [Zech. 12:8.9]

_____ Based on the prophecy in Zechariah, do you think that the phrase "the tribes of the earth" in Matt. 24 refers to all nations or only the tribes of Israel, who have been scattered all over the earth?

Read this information to answer the next question

- Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
 - 1588 *eklektos* {ek-lek-tos'} adj AV - elect 16, chosen 7; 23
 - "elect" (1588) and "election" (1589) are from the same Greek root, "eklegomai" = to pick out. In Mt. 24:22 = Jews.
- DEUT. 30:4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

31. Who are the "elect" who will be gathered from the 4 winds in Mt. 24:31? Support your answer from the context.

- The elect in this context are _____.

32. In the parable of the "Fig Tree" in Matt. 24:32 identify what the following symbols describe:

- What is the "fig tree" is symbolic of? _____ [Hos. 9:10, Jer. 24:2,5]
- When was the fig tree cut down? _____
- When did the fig tree come back to life? _____
- Approximately how long is a generation? [Your parents are one generation and you are the next] _____
- How does this parable answer the second question of "what will be the sign of thy coming" in Matt. 24:3? _____

33. Why would you rather be the "faithful and wise servant" in Mt.24:45-47 as compared to the "Goodman of the house" in Mt. 24:43?

34. In the parable of the ten virgins, who do these represent: the virgins, the bridegroom, the oil, and the far country?

- The virgins are _____ (spiritual meaning of Rev. 14:4)
- The bridegroom is _____ (see Rev. 19:7-9)
- The oil is _____ (see Psa. 119:105-- remember what fueled lamps then)
- The far country is _____

35. In the parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25:31-46, who are the sheep? _____ goats? Does this parable answer the third question in Matthew 24:3?

_____ .