

Readings from Matthew chapter 24—March 20th-26th, 2022

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Sunday: Should you follow someone just because he makes a religious appeal?

Please pray that God would prepare mission team members for Covenant Fellowship (Pittsburgh, Pa.) RPC and many other places this summer, and that the congregations and team members would grow in Christ in the process.

Monday: Should you follow someone just because he works seeming miracles?

Why or why not? Pray with Southfield, Mich., RPC that the Holy Spirit would raise up and set apart those of His choosing to serve as elders and deacons according to His perfect timing. **Pray** for Kasumigaoka RPC (Kobe, Japan).

Tuesday: How do you know whether someone is a false prophet? Pray with

Oswego, N.Y., RPC for renewed interest and growth in Fulton, N.Y., RPC.; **pray** for strength for those remaining in Fulton RPC and the few of Oswego RPC that are temporarily helping out. **Pray** for Rev. Stephen Steele, pastor of Stranraer (Scotland) RPC, as he serves as chaplain for a local football (i.e., soccer) club.

Wednesday: What examples can you give of false saviors and false prophets?

Give thanks with Orlando, Fla., RPC for the wondrous love and presence of the Lord. **Pray** for Dr. Barry York (President, RP Theological Seminary) and his wife and family: the Yorks' son-in-law, an Indianapolis cop, was shot in the throat.

Thursday: What is v. 28 teaching? Pray for the various ongoing ministries at Russell, Ont., RPC. **Pray** for Pavel Bartos who ministers in the Czech Republic.

Friday: This section of Matthew 24 is speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. Why was that so significant? Thank the Lord with Walton, N.Y.,

RPC for the covenant of church membership; **rejoice** for their three new members. **Pray** for peace to be established in Ukraine.

Saturday: What is the world's reaction when Jesus comes in judgment? Pray

with Christ Covenant (Lawrence, Kan.) RPC for the August vote for a critical pro-life state amendment. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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The Lord's Day

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship Habakkuk 2:20

*The Invocation

*Psalm 122B “I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 9

*Psalm 46A “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 1A “O Greatly Blessed is the Man”

Scripture Text Revelation 7

The Sermon “The Indestructible Church” (Part 1)

*Prayer

*Psalm 48B “In Our God’s City We Have Seen”

*Benediction

*Psalm 72C [stanzas 11-12] “Now Blessed Be our God Alone”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”—Psalm 47:6. “Quench not the Spirit.”—I Thessalonians 5:19. “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”—John 10:11.

Q. 104. *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?* A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God’s free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Q. 105. *What do we pray for in the fifth petition?* A. In the fifth petition, which is, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

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Revelation 7 “The Indestructible Church” (Part 1)
Theme: The indestructible church worships God for His salvation.

I. Sealing the 144,000

A. Prologue

1. “And after these things I saw”—this is a different vision
2. What he first saw—four angels
3. What he next saw—another angel, having the seal of God

A. The 144,000

1. The text—144,000 were sealed; 12,000 from each tribe
2. The meaning
 - a. The definite number points to God’s election; is symbolic, not literal; is a number of perfection (10 x 10 x 10 x 12 x 12)
 - b. The order of and the particular tribes listed
 - (1) An indication of God’s grace and sovereign mercy

(2) More than only a Jewish remnant

(3) We must not forget the parallel with Matt. 24

Application [with regard to the living God]

A. Are you acting like you are sealed by God Himself?

1. Are you behaving as if you are tamper-proof?

2. Are you demonstrating your being owned by Christ?

3. Are you shining like a Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, showing forth that you are genuine in your profession?

A. Do you appreciate your relationship with the living God?

B. Never forget that the church is indestructible because God is the living God, who will keep us both in time and for eternity