

# Ready for the Rapture?

Grace Bible Chapel

Olivet Discourse Outline #8 – Matt. 24:36-41

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**Context:** Our Lord is addressing questions about His promised kingdom. These questions are being asked by the disciples in a time of limited understanding just days before the cross, His resurrection, or ascension. These questions are being answered more by extension for us than for them. He had told them He was going (John 13:33), but also that He would come back for them (John 14:1-3). He has also told them of Israel's destruction (Matt. 23:38; 24:2) yet told them that before He comes to establish His kingdom, Israel will exist in the land and acknowledge Him as their Messiah (John 23:39). He has addressed in Matthew 24:4-28 the last days tribulation. Then He spoke of His second coming immediately after the tribulation (Matt. 24:29-35). Today, we transition back to His promised coming for them and by extension for us. We will build the case that verses 36-to-41 are addressing His coming to remove His saints before the time of the tribulation. As we see the events of today in our world, and in Israel, we should recognize the stage is being set.

**Broad outline (underlined is the immediate context).**

- I. Complex Questions
- II. Circumstances
- III. Compelling Answers (Matt. 24:1-41)
  - A. Conditions in the first half (4-14)
  - B. Conditions in the second half (15-28)
  - C. Coming of Christ to judge (29-35)
  - D. Coming of Christ for deliverance (36-41)

**Key Words (Matt. 24:32-35)**

- coming (2)
- day & days (4)
- Noah (2)
- flood (2)
- left (2)
- taken (2)

Introduction:

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D. Coming of Christ for deliverance (Matt. 24:36-41)

- Statement of imminence (Vs. 36)

- Sinful and Secular living (Vs. 37-38)

- Similarity to the Flood (Vs. 39)

- Spared from God's wrath (Vs. 40-41)

Closing:

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