

## THE OLIVET DISCOURSE FULFILLMENT SUMMARY

Messiah proclaimed that all of the things He described would occur in that *generation*, so we need to take Him at His Word and look to see how those things were fulfilled.

Messiah proclaimed these things in the middle of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel 9. Because of the *abominations* of the Jews in continuing in rebellion against the Heavenly Father, in delivering Messiah up to be killed, Daniel 9:25 foretells that the city and temple will be destroyed. This is why Daniel was so distraught, as he understood that the Jewish leaders would cut off Messiah.

The context of the Olivet Discourse is that Messiah had just rebuked the Jewish leaders, who would kill Him and His disciples, and He said that all of the righteous blood they shed would come upon them in that generation. *“Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.”* Matthew 23:36

Then Messiah proclaimed that the temple would be desolated, which caused His disciples to ask about the sign of these things (the judgment of the Jews and the desolation of the temple) which were about to happen, that would fulfill Daniel 9:26-27; and the desolation of Jerusalem, the temple and the Jewish nation.

Jewish historian Josephus documented the fulfillment. *Wars* occurred around Judea in the Roman Empire. There were times of *famine* and *pestilence* and *earthquakes*. The disciples were *delivered up* to councils, all but John were killed. Many *false prophets* rose during this time (Bar-Jesus, Simon Magus). Paul proclaims that the Gospel was *preached all over the world* (Romans 1:8, 10:15-19, 16:25-26, Colossians 1:4-6, 23)

The *abomination of desolation* is defined in Luke 21:20-21, *“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains.”* In the fall of 66 AD, Cestius and his army came into Jerusalem to capture it and then suddenly left. The Jewish rebels chased after the Romans, and this allowed the saints to flee Jerusalem for safety.

Messiah said to *flee Judea*, which only existed until 132 AD when the Romans renamed the area *Syria Palaestina*. Messiah said to not come down from the housetop, a typical design of a Judean house. He said to pray that it doesn't happen on the Sabbath, when the Jewish priests would have shut the city gates, keeping them in. All of those things isolate the prophecy to that generation in Judea.

Messiah said to flee the mountains, to escape the coming judgment of the Jewish nation. It's documented that the saints fled to the mountains east of the Jordan River after seeing the *abomination of desolation* to escape the time of tribulation. Josephus documented the horror of the Jewish-Roman War of 66-70 AD when 1.1 million Jews died in and around Jerusalem from famine, pestilence, infighting, suicide, evisceration, crucifixion, and the Roman sword.

The prophecies in Daniel 12 were *sealed up* from Jewish leaders' eyes lest they understand the context of their desolation and escape Jerusalem. 3 ½ years. From the time of the *abomination of desolation* in 66 AD until the Romans flooded into Jerusalem and stopped temple sacrifices in 70 AD, was 1290 days. The siege lasted for 45 days until the last stronghold of Jews suddenly surrendered, accounting for the 1335 days.

During the time of *great tribulation* from 66-70 AD, hundreds of thousands of Jews died during the civil war in Jerusalem between three rival factions. They slit each other throats and tortured each other. They slew the high priest and his temple guards. Hundreds of thousands of bodies were stacked in Jerusalem or thrown over the city wall into the valleys around it. Jews that tried to escape were tortured and crucified outside the city, so many that the trees around Jerusalem were filled with multiple bodies. Thousands swallowed gold coins to protect their wealth, and they tried to escape but were caught and disemboweled to capture the gold. Then in 70 AD, hundreds of thousands were killed by the Roman sword.

The *sun, moon, and stars being darkened* symbolize the Jewish leadership system being removed from power. Isaiah 13:9-10 gives us an example of this, as applying to the fall of Babylonian leadership.

Messiah *coming in power and glory* point to His judgment of the Jewish nation. Messiah told the His disciples and the Jewish High Priest that they would see Him *come in power and glory*. Was Messiah mistaken? No.

The *angels gathering the elect* refers to the church leaders calling an assembly of the saints who had fled the destruction of Judea. Jerusalem lay in ruins, but some of the saints went there to minister to people who returned. Some stayed in the Decapolis area to continue ministry there, and others spread out through the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel.

In Romans 11:25, the Apostle Paul proclaims *that blindness in part has happened to Israel*, meaning that the unbelieving Jews didn't understand the prophecy in Daniel 12, which foretold the timing of their desolation during the Jewish-Roman War of 66-70 AD so that they didn't escape Jerusalem beforehand. The '*fullness of the gentiles*' points to the gentile Romans who came in 66 AD to *desolate* the Jewish nation. It's not about a dispensation period!

In Romans 11:26, the Apostle Paul proclaimed that "*all of Israel shall be saved.*" True Israel is comprised of Jews and Gentiles who have a covenant relationship with the Father through the Son. Messiah's saints escaped the judgment against the unbelieving Jews who were Israelites in the flesh, so indeed, *all Israel was saved* from the calamity of the Jewish-Roman War of 66-70 AD.

All of this is proven out in detail, with a verse by verse explanation and the witness of Josephus in *The Olivet Discourse Decoded* book. You can get a free PDF @ [www.TheOlivetDiscourse.com](http://www.TheOlivetDiscourse.com)