

THE REJECTED KING LOOKS TO THE FUTURE, PART 1

Matthew 24:1–51

It has been observed that “the subject of biblical prophecy is like one magnet interacting with another. For many people, it pulls them in. For others, it drives them away.” Indeed, some *are* drawn to prophecy. Wanting to know about the future they enjoy thinking, discussing, and reading about things to come and, perhaps, how current events fit in to God’s revelation. Others are repelled by prophecy, viewing it as a futile topic that divides, confuses, and scares. Surely both groups are represented within most church families, along with those who are apathetic, ignorant, or uninterested. But regardless of individual experiences *with* and feelings *toward* what the Bible says about end times, all would do well to understand that Jesus considered it important and edifying. So much so that, during the days leading up to his death, the Lord gave his disciples a peak beyond the horizon. And looking with them, believers today can be reminded of what prophecy is *supposed* to bring: clarity, comfort, and conviction.

Questions About THE END

vv. 1–6; 23:28

Events Leading to THE END

1. Distressing birth pangs vv. 6–8
2. A growing intensity vv. 9–14
3. A heinous act of idolatry vv. 15–20; 2 Kgs 23:24
4. Unprecedented and unparalleled tribulation vv. 21–28
5. Powerful cosmic signs v. 29
6. An unmistakable and glorious appearing v. 30
7. The gathering together of believing Israel v. 31

How To Wait for THE END

vv. 32–51

Get Ready, Stay Ready!