



Parkdale

Evangelical Free Church

June 28, 2026



Welcome to Parkdale Church!

We're so glad you came!

- Please see the **Bulletin** or [***parkdalechurch.ca***](http://parkdalechurch.ca) for:
 - *Weekly gatherings*
 - *Prayer items*
 - *Other news*
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Offering

*Thank you to all
who contribute!*

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EACH OF YOU **SHOULD**
GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE
DECIDED IN
YOUR HEART
TO GIVE
NOT RELUCTANTLY OR
UNDER COMPULSION
FOR God **LOVES**
A CHEERFUL
GIVER
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Parkdale News

Sunday, June 28

- *BBQ Potluck Sign-up*

Sunday, July 5

- *Evans Hundermark*
- *BBQ & Commission*



Volunteers needed

COBS Ministry

Saturday, Aug 1st and 8th

*Speak with Andrea or email
parkdaleonline@gmail.com*

Garden Volunteers

Help water church plants
(2x a week)

Speak with Ed Robertson





DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT

anything,

BUT IN EVERY SITUATION,
BY PRAYER AND PETITION,

with thanksgiving,

PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS
TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS
4:6



Kids' Minute

& Sunday
School



JESUS IS COMING: LOOK BUSY !
Matthew 24



“Few chapters of the Bible have called forth more disagreement among interpreters than Matthew 24 and its parallels in Mark 13 and Luke 21.”

– Donald A. Carson, *Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Matthew*. p. 488



Be careful what you ask for!

(Jesus' disciples get more than they expect in Matthew 24)

So what do they expect about the “end of the age” (a phrase Jesus himself uses in Matt 28:20) :

- God's reversal of their current ungodly situation (“present age”)
- Restoration of God's faithful (“Israel”) to justice and prosperity
- Judgment and defeat of “the wicked” (e.g., pagan overlords)
- Resurrection of the dead (but not a belief of the Sadducees)
- The key role of a messianic figure (various ideas about this)

For Jesus' followers, will it be Jesus who brings in this new order?



How it all starts... (Matthew 24:1-2)

Jesus leaves the temple (for the last time) after his blistering attacks on the scribes and pharisees, recorded in Matthew 23

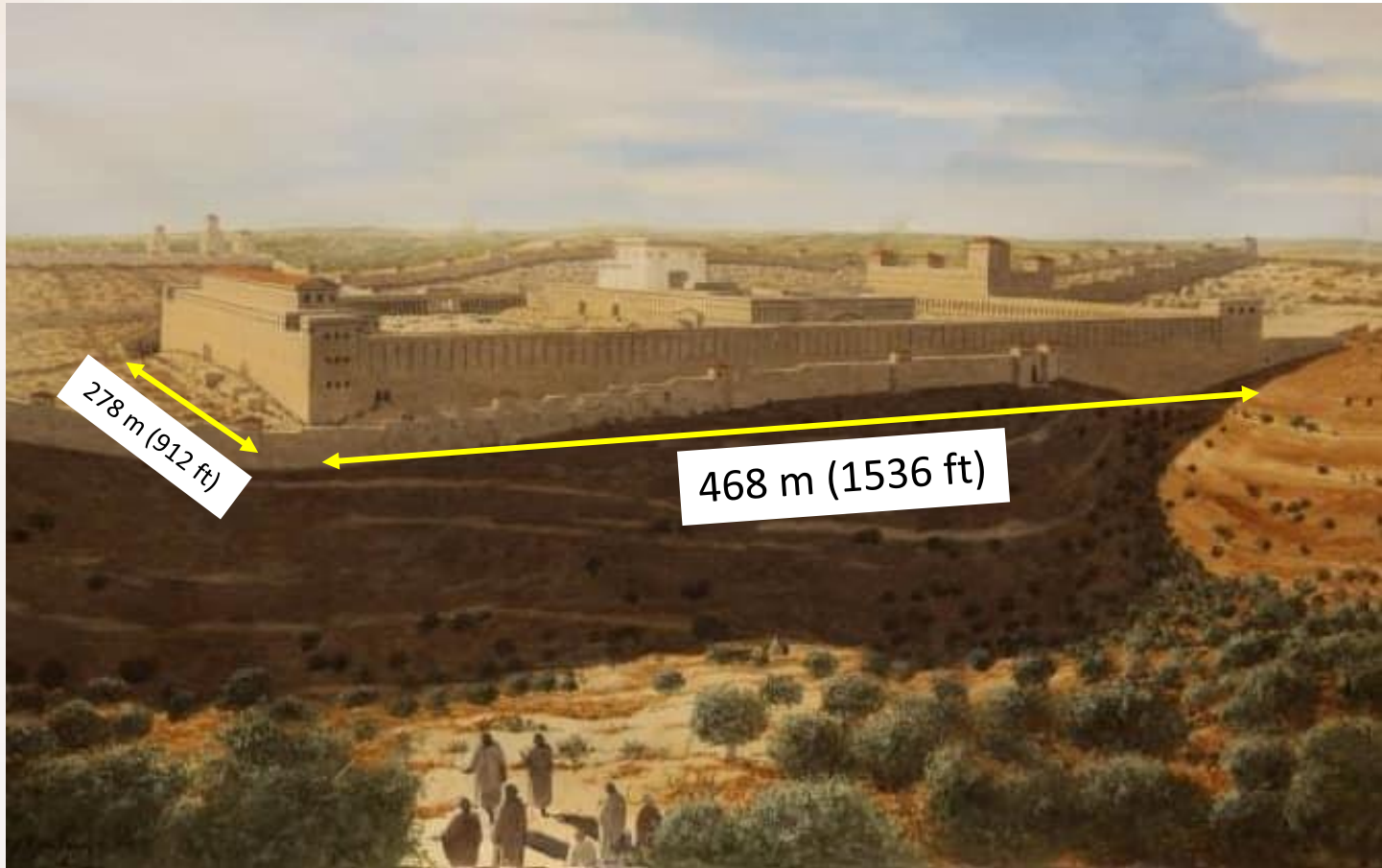
As they leave, his disciples see the temple as a marvel of human technology but Jesus isn't impressed. He sees a ruin!

