

First: From Last Week Lesson #4 —Augustine's hermeneutic, City of God see handout

## Less'n 5 -- Eschatology and the Gospels

Eschatological chapters in the Gospels and the impact of the parables of the Kingdom and the return of Jesus Christ.

Gospels eschatology – Matthew 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 21; John 14

Eschatology and the parables—

### Terms

Parousia ( παρουσίας ) —in the Gospels, only in Matthew, 4 times only, and all in chapter 24 the chapter most focused on eschatology; 7 times in 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Cities as rewards (see Luke 21)

Gone a long time ... to receive the kingdom, that he had not yet received after his death and resurrection (important!)

Generation or race (see handout) -- ἡ γενεὰ αὕτη—

**Matt. 23:35-36** And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous **Abel** to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. **36** I tell you the truth, all this will come upon this **generation**. ( ἐπὶ τὴν γενεάν ταύτην. )

**Matt. 24:34** I tell you the truth, **this generation** will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. (Mk. 13:30)

**Luke 11:50** Therefore **this generation** [ἀπὸ τῆς γενεᾶς ταύτης,] will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, **51** from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, **this generation** [ ἀπὸ τῆς γενεᾶς ταύτης. ] will be held responsible for it all.

**Luke 21:32** ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἡ γενεὰ αὕτη ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται.

**1 Matt. 11:16** “To what can I compare this **generation**? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

Witness, ( μαρτύριον ) and flow of church history—the positive and negative uses

Son of Man (Hand out) –In Matthew, 29 times

Sign of your Parousia

Sign of the end of the age

Terms: ρότε ταῦτα ἔσται καὶ τί τὸ σημεῖον τῆς σῆς παρουσίας καὶ συντελείας τοῦ αἰῶνος;

...ρολέμους καὶ ἀκοὰς ρολέμων· ὁρᾶτε μὴ θροεῖσθε· δεῖ γὰρ γενέσθαι, ἀλλ' οὐρῶ ἐστὶν τὸ τέλος. **7** ἐγερθήσεται γὰρ ἔθνος ἐπὶ ἔθνος καὶ βασιλεία ἐπὶ βασιλείαν καὶ ἔσονται λιμοὶ καὶ σεισμοὶ κατὰ τόρους· **8** πάντα δὲ ταῦτα ἀρχὴ ὠδίνων.

**Matt. 24:1** Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. **2** “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

**3** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “(1) when will this happen, and (2) what will be the sign of your coming and (3) of the end of the age?”

**4** Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. **5** For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. **6** You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. **Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.** **7** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. **There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.** **8** All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

Preparation -- for being hated by all nations, Preparation --for coming apostasy (vs 10), the arising of many false prophets will successfully deceive many. In response to increasing wickedness the love of MOST will grow cold (see ch of Ephesus; Rev. 2?). Exhortation to standing firm to the end. The Gospel must be preached in the whole world as a testimony (vs 14) ( εἰς μαρτύριον ) **μαρτύριον, ου, τό** (S. μάρτυς; Pind., Hdt. +; ins, pap, LXX oft.; EpArist 306; Philo, Joseph., Just.).

1. **that which serves as testimony or proof, testimony, proof;** Lk 9:5 ( ἔπι αὐτοῦς ) shake dust off your feet as a testimony against; ἐπὶ ἡγεμόνας ἀχθήσεσθε ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ εἰς μαρτύριον αὐτοῖς Mt 10:18 -19 **On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses (against) to them and to the Gentiles.** **19** But when they arrest you,

**9** “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. **10** At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, **11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **12** Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **13** but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. **14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**15** “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the **reader** understand [of Daniel, or Matthew]— **16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **17** Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house. **18** Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak. **19** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! **20** Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. **21** **For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.** **22** **If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.** **23** At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. **24** For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible. **25** See, I have told you ahead of time.

**26** “So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the desert,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. **27** For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man.** **28** Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

**29** “Immediately **after the distress of those days**  
“ ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;  
the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

**30** “**At that time the sign of the Son of Man** will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. **31** And he **will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds,** from one end of the heavens to the other.

**32** “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. **33** Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. **34** **I tell you the truth, this generation [see handout] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.** **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

**36** “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **37** As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; **39** and they knew nothing about what would happen **until the flood came and took them all away.** That is how it will be at the **coming** of the Son of Man. **40** Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. **41** Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

**42** “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **43** But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

**45** “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? **46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48** But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘**My master is staying away a long time,**’ **49** and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. **50** The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. **51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Relevant parables  
Matthew 25;  
Luke 21  
Mathew 13