

ANALYSIS:

1. In what way had the poor widow given to the Lord more than the rich men? _____
2. What in this chapter is called the “Abomination of Desolation” in Matthew 24:15? _____
3. Does verse 24 prophesy of a time when the Jews would rebuild Jerusalem and inhabit Israel? _____
4. As with Matthew 24, what important verse and words plainly teaches the time period of the prophecies of this chapter? _____
5. Verses 34-36 seem to be referring to the second coming of Christ, but what event does the context limit us to? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Just like Matthew 24, this chapter is our Lord's clear answer of the disciples' question as to when there would not be left one stone upon another in the ruins of the temple of their day. As the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ was the greatest of all prophets. His prophecies were always perfectly fulfilled. This prophecy is no exception. The Lord Jesus Christ came in power and judgment on the Jewish nation in 70 AD through the Roman armies under the leadership of Titus. The Lord Jesus Christ powerfully destroyed his enemies that crucified him 40 years earlier. He is victorious!

While the warnings about “watching” and “taking heed to yourselves” must be primarily understood in the context of the first century before the destruction of Jerusalem, similar warnings are issued elsewhere in the New Testament regarding the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord Jesus so find us watching and waiting for his appearing when he comes to be “glorified in his saints” (II Thess 1:7-10; II Peter 3:10-14; Matthew 25:1-13).

HELP:

1. She gave more because she gave all that she had (v 4). The rich men had only given a portion of their wealth.
2. The armies compassing Jerusalem (v 20). From history we know these were the Roman armies under Titus in 70 AD.
- 3 No. It is simply stating that Jerusalem would always be down trodden by the Gentiles until the end of time.
4. Verse 32. “Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.” The Lord Jesus is here stating that everything in this chapter (as with Matthew 24) would be fulfilled during the lifetimes of those then alive. This is the most important verse in the chapter.
5. These verses, like the rest of the chapter, are referring to the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. Note in verse 36 that Jesus spoke to the people then living, “that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things.” He was not speaking to some future generation.