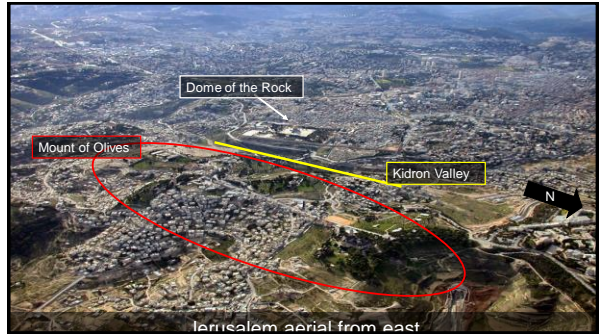


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 - Cf. Matt. 24:3 - As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, 1) when will these things happen, and 2) what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and 3) of the end of the age?"
 - Three Questions...
 - 1) When will the temple be destroyed?
 - 2) What are the signs of your coming?
 - 3) What are the signs of the end of the age?

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- I. A Question about the Future (4)
- II. The Common View of the Future

The OT on the Messiah

- Gen. 3:15 – the seed of the woman.
- Gen. 12ff – thru Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob.
- Gen. 49 – in the tribe of Judah.
- 2 Samuel 7 – thru the family of David.
- Is. 9:6-7; 11:1-2
- Micah 5:2 – born in Bethlehem.

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- Jer. 23:5-6 - "Behold, *the* days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'"

1st Century Anticipation of Messiah

- Matthew 2:4 – Herod understood that there was an expectation of a Messiah.
- Luke 1:68-75* – the hymn of Zacharias
- Luke 2:38 – Anna spoke of Him "to all those who were looking for the redemption of Israel."
- Luke 3:15 – people were excited and hopeful that John the Baptist was, in fact, the Christ.

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- John 1:19-25 – expectation among the people of the coming Messiah
- John 1:41 – Andrew & Peter as OT believers were looking for the coming of the Messiah.
- John 4:25, 29 – even the Samaritans were expecting the Messiah.
- John 7:25-53 (especially 26-27, 31, 41-42) – the people
- John 12:34 – "we have heard from the OT that the Christ endures forever."

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Religious Documents Written Between the Two Testaments

- 1) The Apocrypha
- 2) The Targums
- 3) The Apocalyptic Writings

"When Messiah Comes..."

- Emil Schurer: *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus Christ*
- The Jews of Jesus' time believed that the end of the world would unfold in a **series of events...**

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The Lessons for us from their Question...

- 1) Understanding how the story ends is important.
 - a) The Percentage of Revelation
 - b) The Priority in the Ministry of Jesus
- 2) Understanding the end affects our lives now.
- 3) Human history is controlled by the sovereign hand of God and is moving toward a predetermined end.