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They ask Jesus to explain 3 things:

- 1) *The fate of the Temple*
  - 2) *The "parousia" = the sign of your "coming"*
  - 3) *The end of the age*
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*Failing to recognize the HOUR OF THEIR  
VISITATION*

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Jesus is over the edge broken up over it:

- *Not over the edge like when He moved the Babylonians in for 70 years where the Temple though beaten was still standing*
  - *Not like the times of the Persians and the Syrians where Israel still existed, Jerusalem still existed, and most importantly the Temple still existed*
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Context:

- *In the 2 previous chapters Jesus formally judged the Temple & the Jewish leaders on behalf of God – cleansing, parable of wicked tenants, parable of wedding feast*
  - *There are many versus in this passage that ALSO place the context of this passage, at least in part, in current Jesus times*
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Let's answer just a couple questions about this passage:

- 1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?
  - 2) Why does it matter? What is Jesus accomplishing?
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### Matthew 24:5 – The vindication of Jesus

- 1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?

- a) False Prophets – Matt. 24:5– Josephus

“The Country was filled with IMPOSTERS who deluded the multitudes.”

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### Matthew 24:6 – The vindication of Jesus

1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?

- a) False Prophets – Matt. 24:5– Josephus
  - b) Wars – Matt. 24:6 - Josephus
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## Matthew - "Why Jesus?"

### Matthew 24:7-8 – The vindication of Jesus

1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?

- a) False Prophets – Matt. 24:5– Josephus
  - b) Wars – Matt. 24:6 – Josephus
  - c) Earthquakes and famines – Matt. 24:7-8
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### Matthew 24:9-10 – The vindication of Jesus

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- a) False Prophets – Matt. 24:5– Josephus
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  - c) Earthquakes and famines – Matt. 24:7-8
  - d) Deep persecution – Matt. 24:9-10
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### Matthew 24:15 – The vindication of Jesus

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- b) Wars – Matt. 24:6 – Josephus
- c) Earthquakes and famines – Matt. 24:7-8
- d) Deep persecution – Matt. 24:9-10
- e) Abomination in the Temple - Matt. 24:15– Josephus

Several options:

- i. Caligula – gave orders in 40AD to set up a statue of himself in the Temple but was assassinated first
  - ii. The zealots who holed up in the Temple, stole, murdered, etc.
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iii. *Most likely Rome setting up their ensigns and required sacrifices to them*  
*“And now the Romans, upon the flight of the seditious into the city, & upon the burning of the Holy house itself, brought their ensigns to the Temple and set them over against the Eastern Gate and there they did offer sacrifices to them and made Titus their Emperor”*

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  - e) Abomination in the Temple - Matt. 24:15– Josephus
  - f) Fleeing of the city – Matt. 24:16-22– Josephus
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  - b) Wars – Matt. 24:6 – Josephus
  - c) Earthquakes and famines – Matt. 24:7-8
  - d) Deep persecution – Matt. 24:9-10
  - e) Abomination in the Temple - Matt. 24:15– Josephus
  - f) Fleeing of the city – Matt. 24:16-22– Josephus
  - g) Sun, moon, and stars – Matt. 24:29 – Josephus
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### Matthew 24:2 – The vindication of Jesus

1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?

- a) False Prophets – Matt. 24:5– Josephus
  - b) Wars – Matt. 24:6 – Josephus
  - c) Earthquakes and famines – Matt. 24:7-8
  - d) Deep persecution – Matt. 24:9-10
  - e) Abomination in the Temple - Matt. 24:15– Josephus
  - f) Fleeing of the city – Matt. 24:16-22– Josephus
  - g) Sun, moon, and stars – Matt. 24:29 – Josephus
  - h) Temple destroyed – Matt. 24:2 (Jer. 7:14-17, Micah 3:9-12)
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i. His resurrection & ascension

Daniel 7:13 “I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a **Son of Man was coming**, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 “And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed”

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Luke 21:27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
[28] Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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2) Why does it matter? What is Jesus accomplishing?

a) *He is displaying for all times His vindication*

- i. His resurrection & ascension
  - ii. The destruction of the Temple
  - iii. The news of His victory will come quickly
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1) What was predicted & what actually happened in AD66-70?

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b) *He is also shoring up His people*

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