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## *Jesus Warns of Destruction*

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Forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt offering, and they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate – Daniel 11:31

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[Matthew 24:11-28] Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray. Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end, the same will be saved. This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

*“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, [Daniel 11:31] which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house. Let him who is in the field not return back to get his clothes. Let those who are in the midst of her depart. Let those who are in the country not enter therein. But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days! For there will be great distress in the land, and wrath to this people. For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. Pray that your flight will not be in the winter, nor*

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on a Sabbath, for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world which God created until now, no, nor ever will be. They will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened.

“Then if any man tells you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or, ‘There,’ don’t believe it. For there will arise false christs, and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

“Behold, I have told you beforehand. If therefore they tell you, ‘Behold, he is in the wilderness,’ don’t go out; ‘Behold, he is in the inner rooms,’ don’t believe it. For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For wherever the carcass is, there is where the vultures gather together.” [Mark 13:14-23, Luke 21:20-26]

1. Daniel’s prophecy occurred in 167 B.C., 70 A.D. and may occur again; how does it help us?
2. Who are vultures? Is a carcass obvious? Is lightning? Do you follow crowds? How so?
3. Jesus, your words saved many from death in Jerusalem; today I’ll preach the Kingdom by...