

## **STUDY XII**

### **OUR LORD'S GREAT PROPHECY**

(1) Where is found in Scripture one of the most remarkable prophecies respecting the "Time of the End," one which was uttered by our Lord Jesus Himself? What was the evident object of this prophecy? How were all of our Lord's previous references to His death and the apparent failure of His cause received by His Apostles? And how did this attitude on the part of His disciples lead up to the three points not yet clear in their minds? Page 563, to Page 564, par. 2

#### **THE THREE QUESTIONS**

(2) What were the three questions asked by the disciples, and for whom were our Lord's replies undoubtedly intended? Page 564, par. 3; Page 565, par. 1

#### **BEWARE OF FALSE CHRISTS**

(3) What was the Master's first warning to His disciples, as expressed in Matt. 24:4, 5? Was this suggestion important, as proven by subsequent history? Page 565, par. 2, 3

#### **THE HISTORY OF EIGHTEEN CENTURIES BRIEFLY FORETOLD**

(4) How do verses 6 to 8 in Matt. 24 apply? In which verses is the history of the Church separated from that of the world? Page 566, par. 1, to Page 567, par. 1

#### **THE GOSPEL WITNESS, WORLD-WIDE**

(5) Explain verse 14. Does this statement imply that all nations will be converted by the Gospel before the end shall come? Page 567, par. 2, to Page 568, par. 1

(6) Has this prediction been fulfilled? In what manner? Page 568, par. 2

(7) Why did our Lord ignore the question respecting the stones of the Temple being overthrown? From this point onward, what is the peculiar character of the prophecy? Page 568, par. 3, 4

#### **THE TROUBLE IN THE END OF THE JEWISH AGE**

(8) Why do we now refer to St. Luke's prophecy? How do its statements differ from those of St. Matthew and St. Mark, and evidently for what reason? (Luke 21:20-24) Page 569, to Page 570, par. 1

#### **THE TROUBLE IN THE END OF THE GOSPEL AGE**

(9) How is the trouble at the end of the Gospel Age predicted by St. Matthew and St. Mark? What four points show that while there may have been a typical application to the Jewish Age, the more important application belongs to the closing years of the Gospel Age? (Matt. 24:15-22; Mark 13:14-20) Page 570, par. 2 to 4

(10) How was Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:27) fulfilled at the first advent? Page 571, par. 1, 2

(11) But what did the Prophet record respecting an abomination that maketh desolate in nominal Spiritual Israel? Page 571, par. 3

(12) How is this great Abomination of Desolation now being supplemented by other overspreading abominations? Wherein is the parallelism between this condition in the Harvest of the Gospel Age and that in the Harvest of the Jewish Age? Page 572, par. 1. 2

(13) Was the Mass recognized by Luther and the other reformers as the "Abomination of Desolation"? Page 572, par. 3

(14) What is the special significance of the Lord's words, "When, therefore, ye see the abomination of desolation having stood in the Holy Place," etc.? Is there a double application in the exhortation "Flee to the mountain"? Page 573, par. 1

(15) What is the special application of this expression to the Harvest of the Gospel Age? Page 573, par. 2, 3

#### **"COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE!"**

(16) In verses 17 and 18, what is the significance of "on the housetop," and "in the field"? And what are the exhortations to these two classes of persons? Page 574, par. 1, to Page 575, par. 1

#### **DIFFICULTIES OF THE FLIGHT**

(17) To what two classes in the nominal Church does Matt. 24:19 apply? And why will it be so difficult for these to flee out of Babylon? Page 575, par. 2, to Page 577, par. 2

#### **FLEE BEFORE THE WINTER TIME**

(18) In Matt. 24:20-22, what is the significance of "in the winter"? Why is it more advantageous to flee before the winter time of trouble? Will any be able to flee during the winter time? What is the significance of "on the sabbath day"? Pages 578, 579

#### **FALSE MESSIAHS AND FALSE TEACHERS**

(19) How have verses 23 to 25 been fulfilled as respects false Messiahs and false teachers? Page 580, par. 1 to 4

#### **"THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL ARISE"**

(20) Why does God permit such delusions? And what is the important work for each consecrated child of God? How has the claim, "Behold, He is in the secret chamber,"

been made by false teachers? How do we know that the Lord will not reveal Himself "in the secret chamber" nor "in a desert place"? (Matt. 24:26, 27) Page 581, par. 1, to Page 583, par. 1

### **THE DARKENING OF THE SUN AND MOON AS SIGNS**

(21) What is the distinction between the tribulation "of those days" (Matt. 24:29), and the tribulations at the end of those days? What were these definitely described signs which would follow the tribulation "of those days"? How and when were these signs fulfilled? Page 583, par. 3, to Page 587, last par.