The disciples start putting it all together:

Jesus must be talking about the end of the age at the destruction of the temple (when he comes?), so they ask him

(Matthew 24:3):

1. When will this happen?
2. What will be the sign of your coming ("parousia")?
and
3. (What will be the sign) of the end of the age?



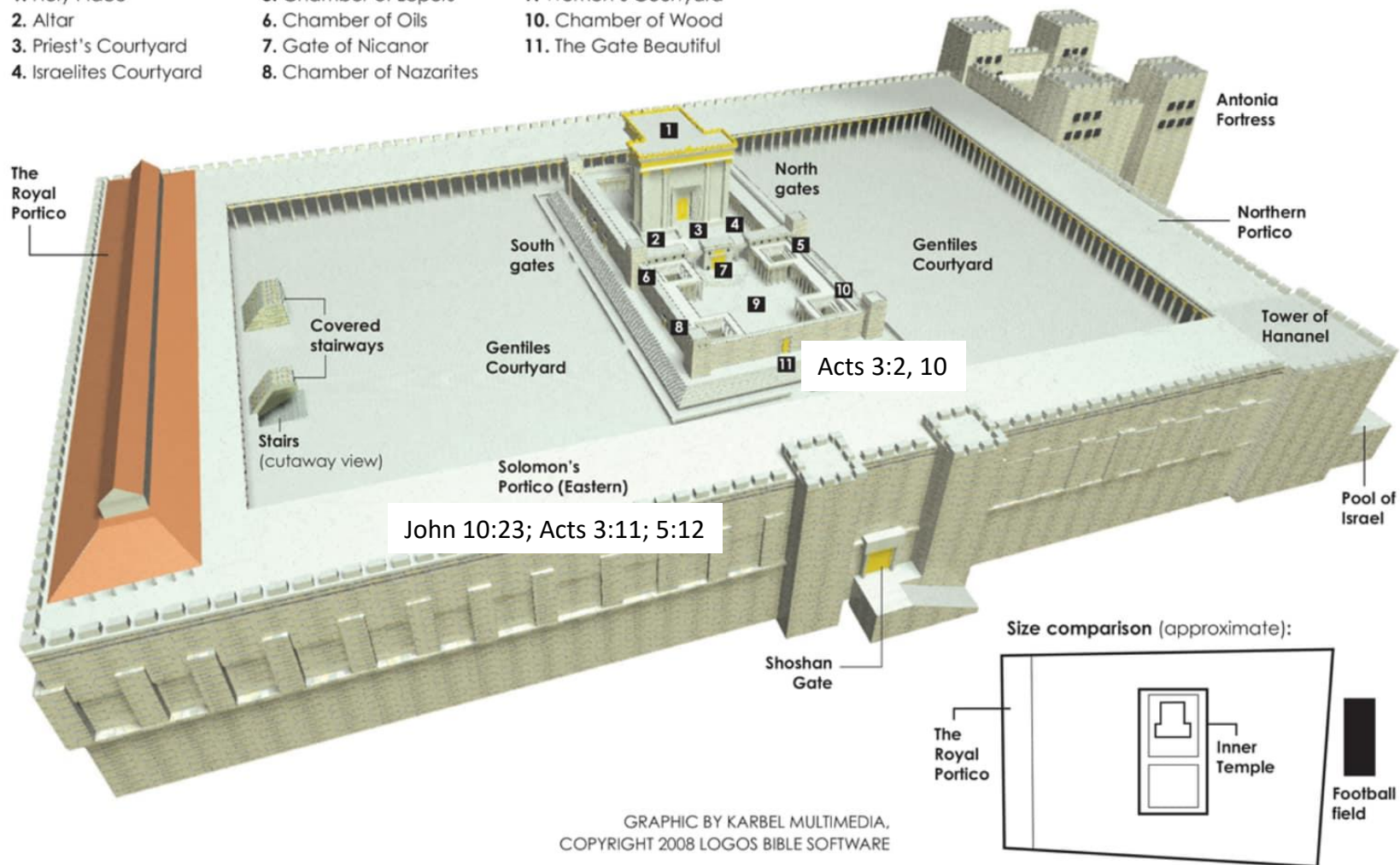
The Herodian temple platform was 1.4 million square feet and covered 1/6 of the old city.



