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Let's consider this alarming judgement, vs. 1 of our text says "Jesus came out from the Temple" and thus proving vs. 38 of chapter 23, "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!" A dangerous and unredeemable place when God leaves you to yourself. The great warning and destitute place where God has left and the glory has departed, cf. Ichabod - 1 Samuel 4:21, Hosea 9:12.			
<b>PT. 1 - The Disciples Admiration of the Temple (Vs. 1)</b>		<b>PT. 2 - Jesus' Response (Vs. 2)</b>	<b>PT. 3 - The Disciples Ask Privately - (Vs. 3)</b>
They wanted Jesus to admire such a structure as themselves. The Temple was glorious but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Its glory was sullied and stained with the sin of the priests and people; that wicked doctrine of the Pharisees</li> <li>- Its glory was eclipsed and outdone by the presence of Christ in it, so that the buildings had no glory, in comparison with that glory which excelled</li> </ul>		Again, remember the house will be left desolate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He foretells the utter ruin to take place (70AD).</li> <li>- He speaks of a certain ruin.</li> <li>- He speaks of an utter ruin.</li> </ul>	When will this happen? What will be the sign? When are you coming back? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We should all be looking.</li> <li>- We should live like He is coming again</li> <li>- When? It's not for us to know the times, cf. Acts 1:7.</li> </ul>
<b>PT. 4 - Jesus' Response - Many Will Be Misled (Vs. 4-5)</b>	<b>PT. 5 - Chaos, Wars, Political Power Struggles (Vs. 6-8)</b>	<b>PT. 5A - Don't Be Alarmed (Vs. 6B)</b>	<b>PT. 6 - The Trouble To Come To The Faithful Follower Of Jesus (Vs. 9)</b>
<b>How will many be misled?</b> Lack of discernment, cf. Phil. 1:9-10, 2 Cor. 11:14-15 <b>Mislead also means deceive</b> , and Jesus mentions this twice. To mislead means "to led astray, to wander away from truth." <b>Many will come saying I am the Christ</b> (more on this later in the chapter) - How do you avoid this? Are you in His word? Everyday?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 203 million killed in wars in the 20th century.</li> <li>- Nations rise against each other (current wars)</li> <li>- Famines (a result of war), earthquakes (often a good for the church not evil), cf. Isaiah 2:21.</li> </ul>	<b>We should not be troubled</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are to expect this, cf. John 16:32-33; 1 Peter 4:12-13</li> <li>- We are to expect worse. The end is not yet. There is nothing new under the sun.</li> <li>- Just the beginning of birth pangs (the idea is intolerable anguish).</li> <li>- It seems things will get worse before the return of Jesus</li> </ul>	<b>The Persecution To Come</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The world hates the truth.</li> <li>- Afflicted, killed and hated by all nations for truth of Scripture</li> <li>- Nations "ethnos" - a multitude of people of the same nature , a nation, a people group</li> <li>- People groups rise up and hate or nations as whole rise up and hate</li> </ul>
Transition (vs. 10-12) the persecution and hate (vs. 9) will result in "at this time" and will clearly establish who is a true follower and who is not.			
<b>PT. 7 - Many Will Fall Away (Vs. 10)</b>	<b>PT. 8 - Many False Prophets, Lawlessness, No Love (Vs. 11-12)</b>	<b>PT. 9 - The Hope Of God's Eternal Keeping (Vs. 13-14)</b>	

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<b>Can You "Lose" Salvation?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Matthew Henry Comments* - The phrase "fall away" indicates a "stumbling block"</li> <li>- Paul mentions deserters who began well, but left, cf. 1 John 2:19 is the proof text for this</li> <li>- Notice the results of this, hate, betrayal</li> </ul>	<b>The Fruit Of The Unredeemed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cf. vs. 4-5 (notice things that accompany these times)</li> <li>- Apostasy</li> <li>- The malignity (evil towards) others</li> <li>- No love, because of iniquity the love of many will be no more</li> </ul>	<b>He Keeps You And Secures You:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Endures (to abide under) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When false prophets arise, love grows cold, wars, suffering, trials and hatred, He keeps you.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Will be saved (future passive indicative) - He has rescued you and will keep and save you in the future and the end</li> <li>- You endure because you are His, because this world isn't our home, and to be with Him in glory is better, far better than here.</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion/Transition:</b> Vs. 14 will be the catalyst for our sermon next time because it is the preaching of the gospel that will be the springboard for persecution, hate and trials. The question today is about your outlook. Do you view being a Christian as a cultural idea or one of total redemption and obedience to Christ? Are you glad to be identified as a Christian as long as it's convenient? Will you be the one who will "fall away" because you've built upon a foundation of sand? For those who have built upon the rock of Christ, chaos will be viewed as the order of the day, and our God will accomplish His will through it. We will endure to see Him.		

**1 Samuel 4:21**, "And she called the boy Ichabod, saying, The glory has departed from Israel," because the ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband."

**Hosea 9:12**, "Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them until not a man is left. Yes, woe to them indeed when I depart from them!"

**Acts 1:7**, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority."

**Philippians 1:9-10**, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ."

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15**, "No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds."

**Isaiah 2:21**, "In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble."

**John 16:32-33**, "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have (present active indicative) tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

**1 Peter 4:12-13**, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the

sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.”

Matthew Henry Comments - “The apostasy of some. When the profession of Christianity begins to cost men dear, then shall many be offended, shall first fall out with, and then fall off from, their profession; they will begin to pick quarrels with their religion, sit loose to it, grow weary of it, and at length revolt from it.”

**1 John 2:19**, “They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.”