

# Training & Equipping

- **Sundays at 4pm – Prayer upstairs (all welcome)**
- **Sat 7/23 – Half Night Prayer (All welcome from 7-10pm)  
@ the Kuons**
- **Sat 7/30 - Monthly training with Uncle Ralph/Bill (9-12:15pm)**
  - **539 Dulles Ave (@ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Hispana in Stafford )**
- **World Mandate – Sept 16-17, 2011 @ Waco**

# The Last Days – 8

(Israel - Mat 24:22-31)

(7 – 17 – 11)

# The Last Days Events

- **Looking at events leading to Last Days in Mat 24:1-21 (with background of Israel)**
  - Wars & rumors of wars = ✓
  - Earthquakes & famines (birth pains) = ✓
  - Persecution & betrayals in all nations = partial ✓
  - Good News being preached to all nations ≈ 95% ✓
  - Israel becomes a nation for 2<sup>nd</sup> time = ✓ (in 1948)
  - 7 year peace treaty with AntiChrist = future / soon?
  - Treaty will be broken at 3 ½ year
  - AntiChrist claims to be “god” in the temple (to be built)
  - Ushers in great tribulation with attacks from all nations
    - (UN, South Sudan, Libya & Iraq)

# Back to Zech & Mat - The Attack

- **Zech 14:1-3**

Watch, for the day of the Lord is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you. I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, the rest will be left among the ruins of the city.

- **Mat 24:21-22** (Look at Mat with parallel passages)

For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now-and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

- How will the days be cut short?

- **Zech 14:3** - Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

# Warning

- Mat 24:23-28

At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ! Or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect – if that were possible. **See I have told you ahead of time.**

So if anyone tells you, 'There he is, out in the desert,' do not go out; or, 'Here he is, in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as lighting that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

- WARNING – In time of distress, don't be deceived!
- What could this look like? Hunger! Sickness! (Rev 13:17 – buy/sell)
- Can't miss Christ's return – lightning & technology (ex. HK)
- WARNING - Don't go to your own death (vultures & carcass)

# Mat 24 (Continue)

- **Mat 24:29**

**Immediately after the distress of those days 'the sun will be darkened, and moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'**

**Is 13:9-13 (parallel passage)**

**See, the day of the Lord is coming-a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger- to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless....Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place....**

- **Events described in Revelation..The Lord is going to fight back**

# Mat 24 (Continue)

- **Mat 24:30**

**At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.**

**Zech 12:9-10, 13:1 (parallel passage)**

**On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child... On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity...**

- **Midst of devastation, flow a spirit of grace like never before**
- **Israelites will repent & be birthed into new Kingdom (yeah!)**

# What about the other nations?

- **Rev 1:7 – Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.**
- **Example – Egypt & Assyria (Isaiah 19)**
  - **v. 2 – I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian, brother will fight against brother, neighbor against neighbor....**
  - **v. 3 – Egyptians will lose heart and I will bring their plans to nothing (ie. Plans for a new nation? Plans to attack Israel?)**
  - **v. 14 – The Lord has poured into them a spirit of dizziness; they make Egypt stagger in all that she does**
  - **v.15 – In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will shudder with fear at the uplifted hand that the Lord Almighty raises against them. (note: after the attack)**
  - **v. 19 – In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the heart of Egypt, and a monument to the Lord at its border.**

# Other nations

- **Example – Egypt & Assyria (Isaiah 19)**
  - **v. 20 – It will be a sign and witness to the Lord Almighty in the land of Egypt. When they cry out to the Lord b/c of their oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and he will rescue them.**
  - **v. 23 – In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together.**
  - **v. 24 – In that day Israel will be the 3<sup>rd</sup>, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying “Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance.”**

# Mat 24 (Continue)

- **Mat 24:30 -31**

**At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the heavens to the others.**

- **At that time, when things are so bad...the Son of Man appear**
- **All the nations will mourn (spirit of grace)**
- **Remember birth pains..there will be new births**
- **Follow by loud trumpets & joy (great tribulation to jubilation)**
  - **Greater than any Bowl or Cup victory (confettis and streams)**
- **No wonder, saints of old look forward to that day....**
- **So should we (if we are prepared)!**

# Summary

- **Great tribulation begins with attacks from all nations**
- **Great deceptions, and many will try to find ways out**
- **Warning – don't run there, Christ's return will not be missed**
- **Heavenly distress**
- **Christ returns (God fights back)**
- **Nations mourn and repentance fall upon the earth**
- **Large gathering of the saints with a trumpet call**
- **To be continued... Can we know when Christ is coming back? How close are we? What about Christians in America?**

# Challenge For the Week

- **What are your thoughts regarding current events and last days?**
- **How do you think these events impact you?**
- **What is God saying to you through today's message?**