1. Holy Place
2. Altar
3. Priest's Courtyard
4. Israelites Courtyard

5. Chamber of Lepers
6. Chamber of Oils
7. Gate of Nicanor
8. Chamber of Nazarites

9. Women's Courtyard
10. Chamber of Wood
11. The Gate Beautiful





Present day view of the temple mount looking west

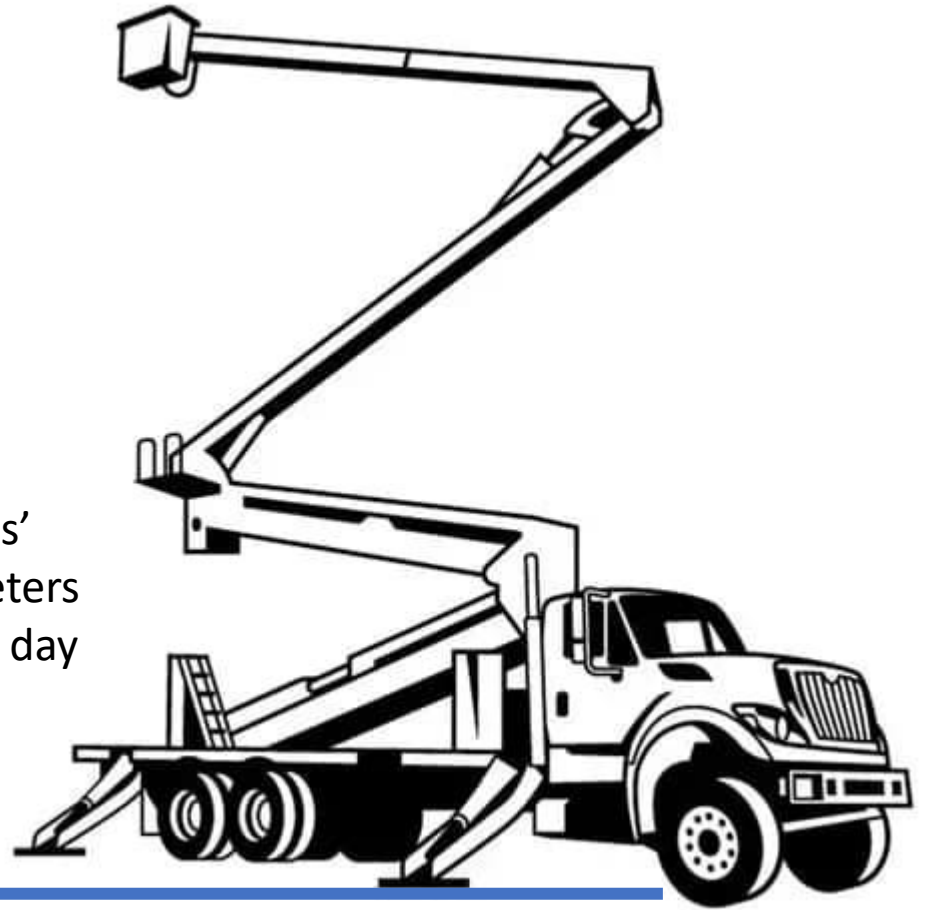


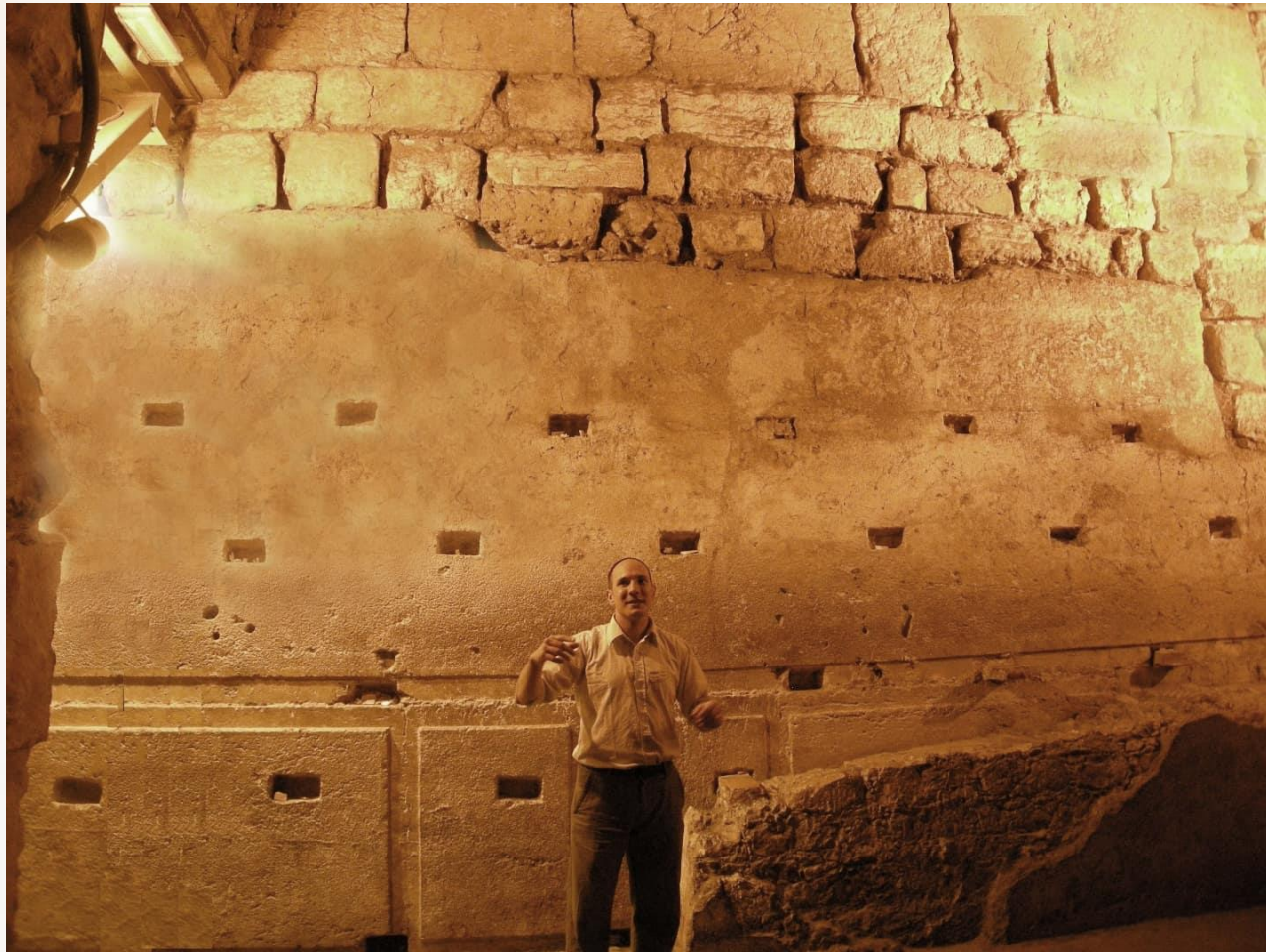
Present day view of the “western wall”





Street level in Jesus' time is 8 to 9 meters **below** the present day plaza





This is at street level in Jesus' time – block shown weighs over 300 tons



Jesus answers them as he sits overlooking the temple mount (see Matthew 24:4-25:46) and he warns of nearer (Matthew 24:2-28) and later (Matthew 24:29-25:46) events:

