

Audio Teaching Sermon Message #43 Coming in Jesus' Name

[A Intro – Pastor Jefferson 0:00 thru 1:31]

Hey folks, welcome to the **43rd Message** of the **Audio Teaching Sermon Series**—where our only mission is to educate believers on the brilliant Word of God. We do this by taking a deep dive into Scripture via the close examination of the Greek and the Hebrew languages from the original texts. Hello, I am Pastor Jefferson and today we will be covering the 3rd prophecy of the fig tree, as spoken of by Jesus, our LORD and Savior. Recall it says in **Matt 24:32**, ¹ *“Now, learn the parable from the fig tree: ² when already the branch is made to be tender ³ and it puts forth leaves, ⁴ you know that summer is near.”* If you recall, there are 3 prophecies associated with this parable, and all relate to the coming end times of the **age of Adam**. The **1st**, I entitled **“the distant,”** was associated with the coming of Christ—which is and remains the sole purpose of God bringing us the Bible. The **2nd** prophecy had to do with the appearance of the **nation of Israel** and how that when combined with the arrival of Christ, gave us 4 intervals which prove the end of the age is indeed near. This is why I called this one **“the temporal.”** Today we’ll discuss the **3rd**, named **“the imminent.”**

[B Israel is Here to Stay 1:31 thru 2:39]

When we look up the word **imminent**, we find it means **‘ready to take place, as in happening soon.’** But there is a secondary meaning which fits here even better. It says, **‘often used of something bad or dangerous seen as being menacingly near.’** The appearance of the fig tree is the one big sign or signal which Jesus gave us which is impossible to ignore. The creation of a new **Hebrew state**, against all historical odds, is something which cannot be hidden or explained away. And the hidden part of the prophecy is that this new state of **Israel** will not be removed from the world stage either. Israel is here to stay. Since her creation, there have been seven wars seeking to destroy her, but all have failed. And, all will fail, as Israel will still be here when Jesus returns. For out of her will come the one the Bible describes as the **Antichrist**.

[C Signs of a Vesuvius Eruption 2:39 thru 3:54]

You know, I like to compare the appearance of the **fig tree** with the historical eruption of **Mount Vesuvius** back in the year **79 AD**. It destroyed the Roman cities of **Pompeii** and

Herculaneum, along with most of their populations. It was among the largest eruptions in recorded modern history, ultimately releasing 100,000 times the thermal energy of the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Over 30,000 people were believed to have lost their lives. The simple reason is they ignorantly disregarded the signs which appeared before the eruption. There were assorted **earthquakes**, there was the appearance of **ash** and **pumice**, along with the sounds of **explosions** coming from the mountain. Folks now like to say they were caught by surprise. Nope, Vesuvius had recent history of numerous eruptions in the 3 decades preceding the major eruption in 79. All the signs were either ignored or explained away. We see the same thing happening today.

[**D** Of Signs and Symptoms 3:54 thru 5:24]

Jesus spent the first **31 verses** of **Matthew 24** telling the church of believers what was going to happen in the final years of humanity. These signs and symptoms will happen primarily in the final **7 years** of the age of Adam. And just for clarity, the reason I say the **age of Adam**, is that the surviving race of **Hebrew** people, sequestered at **Petra**, will not be extinguished. The Hebrew race will continue well past the **2nd Coming of Christ**. They will persevere through the **Millennial Reign** and far beyond. **Jeremiah 31:36 thru 40** makes it clear God will keep them around essentially forever. Back in **message 16**, we discussed in detail the signs of the end of the age as stated in **Daniel 12**. I recommend you go back and review that message. As we dig deeper into prophecy, it will help you understand just how close it is to the end. We can even now feel the earthquakes; we can see ash and smell the pumice coming out of the top of the mountain. We can hear the distant explosions. So, please stop telling yourself or listening to others say this is all just a coincidence and that people like me, somehow don't know what we are all talking about.

