

**Sermon Notes**

**Providence Community Church**

5-29-16 Ken Carlton

**Title:** BIRTH PAINS

**Main Text:** Matthew 24:1-14

**Sermon Description:** Commentators have noted that the structure of Matthew's gospel includes 5 sermons bracketed by identical literary devices. In chapters 5-7, after His disciples approach Him, Jesus delivers His 1<sup>st</sup> discourse: "The Sermon on the Mount". We have identified the working theme of "Kingdom Constitution" for this passage. Discourse #2 appears in chapter 10, theme: "Kingdom Commission". #3 appears in chapter 13, theme: "Kingdom Comparisons". #4 appears in chapter 18, theme: "Church of the Kingdom". Today we begin our study of the 5<sup>th</sup> and final sermon themed: "Kingdom Consequences". Each of these texts closes with the phrase: "When Jesus finished these sayings". The messages themselves open and close (1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> discourses) with Jesus seated on a mountain declaring His word. The first contains His authoritative law, the final discourse is His judgement sanctions for dismissing His authority.... Behold the King of Kings!

**Heading: KINGDOM JUDGEMENTS INTRODUCED BY...**

**1. THE SETTING AND OCCASION** (Mat 23:29-24:2)

- a. Consequential woes (Is 6:1-5)
- b. Location (Ez 10:18-19,11:22-23)
- c. Q&A outline (Acts 1:6-8)

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**2. PRIOR WARNING** (Mat 24:4-12)

- a. Perversion (5,11)
- b. Peril (6,7)
- c. Persecution & apostasy (9-12)

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**3. KINGDOM GAINS** (Mat 24:13-14)

- a. Perseverance
- b. Proclamation
- c. Parousia (coming of the Lord)

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Close: These events bear the signature of the Author and Finisher of history, the Alpha & Omega is utterly sovereign and concurs, preserves, and governs all things to the glory of His great name!

**FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme: Woe vs. woe	Theme: Glory & temple	Theme: When?	Theme: False teachers	Theme: Peril	Theme: Gospel
Verses: Is 6:1-5, Mt 23:35	Verses: Ez 11:22-23, Mt 24:1-3	Verses: Mt 23:36, 24:32-35	Verses: Mt 24:4-5,9-12	Verses: Mt 24:6-8	Verses: Mt 24:13-14

**FURTHER STUDY:** see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at [providencecrosslake.com](http://providencecrosslake.com)

**NEXT WEEK:** Heb 8:6-13 ...*Superior Covenant*... (communion Sunday!)