

## The Olivet Discourse

Matthew 23:36-25:46

*“As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?””* (Matthew 24:3, ESV)

Coming Judgment- <i>This Generation</i> :	23:36-24:35
Intro	23:36-24:3
<i>These Things</i> —When	24:4-24:14
<i>These Things</i> —What	24:15-24:35
End of the Age- <i>Day and Hour</i> :	24:36-25:13
Noah, Workers, Women	24:36-24:44
Faithful and Evil Servants	24:45-24:51
Wise and Foolish Virgins	25:1-25:13
End of the Age-The Judgment	25:14-25:46
Parable of the Talents	25:14-25:29
The Son of Man Judging the Nations	25:30-25:46

In many ways the material is rather confusing, however, there are three inclusions in this passage that help bring clarity. The inclusions are italicized.

The First inclusion, “*all these things*” and “*this generation*” are found in Matthew 23:36 and 24:35. This material addresses the judgment on Israel, Jerusalem and the Temple, in the first century, a 3 ½ year period from the spring of AD 67 till August 3, AD 70.

The Second inclusion, “*these things*” appear again in 24:2 and 3 and then again in 24:34 and 35, they address the issues of timing and signs at the judgment coming of Jesus.

The Third inclusion is found in the phrase “*day and hour*” found in Matthew 24:36 and 25:13 are indicators of the condition of the world right before the coming of Jesus on the last day.

The material in Matthew 25:14 to 25:46 are a discussion on the actual judgment at the end of time.