

CHIASMUS OF MATTHEW 23:1—25:46

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- A (23:1-3) Scribes and Pharisees sit on the chair of Moses to judge matters of the law.
- B (23:4-12) Scribes and Pharisees exalt themselves rather than humbling themselves.
- C (23:13-33) Scribes and Pharisees will be excluded from the kingdom of heaven because of their hypocrisy.
- D (23:32-33) Scribes and Pharisees will be condemned to Gehenna for murdering the prophets.
- E (23:34-35) Righteous blood will come upon the Scribes and Pharisees who persecutes and kill the prophets and wise men and the scribes that Jesus sends.
- F (23:36) This generation...all these things. (From the death of Christ to the Fall of Jerusalem)
- G (23:37-24:2) Destruction of temple and promise of Second Coming.
- H (24:3) False Messiahs
 - I (24:4-8) Signs on the earth.
 - J (24:9-13) The Preliminary Tribulation. (First 3 1/2)
 - X (24:14-15) The Abomination of Desolation accompanied by Kingdom Proclamation to all the nations.
 - J' (24:16-22) The Great Tribulation. (Last 3 1/2)
 - I' (24:23-28) False Messiahs.
 - H' (24:29) Signs in the heavens.
 - G' (24:30-33) Second Coming and the Restoration of the Temple.
 - F' (24:34) This generation...all these things. (From the Rapture to the Second Coming)
 - E' (24:35-44) The Son of Man will come unexpectedly to take his people to safety from the tribulation just like Noah was secured in the ark before the Flood came.
- D' (24:45-51) Faithful rulers who serve others will be exalted while unfaithful rulers who abuse others (during the delay) will suffer loss of rulership.
- C' (25:1-13) Wise virgins who have faith and good works will be included in the wedding feast while foolish virgins who have no works (during the delay) will be excluded from the joy of the wedding feast.
- B' (25:14-30) Obedient and faithful servants who invest their finances for the benefit to their master enter into joy while disobedient and lazy servants who use their finances for themselves (during the delay) will suffer loss of rulership and joy.
- A' (25:31-46) Son of man will sit on His glorious throne to judge the nations based on their works.