Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter 24

- What prophecy did Jesus give in verse 2 and what did it pertain to?
- What did Jesus mean by "birth pains" and how do they apply to understanding the timing of the end?
- For Further Study: Jesus says that "the one who stands firm to the end will be saved." (v13) This theme of perseverance is a common one throughout Scripture. See 1 Corinthians 15:1–2; Colossians 1:21–23; 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 3:14; Revelation 2:7, 11, 26–28.
- According to Jesus in verse 14, what must happen before the end comes? How do you think that will happen?
- In 24:15–22, Jesus described a time of unparalleled disaster. How did He instruct Israel to react to it?
- What promise was given in verse 22?
- Verse 29 gives a rough timetable of when the Son of Man will return. What is it?
- Read verse 30 and compare it for similarities with Zechariah 12:10.
- What Old Testament event did Jesus cite as being similar to the condition of the earth at the time of His Second Coming and why?
- What was the main point of Jesus citing the time of Noah?
- What is the main lesson of the story Jesus told in 24:45–51?
- What are the two stages of our Lord's return?