[**E** A Geometric Progression 5:24 thru 7:14]

Thus, the major sign, as spoken of by Jesus, is the reappearance of the nation of Israel. **Check**. The nation was established in **1948**. Next, we were able to see the geometric progression of man's knowledge. Recall that over the 1st **5,300** years of humanity, all the accumulated knowledge would fit on a single **Compact Disc**. This timing included a reset due to the **Great Flood** back in **2100 BC**, when the human population was reduced down to just 8 adults. Thus, by the year **1400 AD**, man's transportation was still driven by foot,

horse, oars or sail. Then, it took less than **500** years for knowledge to double by **1865**. Credit for this growth goes to the **industrial revolution**. The next period took around a **100** years (**1965**) for man’s knowledge to double again, this time due to the advent of **tube technology**. Man’s knowledge doubled again in **20** years (by **1985**) due to the invention of the **microchip**. If man’s knowledge were to be compiled onto CD’s today, the stack would be far taller than the tallest building in the world! And the increase in knowledge is still progressing at a geometric rate. Before too long, this stack will exceed the distance from the earth to the moon. That is the nature of **geometric progression**. There is no doubt about what humanity is witnessing on the growth of knowledge. **Check.**

[**F** **Travel is Fast & Available** **7:14 thru 8:39**]

It will be due to this technological leap which will allow the **Antichrist** to put his ironclad system of **buying** and **selling** into place. His scheme will not be able to be bypassed, as the super computers will be able to account for every penny and each single grain of rice. **Microsoft** has been working on a **quantum** microchip which when put into a computer the size of a cell phone, will have more power than the combined capacity of all computers in use today and would be able to handle a cloud storage capacity exceeding all the warehouses on the planet! **Transportation** has seen similar growth. As I mentioned back in **message #16**, people now have the means, the time and the ability to travel nearly anywhere on the globe within a very short period of time. A person can travel the distance from where they are to any point on the earth in about a day, based on the speed of a modern jetliner. With supersonic jet travel starting to make a comeback into the mainstream, that time will be reduced to less than a regular workday. The fulfillment of these prophecies is already happening. Man can go to and fro over the entire planet—**Check.**

[**G** **Do Not Be Deceived** **8:39 thru 9:52**]

When we read **Matthew 24:3**, we see His disciples asking Jesus **3 questions**: **1**. When will these things happen. **2**. What will be the sign of Your coming? And **3**. What will be the sign for the end of the age? Jesus answers each question in order. But He begins by issuing a warning in **verse 4**, where He says, ¹ “And answering—Jesus said to them, ² “Take heed ³ lest anyone mislead you.” We see one word for **take heed** in T-2 and it is **BLEP-peh-tay** and it means **‘to beware, to observe or to examine something carefully.’** The

proper definition of this word suggests that when a person sees something physical, they are to understand the associated spiritual results. That means what is seen and understood by the person should lead them to take needed action. Jesus is in essence saying, *"When you see with the eye, you then must discern with your mind."*

[**H** Do Not be Seduced 9:52 thru 11:22]

The word we see for **mislead** in T-3 is [3] *plan-NES-say* and means **'to be led astray, to be deceived or to be seduced.'** In the 3 times this word is used, it is clearly speaking of *demonic-led* deception. The word carries the idea of allowing one to be led aside from the rigid path or to wander away from the true faith. **Spiritual blindness** is the biggest factor causing folks to wander off or away from the path leading to holiness. The only way this blindness can be cured is a steady diet of original Scripture, as taught by **Jesus** and interpreted by the **Holy Spirit**. Before answering their questions, Jesus warned His disciples that the greatest threat to them was not the coming end of the age, but rather the very real danger of them being seduced by Satan and his cohorts, whose only goal is the destruction of a person's faith and eventually their soul. The word **seduced** is defined as **'to persuade someone to the point of disobedience or disloyalty.'** It is the same today, the main threat to our salvation comes not from the arrival of the end of the age, but from Satanic inspired forces attempting to seduce us away from the true word of God.

[**I** Come in the Name of Jesus 11:22 thru 13:04]

Friends, regardless of what you think, Satan cannot force you to do anything. But he is very powerful and will absolutely use others to lure you away from the Truth. Because once that happens you are essentially defenseless against his lies of trickery, fraud and deception. Okay, next we see in **verse 5**, Jesus begins answering the first question: *"When will these things happen?"* He says, ¹ *"For many will come in My name,* ² *saying, that I am the Christ,* ³ *they will mislead many."* The very first symptom Jesus mentions here is one which is widely misunderstood in Christian circles. I was taught the meaning of this verse is that many people would begin showing up, claiming to be Christ, the Messiah, and that these folks would successfully mislead many to think they are themselves **Jesus**. Look at the words **will come** in T-1. We see the *Greek* word [10] *el-eh-OOH-son-tie* and it means **'to appear, to arrive or to enter.'** In the 10 places we see this exact word used it means to **'come before the public, as in making one's appearance.'** Let me ask a simple

question: “Does anyone think we Christians would ever believe that a person coming before us, claiming to be Jesus Christ, would ever be accepted as anything other than a crazy loon?” I can’t imagine this ever happening on a wide scale.

