

PORTRAIT
OF THE
King



ATONEMENT

“The Signs of the Return of the King” (Part 1)

MATTHEW 24:1-14



	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrayed As	King	Servant	Son of Man	God
Primary Audience	Jews	Romans	Greeks	The whole world
Begins with	Genealogy traced back to Abraham	John the Baptist	Genealogy traced back to Adam	Eternity past
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of the Holy Spirit	Invitation

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| I. | Matthew 1-4 | The <u>ARRIVAL</u> of the King |
| II. | Matthew 5-9 | The <u>AUTHORITY</u> of the King |
| III. | Matthew 10-12 | The <u>AMBASSADORS</u> for the King |
| IV. | Matthew 13-17 | The <u>ADVERSARIES</u> of the King |
| V. | Matthew 18-23 | The <u>ADMINISTRATION</u> of the King |
| VI. | Matthew 24-28 | The <u>ATONEMENT</u> of the King |

Structure of the Gospel of Matthew



- Preached on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem
- Jesus' primary teaching on last events (aka eschatology)
- Recorded in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13 and Luke 21
- Theme: the future of Israel as it relates to the return of the Messiah
- Not a sermon about the church

Olivet Discourse



- From Greek word *prophaytays* or *propheteo*
- A genre in Scripture

“Prophecy”



Total Verses in the Bible	31,124
Total Number of Predictions in the OT	1,239
Total Number of OT Verses that Contain Predictions	6,641 out of 23,210
Percent of the OT that is Prophecy	28.5%
Total Number of Predictions in the NT	578
Total Number of NT Verses that Contain Predictions	1,711 out of 7,914
Percent of the NT that is Prophecy	21.5%
Total Number of Separate Prophetic Topics in the Bible	737
Total Percent of the Bible that is Prophecy	27%

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5. Remember what the response to any kind of study of last things should be (I Thessalonians 5:11-22) – be saved and be serving.

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6. It is a blessing to study prophecy
(Revelation 1:3).

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6. We are reminded of Who will win

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- “the science or study of interpretation”
- Patterns and principles that enable us to understand the Bible
- We must not read the Bible how we want to read it.

Hermeneutics



1. Begin with literal interpretation.

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“Take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.”

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5. Beware of “newspaper exegesis.”

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6. Let the Scripture speak for itself.

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*but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone
who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

1 Peter 3:15



*Waiting for our blessed hope,
the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior
Jesus Christ,*

Titus 2:13



“Hope in the future can take the sting out of the present.”

Chuck Swindoll

