

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: VULTURES GATHER

Main Text: Matthew 24:15-28

Sermon Description: The last great discourse in Matthew's gospel signals a seismic shift in redemptive history marked by signal events. Sparks fly and powers clash as Daniel's 70 weeks come to fruition... According to J.C. Ryle, this should come as no surprise to us. He writes: "... The ending of a dispensation given with so much solemnity at Mt. Sinai might well be expected to be marked with particular solemnity; The destruction of the Holy Temple, where so many old saints had seen "shadows of good things to come" might well be expected to form a subject of prophecy; and so it was. The Lord Jesus specially predicts the desolation of "the holy place". The great High Priest describes the end of the dispensation which had been put in charge to lead people to Himself." The devastating consequences of continuing the Old Covenant order oblivious to its fulfillment in Christ will be felt in pangs of apocalyptic destruction. The decisive closing of this chapter in history is marked by circling buzzards over the bodies that did not heed the word of Jesus Christ...

Heading: 3 THEMES THROUGH JUDGMENT...

1. PROPHECY (Mat 24:15 and context)

- a. Referent (Mt 23:38, Dan 9:24-27)
- b. Recapitulation (Jer 7)
- c. Sobriety (23:15, Dan 9:22,23,25)

2. PREPARATION (Mat 24:16-26)

- a. Heed the Word
- b. Keep your distance (16-20)
- c. Discern imposters (23-27)

3. PROVIDENCE (Mat 23:25, 27 and context)

- a. Inadvertent prophesy (Jn 11:45-53)
- b. Duration (24:22)
- c. Decree (24:25,27, Is 45:5-7)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
70 weeks	Temple end	Heed the Word	Discernment	Unlikely prophesy	Decree
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Dan 9:24-27	Mt 24:15-28	Mt 24:16-26	Mt 24:23-27	Jn 11:45-53	Is 45:5-7

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mt 24:29-35 ...*Sign of the Son...*