False messiahs will lead many astray
and there will be wars but the end (telos) is not yet (Matt 24:4-6)
Nations and kingdoms will clash and famines and earthquakes
but all these are but the beginning of birth pangs (Matt 24:7-8)

Then (Matt 24:9-14),
they will hand you over, many will fall away, false prophets will arise
but the one who endures to their end (telos) will be saved (Matt 24:9-13;
cf. Luke 21:19 “you will gain your souls”)

The good news will be proclaimed throughout the world... to all nations
and then the end (telos) will come (Matt 24:14, but not in Mark or Luke)



Jesus warns of a critical time within the nearer-future (Matthew 24:15-26) :

The “abomination of desolation” in Matt 24:15 is from Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11 (let the reader understand) “standing in the holy place” cf. Mark 13:14 “set up where it ought not to be”; cf. Luke 21:20 “Jerusalem surrounded by armies.” See 1 Maccabees 1:54 where Antiochus IV put an “abomination of desolation” on the Jewish altars in 167 BC.

Timeline of the Jewish War:

- Outbreak of Jewish revolt in mid AD 66 and Yosef ben Matityahu was appointed rebel commander of Galilee
- Syrian legate Gaius Cestius Gallus with XII Fulminata arrives at Jerusalem Oct. 66 but is routed by the rebels
- Nero sends general Vespasian and his son Titus to Israel in the spring of AD 67 with 60,000 troops + a large auxiliary force (V Macedonica and X Fretensis under Vespasian and the XV Apollinaris under Titus)
- The Romans methodically overrun Galilee up to the last holdout at Yodfat where Yosef/Josephus surrenders
- Josephus and 40 others take refuge in a cave, kill each other by lot, with Josephus drawing the last lot and convincing his comrade to surrender to the Romans with him.
- Josephus charms the Romans who make him useful in their military campaign and he is with Titus at the siege of Jerusalem in AD 70 (meanwhile Vespasian becomes Emperor)
- Titus encircles Jerusalem in April AD 70 and destroys the temple in August AD 70 – loots and destroys the city
- Romans capture Masada April 16, AD 73. Titus becomes emperor in AD 79
- Yosef takes name Flavius Josephus and gains Roman citizenship – writes a multivolume history of Jewish War



During AD 68-69, rebel factions fight among themselves in Jerusalem:

Eleazar and the Zealot faction occupy the temple in AD 68 and Josephus says that *“these wretches converted the temple of God into their fortress and refuge from any outbreak of popular violence, and made the Holy Place the headquarters of their tyranny”* (J.W. 4.151-152).

These rebels installed a villager, Phanni (Phannias) son of Samuel, as high priest, *“a man who was not descended from high priests, but was such a clown that he scarcely knew what the high priesthood meant”* (J.W. 4.156)

Josephus quotes Ananus, a former high priest, who led an ill-fated assault on the Zealots, *“well had it been for me to have died ere I had seen the house of God laden with such abominations and its unapproachable and hallowed places crowded with the feet of murderers!”* (J.W. 4.163).

By April AD 70 Titus sealed off Jerusalem and there was a famine within it.



Jesus transitions to the farther-future in Matthew 24:23-26:

Jesus says not to look for the (return of the) Messiah where others claim to see him – he will not appear in a remote or a secret way.

The coming (parousia) of the Son of Man will be unmistakable and public (Matt 24:27).

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven” (Matt. 24:29)

“This generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place” (Matt. 24:34) – i.e. the events of Matt 24:4-24 will happen within a generation of AD 30 (but not necessarily end during that time).



A Series of Parables about the Coming of the Son of Man:

Life goes on as usual in the days of Noah until the flood comes and sweeps all away... then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left... one grinding flour will be taken and one left (Matt 24:37-41)

The coming of the Son of Man is like a thief who breaks into a house at night when the owner is asleep! (Matt 24:42-44)

Who is like a diligent servant whose master finds him attentive to his duties and rewards him? Who is like a slothful servant who shirks his duties and is caught unprepared by the master and is slaughtered! (Matt 24:45-51)

More to come in Matthew 25

Note the ten virgins and the bridegroom who was delayed in Matt 25:1-13; the 5-, 2-, and 1-talent servants given the master's money while he travelled in Matt 25:14-30; the Son of Man who separates the sheep from the goats based on their care for the needy in Matt 25:31-46.

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3. Stay in the Race
 - Living faith is like riding a bicycle
 - Keep the wheels moving – angular momentum will do the rest
 - Find a good riding club (fellowship)



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joined us today!

*Please join us
for refreshments
& fellowship!*

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for more info,
or **contact** us at
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