Eschatology in Matthew 24-25

1. Isaiah

- a. Isaiah 29:18 "In that day..."
- b. Isaiah 34 judgment of nations
- c. Isaiah 35:4-5 your God will come...with recompense of God...He will come and save you...eyes of blind open...ears unstopped...lame will leap...(etc. until 35:10)...
- 2. Son of David
 - a. The Son of David will rule an everlasting kingdom
 - b. 2 Samuel 7:12-16
 - c. This kingdom is the one described in Isaiah 29 and 35 (and, many other places)
- 3. Matthew 9:27 Two Blind men
 - a. Two Blind men cried out to Jesus, "Have mercy on us, son of David.
 - b. "Do you believe that *I* am able to do this?"..."See that no one knows about it."
 - c. Jesus was the Son of David who would bring the Kingdom where there would be healing and restoration.
- 4. Psalm 118:25-26
 - a. "Save us, we pray, O Lord!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord."

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- c. "Save" in Psalm 118:25 is the Hebrew word *ho-wo-si-'ah* (hosanna) from *yasha* meaning
 "to deliver" and refers to being saved or delivered:
 - i. liberated
 - ii. saved in battle, victorious
 - iii. evil and moral trouble
 - iv. death, sickness, etc.
- d. Calling out "Hosanna" to an individual was recognition that the person you were seeking help from could do what God and the Messiah (the promised Son of David) could do.
- 5. Triumphal Entry and Rejection
 - a. Matthew 21:1 Triumphal Entry "hosanna"
 - b. Matthew 21:18 Fig Tree
 - c. Matthew 21:23 Challenge and rejection
- 6. Matthew 23:29-39 Jesus leaves public presentation of himself for the last time and says they next time they see him they will ask him for help.
 - a. 23:38-39 "Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' "
 - b. In Psalm 118 "Hosanna" ("Save us!") comes right before "Blessed is he (the man, the Messiah) who comes in the name of the Lord (the God who sent him to save.)"

- c. The Jews will not be "saved" or "delivered" until the recognized that Jesus is the Messiah.
- d. Zechariah 12:10-11 "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. <u>They will look on me, the one they have</u> <u>pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly</u> for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. *On that day* the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo."
- 7. Matthew 24:1-2
 - a. Two worlds are contrasted:
 - i. Temporal glory of man evaluated by man
 - ii. Temporal glory of man in disaster when faced with the wrath of God
- 8. Matthew 24:3 Three Questions:
 - a. When will these things happen? (answer: 70 AD, forty years or one generation from that day.)
 - b. What will be the sign of your coming? (answer: Like lightning flashes in the sky the Son of Man will appear and the nations will mourn for a period of time in his presence.)
 - c. What will be the sign of the close of the age? (answer: No man knows. Be ready.)
- 9. Answer "a"
 - a. First, the destruction of Jerusalem
 - b. Then, history will continue cycling through periods and stages like labor pains before birth
 - c. But, the END is not yet!...the End is in the future after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD and after history has cycled through the birth pains for a period (unknown?) of time
- 10. Answer "b" Jesus coming...
 - a. Then, (after periods of cycling or labor pains) a tribulation will begin for believers
 - b. Execution/martyrdom
 - c. Hated by nations for Jesus sake (this is Christians, not Jews)
 - i. Christians are believing and waiting for Jesus during this time and are persecuted.
 - ii. Jesus is waiting for the Jews to say, "Hosanna" and "Blessed is he (the Messiah, Jesus) who comes in the name of the Lord." So, this is NOT the Jews...yet.
 - d. Believers fall away because of the persecution
 - e. False prophets lead the false believers astray
 - f. Lawlessness in the character of this time...so, tyranny will rule the day
 - g. Those who endure will be saved, delivered...meet the Lord in the air.
 - h. Those who are enduring the persecution will be proclaiming the coming kingdom
 - i. Fig Tree...you will know this season when you see it. But, it is not 70 AD.
 - j. THEN, the abomination in the Temple will occur
 - k. Jews will need to flee (24:16-26)
 - I. THEN, the Sign of the Son of Man will appear
 - i. It is obvious as lightning!
 - ii. It is as obvious as vultures circling over a dead body. Everyone knows. Matt. 24:17
 - m. THEN, begins serious tribulation after this earlier persecution tribulation
- 11. Answer "c" When is the end of this age?
 - a. No one knows
 - b. Be ready
 - c. Stay faithful

12. Matthew 25 – Three Parables: 1) Ten Virgins; 2) Bags of Gold; 3) Sheep and Goats