### **THE FALLING STARS**

(22) What was the next predicted sign in the heavens, and when did it find a fulfilment? Page 588, par. 1, to Page 590, par. 3

### **THE SYMBOLIC FULFILMENT**

(23) While the literal fulfilment of these predicted signs in the sun, moon, and stars served the designed purpose of attracting attention to the Time of the End, have they had also a symbolic fulfilment? What is the symbolical significance of the sun, moon, and stars, respectively? Is the word star used respecting any of the faithful (aside from the Apostles) during this life? To what class is the term, "wandering stars," applicable? What is meant by the shaking of the symbolic "heavens," and in what manner are the ecclesiastical "stars" coming down to earth? Page 590, par. 4, to Page 596, par. 1

(24) What other co-incident signs of this time are added by Luke? And to what do they refer? (Luke 21:25, 26) Page 596, par. 2, to Page 597, par. 1

(25) Why did the disciples ask, "What shall be the sign of Thy presence," at the second advent? While our Lord replied, "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man," did He say anything about its character? Page 597, par. 2 to 4

(26) What is the original Greek word translated sign, and what is its significance? Page 598, par. 1 to 6

(27) Where was this sign or proof of the presence of the Son of Man to be given? What facts are recognized by some as signs of His Parousia? Page 598, last par.

(28) What parallel to the Jewish Harvest is shown in this recognition of the second presence of the Son of Man? Page 599, par. 1

(29) In Matt. 24:30, explain the statement, "Then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn." How will they see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of Heaven? Page 599, par. 2, 3

(30) Explain verse 31 in detail. What other Scriptural expressions depict the same fact of the gathering of the elect "from the four winds"? Page 600, par. 1, to Page 601, par. 3

### **PROXIMITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

(31) In verses 32 to 35, to what does the fig tree refer? Is there any evidence of this sign being fulfilled? What is meant by "this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled"? Page 602, par. 1, to Page 604, par. 2

(32) What is the popular interpretation of Matt. 24:36, and what is the proper explanation? Page 605, par. 1, to Page 606, par. 1

### **AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH, "THEY KNEW NOT"**

(33) How is the real point of the illustration in Matt. 24: 37-39 overlooked by many Bible students? What was the point of comparison made? What further comparison is added in Luke 17:26-29? Page 606, par. 2 to 4

(34) What is the significance of the warning, "Remember Lot's Wife," recorded in Luke 17:30-33? Page 607, par. 1 to 4

### **ONE TAKEN AND ANOTHER LEFT**

(35) In Luke 17:34, explain the significance of the "night" and the "bed." Page 608, par. 2, 3

(36) In Matt. 24:40, what is meant by the "field"? Page 609, par. 1, 2

(37) In Matt. 24:41 and Luke 17:35, what is the significance of "two grinding at the mill," and their respective experiences? Page 609, par. 3, 4

### **WHITHER GATHERED?--THE ATTRACTION**

(38) What was the question of the disciples immediately following these statements of our Lord? What is the interpretation of Jesus' reply in Matt. 24:28 and Luke 17:37? Page 610, par. 1 to 4

### **WATCH, IF YE WOULD KNOW**

(39) Explain Matt. 24:42, 43. Page 611, par. 1, to Page 612, par. 1

(40) In verse 44, what is the significance of the expression, "Ye also"? Page 612, par. 2, 3

### **DISPENSING FOOD TO THE HOUSEHOLD**

(41) In Matt. 24:45-51, what is the predicted character of "that servant"? Do these verses teach that the servant would be the originator of the "meat in due season"? What would

be the experience of "that servant," should he become "wicked," and deny His Master's presence, etc.? Page 613, to Page 614, par. 2

(42) Explain in what particular our Lord's great Prophecy differs from those of Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Daniel, respectively. Page 614, par. 3 to 5