

Covenant & Kingdom
Week 18 - Old Covenant Final Judgment
Matthew 23:32-24:35

- God creates reality according to covenants
 - It is not possible to ultimately live outside of God's covenant order
- "The Day of the Lord" is a warning that comes up throughout the Old Testament
 - Joel 2:1-2, 10-11 - the day of God's visitation is destructive judgment against sin
 - God also promised that He would send His Messiah who would bless and restore - Is. 61:1-2
 - God's visitation was both a hope and a terror - primarily associated with judgment
 - Israel experienced types of both of these in the exile and return to the land
 - Neither are the cataclysmic events suggested by prophetic warnings
- Old Covenant curses had to come against covenant breakers
 - The ultimate act of OC obedience was the reception of Jesus as the fulfillment of the Covenant, but this didn't happen
 - Those prepared to receive the King became His greatest enemies
 - Rejection of Jesus was the highest act of covenant unfaithfulness - all the disobedience of all the generations was epitomized in this
- Jesus warned of coming covenant judgment - Matthew 18:23-35, 20:1-16, 21:33-44
 - Even after rejection, they were given the opportunity to repent
 - 40 years of Jesus and the apostles calling for repentance and faith was rejected
- The siege of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple was the Old Covenant final judgment
 - Jesus proclaimed that His generation would experience the disaster He prophesied
 - Uses the same kind of dramatic/poetic language of the OT prophets (Is. 13:10, 13)
 - The OC order would be definitively ended, vanish away entirely
 - God made it impossible for anybody to continue in the OC order
- Jesus' prophecies and OC judgment do look forward to even greater judgment
 - Covenant of Life (Adam) and New Covenant (Christ) both remain
 - The fullness of God's wrath against the Covenant of Life will be poured out in the final judgment
 - This will make it impossible for any to operate outside the New Covenant—the covenantal order of Adam will vanish entirely, and only the fully realized new creation of the New Covenant will remain