



## 1. Introduction

a. Olivet Discourse (sermon)

about Jewish nation in  
future & the much later  
future Tribulation time

b. Jesus gives answers to 2  
questions disciples asked in  
verses 5-7

c. Herod rebuilt 2<sup>nd</sup> temple into  
a magnificent beautiful building

- verses 20-24 refers back  
to verse 6

\* "not one stone shall be  
left upon another"

\* Disciples ask question  
"When shall these things  
be?" in verse 7

- Herod's temple in construction

\* began in 20 BC

\* final temple decorations  
finished in 64 AD

\* took 84 years to finish

d. And then the Roman  
armies came in 66 AD

- Nero sent General Vespasian  
to put down Jewish revolt

- Roman armies started in  
Galilee in the north, then  
came southward to Jerusalem

- Josephus, Jewish historian,  
recorded it all

- Events also recorded by Rome

## 2. Roman Conquest

a. 70 AD Roman armies

finished destroying Herod's temple & city of Jerusalem

b. How did this happen

- verse 20: surrounded by armies

\* Roman army at first siege against Jerusalem in 70 AD

\* Rome asks city of Jerusalem to surrender

\* Romans allow anyone to leave

- verse 21: those in Judea flee to the mountains

\* Jewish Christians & apostles leave Jerusalem & flee to mountains of Galilee

\* apostles disperse to far regions of Gentile world

- verse 22: days of vengeance

\* Romans destroy temple, city of Jerusalem & Masada

- verse 24: fall by the edge of the sword & led away captive

\* great slaughter in many battles

\* captured people paraded through Rome & sold as slaves throughout Roman empire

\* Jerusalem trampled by Gentiles

x Jews now control

x But Gentiles continue to control Temple Mount