[**J** In the Name of Christ 13:04 thru 14:26]

When we make the statement that we are *praying in the name of Christ*, it means we are praying as He directs us, and not of our own accord. When we use that phrase, it essentially is saying that we requesting our words to be authorized by Him and that any revelation flowing out from our prayers would contain His presence and thus His guidance within our request. So, when the Bible is saying that folks will *come in the name of Jesus*, it means the same thing. It tells us that those who come in His name, are in effect stating that **Jesus** is indeed the **Christ**, but these folks will instead abuse that privilege and will mislead many. By saying that they are coming in His name, they are stating that they are authorized to preach and teach on His behalf, and are promising to do so based on divine guidance. But they are lying. It is related to the **3rd commandment**—taking on the LORD’s name falsely. They will instead deceive the followers of Jesus by speaking words which are filled with deceitful details, delivering sermons full of what I call Christian mythology.

[**K** Going Back to Original Scripture 14:26 thru 15:59]

By the way, ignore the quotation marks in **T-2** that you see in your translation, as they do not exist in the original Greek. Here is another example of the meaning of the original text being changed, in this case by the addition of punctuation in the form of **quotation marks**. At the time when Jesus issued this warning, there was no way for His followers on their own to verify the accuracy of those purporting to speak in His name. It was this way for centuries. Unless you had access to the original manuscript and spoke the root languages, you were out of luck. Let’s face it, up until fairly recently, there was no real way for believers to easily pull up the *Greek* and *Hebrew* original texts of the Bible. But since the creation of the **Internet**, things have changed dramatically for the better. The Internet was first made available in the public domain on **April 30th, 1993**, four years after the initial publishing by **Tim Berners-Lee**. This was another example of what I call “**a technology game changer**.” And there is no question that the Internet is helping spur on man’s rapid growth of knowledge. A person can look up how to do nearly anything by simply accessing the “*Online University*” found on their cell phone.

[**L** **Rapid Rise of False Teachers** **15:59 thru 17:27**]

So, the first sign Jesus gave in Matthew 24, ***the rapid rise of false teachers***, would not have even be possible for the lay follower of Jesus to detect until after creation of the **Internet**. Now, one can verify the content of Scripture in mere seconds using an app on their phone. Everything I am teaching here in these audio sermons can be done in the same way. All one needs is **Jesus** and access to the **Holy Spirit**. Simple, right? Not really. I get feedback from folks all the time questioning my method. When they study and break down the verses, they struggle coming up with the same details that I have. They want to know how I arrive at the definitions I use in these sermons. And, less frequently, I get accused of altering Scripture to fit my message. Well, let me clue you in just a bit. First of all, none of this is MY message. Since you are now listening to **Audio Sermon #43**, you've heard enough of my preaching to know that. Second, if you aren't **fully fledged**, meaning having completed your adoption into God's family, then you won't have yet been given the ability to do what those who have achieved salvation can do.

[**Z** **Some Final Thoughts** **17:27 thru 19:20**]

But don't feel left out. If you are truly on the Road to Holiness, harboring a sincere desire to get to know Jesus, and are working to build a close and personal relationship with Him, He will grant you increasing ability to access the deeper meaning of His words. The point is, the first sign Jesus mentioned is already here in force. Nearly every pulpit is occupied by people who are preaching words which mislead the many. By the way, we discussed the Greek root word for **mislead**, present in **T-3**, back in **sermon #35**. The word is **[3] plan-NES-soo-sin** and means **'to lead astray, to deceive or to cause to wander.'** In the 3 places we see this word, it is talking about **false** teachers or prophets. And the word doesn't mean the misleading of the flock is *intentional*. I honestly believe that the vast majority of clergy are unaware of the extent that their words are untrue. Most are performing the role exactly as they have been taught. They are oblivious to the fact that Satan is using them to spread his lies all under and in the name of Jesus. The sad part is that a person's intent has no effect on their destiny. Doing wrong always yields iniquitous results, regardless of a person's intentions. We will resume this discussion in the next sermon continuing on with the 2nd sign Jesus gave us. **So, until next time my beloved, this has been Pastor Jefferson, speaking in God's Holy name and for His glory alone. Amen!**