

“The Coming & End of the Age.1”

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Matthew 24:1-35

INTRODUCTION

- general observations about prophetic literature:
 - a. filled with rich imagery: figurative or literal?
 - *sensus literalis*
 - b. incomplete by design
- four approaches to prophetic literature:
 - a. futuristic
 - b. historical
 - c. preterist
 - d. symbolic
- options in understanding the Olivet Discourse:
 - a. entire thing is literal
 - b. the events surrounding Jesus coming are literal; the time-frame references are figurative
 - c. the time-frame references are literal, and some of the events surrounding Christ’s coming are figurative

SETTING

EXTENT OF JUDGMENT

- spiritually pumped (24:1)
- spiritually deflated (24:2)
- the greatness of the Herodian Temple destroyed

QUESTION OF TIMING

- one question
- two parts
 - a. “when?”
 - b. “sign of your coming and the end of the age?”
- *this generation* (24:34)
 - a. “generation” used 38x in NT for contemporary gen.
Mt. 11:16; 12:39, 41, 42; Mk. 8:38
 - b. use of the adjective *this* **not** *that*
 - c. disciples are Jesus’ primary audience
 - d. immediate context (23:36)

APPLICATION

- a word of comfort
1 Thess. 4:13-18
- a word of challenge