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27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto unwhitened sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
28 Even so also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.
29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous.
30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.
32 And ye shall hear a voice from heaven, saying, Ye are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.
33 And there was also in their days a prophesy of the same, saying, 34 And, Lo, I send you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them of city to city:
35 That upon you shall come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zachâ-âr-as son of Barâ-âghâ-s, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.
36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.
37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

CHAPTER 24 [193]

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.
2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be one stone left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.
6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.
12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
13 But he that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (wherein he readeth, let him understand;)
16 Then shall there be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
17 And happy shall he that shall be so accounted to be alive and to be caught up in those days.
18 Then shall he send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
19 And then shall he give to the foolish the foolish, and to the wicked the wicked, and the Wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that have the cleanest shall be as the shining of the stars for ever and ever.
20 And in that day and hour known to no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

21 Then shall he say also to them on his left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
22 For I was hungry and ye gave me no flesh; thirsty and ye gave me no drink;
23 Naked and ye clothed me not; sick and ye visited me not;
24 And in prison, and ye came not to me.
25 Then shall they also answer him, Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?
26 When did we see thee a stranger, and entertain thee not, or naked, and cover thee not?
27 Or when did we see thee sick, or in prison, and visit thee not?
28 Then shall they also answer him, Lord, when did we see thee, and not know thee?
29 And he shall say to them, I tell you verily, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
30 Then shall they also answer him, Lord, when did we see thee, and not know thee?
31 He shall also say to them, I tell you verily, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
32 Then shall they also answer him, Lord, when did we see thee, and not know thee?
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37 He shall also say to them, I tell you verily, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
CHAPTER 13 [970]

And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said unto him, Master, see what great buildings! and what buildings are here!

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives opposite against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: be not troubled; for such things must be, but the end shall not be yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in divers places; and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

And when they shall lead you in tribulation, take thought before hand what ye shall say; for ye shall not be able to think what ye shall say.

But I say unto you, Except ye have been converted, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

After two days was the feast of the passover, and of
Destruction of the temple and of Jerusalem foretold


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all the people he said unto his disciples,

46 Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;

47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers; therefore shall they receive greater damnation.

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And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor woman hath cast in more than they all:

for for all these have of theirown substance cast in unto God's offerings; but she of her want hath cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gold, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end followeth.

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

12 But before all these, shall they lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 And settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death,

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

20 And then shall ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then shall ye know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judah flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written be fulfilled.

23 But upon them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days; for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees:

30 When they now shall see forthe, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

35 For as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And in the day-time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.

38 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.

CHAPTER 22 [995]

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

3 ¶ Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to deliver him into their hands in the absence of the multitude.

6 ¶ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

7 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

8 And he said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

9 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.

10 And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

11 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

12 And they went, and found