Parkman Congregational Church September 14, 2025

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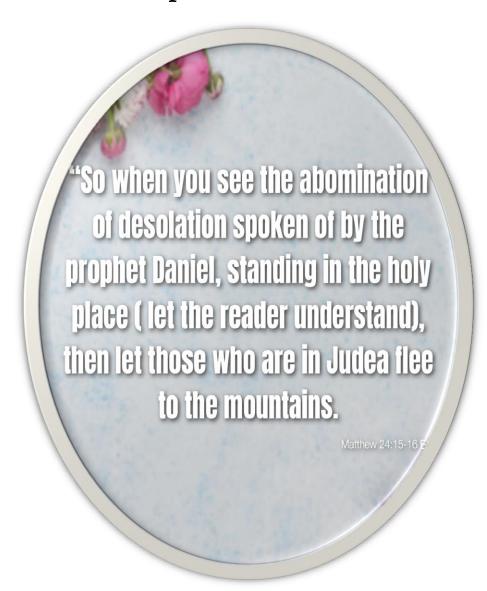
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30am SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00pm

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Service, 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 20

AA, 8:30pm

Sunday, September 21

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Scripture of the Month: Matthew 24:44

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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Sproul penned in his commentary;

"Matthew tells us that Jesus said: "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. 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" (vv. 29–30). Notice the first word Jesus used here: immediately. He had just finished telling His disciples to watch for a series of events that would signal the approach of the destruction of the temple. Then He said that immediately after the tribulation—not a year, not a hundred years, not two thousand years or more—He would come. As we saw in the previous chapter, many of the things Jesus prophesied—false christs, wars, famines, earthquakes, the desecration of the temple, tribulations—are documented to have occurred between the time Jesus spoke and AD 70. Thus, the word immediately indicates that this coming of Jesus was also at that time, that this event also happened within this generation. How can that be?

There are basically two solutions. One way to resolve this problem is to treat the time-frame reference in this discourse—"this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place" (v. 34)—as figurative while seeing the descriptions of Jesus' coming as literal. Some commentators do just that. They say that the word generation indicates a certain type of person, not a time frame of roughly forty years. In other words, Jesus was saying that wicked, doubting people such as the scribes and Pharisees would always be around, from the time when He gave this prophecy to the time of His return thousands of years in the future. According to this view, Jesus' return will be accompanied by real astronomical signs, but it has not happened yet.

The other option is to treat the language Jesus used to describe His coming as figurative and the time-frame reference as literal. That is, Jesus actually came back in AD 70, but the sun and moon were not actually darkened, the stars did not fall, and the powers of heaven were not shaken. Those signs did not literally happen; rather, Jesus was speaking figuratively to describe a real event.

In order to decide which option is best, we must use sound principles of biblical interpretation. What does the Bible say? Do we see similar language used elsewhere in Scripture? If so, in what context does it appear?" As we walk through this section of scripture let's look for examples where this type of language is used in the Old Testament, because it is there...

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Not God's plan for my life But my life for God's plan Not God's vision for our church But our church for God's Vision



We will be having our Family Fall Fest in October more details to come!



