Matthew Chapter 23

Contents: Jesus denounces woes upon the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. His lament over Jerusalem.

Characters: Jesus.

Conclusion: Nothing is more displeasing to our Lord Jesus Christ than hyprocrisy, dissimulation, stage-playing in religion. Woe be to all such for their religion is vain and their ruin will be terrible. It is wholly owing to the wicked will of sinners that they are not gathered by His love under His protecting wing—they "will not come to Him that they might have life."

Key Word: Hypocrites, 13.

Strong Verses: 8, 11, 12, 37, 39.

Striking Facts: Mat_22:39. There are three "untils" to be accomplished before Israel can have full blessing. 1. 39. 2. Luk_21:24. Gentile world power must run its course—Daniel 2:34-35. 3. Romans 11:25-27. The "elect" of the Gentiles must be brought in.

Word Study- Elect - G1588 eklektos ek-lek-tos'

From G1586; select; by implication favorite: - chosen, elect.

G1586 eklegomai *ek-leg'-om-ahee*

Middle voice from G1537 and G3004 (in its primary sense); to *select:* - **make choice, choose** (out), chosen.

Questions:

- 1. Why did JESUS call the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites?
- 2. What should we desire to be called?
- 3. How many "woes" were there?
- 4. What did JESUS call the scribes and Pharisees?
- 5. How did JESUS say that the prophets were treated?

Bonus Question: Should a believer stay in a church that has an ungodly teacher?