



# Knowing and

Defending the Faith

# Knowing and Defending Jesus (Yeshua) as the Promised, Jewish Messiah (Part 4)

### Jesus fulfilled the Prophet who was to come

**Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (ESV)** 15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the LORD Father Himself who your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

John 12:49-50 (HCSB) <sup>49</sup> For I have not spoken on My own, but the sent Me has given Me a command as to what I should say and what I should speak. <sup>50</sup> I know that His command is eternal life. So the things that I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

#### Jesus' prophecy is recorded in the synoptic gospels

Mark 13:1-4 (NASB1995) 1 As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down." <sup>3</sup> As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

# Why would Jesus prophesy this judgment?

Luke 19:41-44 (NKJV) 41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

#### Luke reveals Jesus' sign of the prophecy in plain language

Matthew 24:15-16 (NKJV) <sup>15</sup> "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the Judea flee to the mountains."

<sup>14</sup> "So when you see the *'abomination of* by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in mountains."

Mark 13:14 (NKJV) Luke 21:20-21 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by desolation,' spoken of armies, then know that its desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her."

#### Can we be sure this is the same conversation?

Matthew 24:19 (ESV)

And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

**Mark 13:17** (ESV) And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

**Luke 21:23a** (ESV) Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!

### When did Jesus say this was going to happen?

**Matthew** 24:34 (NIV) Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

**Mark 13:30** (NIV) Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Luke 21:32 (NIV) Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

When was the prophecy fulfilled?

## Why does it matter? What's the point?

Jesus is Prophet, Priest, and King and we have historical proof that His prophecy was fulfilled. So, we can trust His word and we trust Him as Lord.

Jesus' visitation proved He is the Messiah. He ushered in the New Covenant and the judgement for rejecting Him is extremely severe.

When the temple was destroyed in A.D. 70, Jesus already had the solution. We, who follow Christ, become part of the new temple and **nothing** can destroy God's holy house.