

QUESTION: Who are the "elect" mentioned in Matthew 24?

ANSWER: Matthew 24:22 & 31 "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but **for the ELECT'S sake**, those days shall be shortened." Then shall appear the SIGN of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth MOURN, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send **His angels.....and they shall GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

In Matthew 24, the ELECT refers to BELIEVING JEWS, those who have come to faith in Jesus Christ as their Messiah, or who WILL believe on Jesus when they SEE Him coming in power and great glory. Again, it is to **"those who are IN JUDEA"** that Jesus says to "flee to the mountains...." (Vs. 16). Read Romans, chapter 11 - it is referring to the Jews as a nation, and they are still called "the elect" or God's CHOSEN PEOPLE. According to Rev. 12:5-6, 17, these Jews in Judea (the area around Jerusalem) will have to **hide in the desert for three-and-a-half years** of the Great Tribulation (the last half of the seven years) until Jesus returns, and then many of them will believe! Then, at Christ's actual appearing, the angels will be gathering together the Jews from the four corners of the earth - east, west, north and south, to return them to Jerusalem for the Thousand-Year Reign of Christ.

- **Romans 11:28** "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching **the ELECTION**, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes."
- **Isaiah 11:4-12** (esp. Vs. 12) "...and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked.....And He shall set up **a SIGN for the NATIONS**, and shall **ASSEMBLE the OUTCASTS of ISRAEL**, and **GATHER TOGETHER the DISPERSED of JUDAH** from the four corners of the earth."
- **Isaiah 65:9, 17-25** "And I will bring forth **a seed out of Jacob**, and out of **Judah** an inheritor of my mountains; and **MY ELECT** shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there..... they shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for as the days of a tree are the days of **my people**, and **MY ELECT** shall long enjoy the work of their hands."
- **Zechariah 12:10, 11; 13:1, 9** "And I will pour out upon **the HOUSE OF DAVID**, and upon the **INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM**, the spirit of grace and supplications; and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall MOURN for Him**IN THAT DAY shall there be a great MOURNING IN JERUSALEM**,and **IN THAT DAY** there shall be a fountain opened to **the HOUSE OF DAVID**, and to the **INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM** for sin and for uncleanness. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried; **they shall call on My name**, and I will hear them: I will say, "It is my people", and they shall say, "The Lord is my God."
- **Rev. 12:5-6, 17** "And she (Israel) brought forth a man child (Christ) which was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child (Jesus) was caught up unto God, and to His throne. And the **woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God, and that they should **feed her there 1,260 days** (3 ½ years). And the dragon (Satan) was wroth (angry) with the woman, and went to **make war with the REMNANT OF HER SEED (Israel)**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Please also read Second Coming of Jesus.