Matthew Series
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What is the *Sign* of Your Coming?

Matthew 24:3

- 1. What is the significance of the Temple?
- 2. What is the reason for the divine judgment on the nation?
- 3. How many questions are the disciples asking?
- 4. Is this future, past, or present?
- 5. What did the disciples know?
- 6. The sign or is it signs?
- 7. The differences between "coming" and the Rapture.

1. What is the significance of the Temple?

Matt. 23:38, "See! Your house is left to you desolate;"



Matt. 23:39, "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "
[Psa. 118:26]

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"Temple," meaning all of
the temple area, in
contrast to the naos,
which would refer only to
the Holy Place.

Luke 21:5, "Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,"



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Under the Hasmonean Dynasty, founded by the Maccabees, the temple was "purified" and restored and its platform extended to the south.

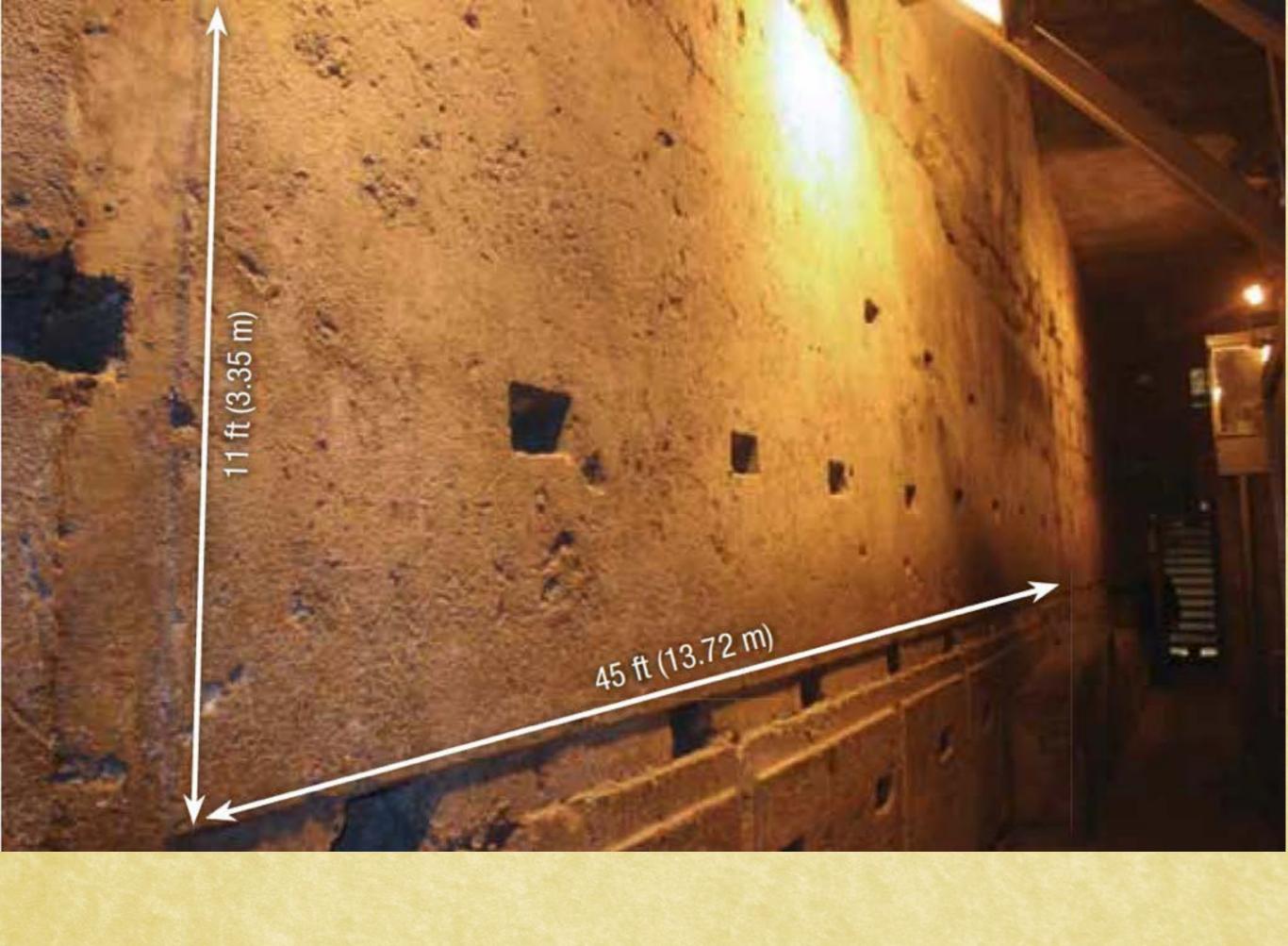
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King Herod ordered a major renovation and expansion of the Second Temple and greatly enlarged the square. All four New Testament gospels tell the story of Jesus chasing money changers out of this temple. It was destroyed in A.D. 70 during a Roman invasion commanded by Titus, son of Emperor Vespasian.

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Matt. 24:2, "And Jesus said to them, 'Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.'"





2. The reason for the divine judgment on the nation.

The Ultimate Blessing:

Lev. 26:11, "I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.

Lev. 26:12, "I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people."

The Ultimate Judgment

Lev. 26:30, "I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.

Lev. 26:31, "I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas."

The Ultimate Judgment

Lev. 26:32, "I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

Lev. 26:33, "I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste."

Deut. 18:15, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,"

Deut. 18:17, "And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good.

Deut. 18:18, "I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Deut. 18:19, "'And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.'"

Deut. 18:20, "'But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

Deut. 18:21, "'And if you say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?"—

Deut. 18:22, "'when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously;'"

3. How many questions are the disciples asking?