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- **Matt. 24 (Lk. 21:20-36)**
 - **Vs. 1-3** – **Destruction of Jerusalem**
 - **Two (three) questions asked**
 - **Vs. 4-14** – **Disciples must stay strong amid persecution and attempts to deceive**
 - **Vs. 15-22** – **Abomination of desolation will signal the end**
 - **Vs. 23-28** – **Do not be lured away by false Messiahs**

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- **Matt. 24 (Lk. 21:20-36)**
 - **Vs. 29-31** – Imagery describing the throwing down of a kingdom
 - **Vs. 32-35** – This generation will not pass until all these things be fulfilled
 - **Vs. 36-51** – Some will be prepared; others will not

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- **Matt. 24 (Lk. 21:20-36)**
 - All about the destruction of Jerusalem
 - Jesus answers all three questions (vs.3)
 - If it were about the end of time, why give signs?
 - **Matt. 25:13** – No one knows the hour He will come
 - **Matt. 26:64** – When did they see Him?
 - **Heb. 10:25** – The “Day” is not Judgment

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- **How can I show someone that the “rapture text” is about the destruction of Jerusalem?**
 - Notice **Matt. 24:28, 40**
 - Consider **Lk. 17:20-37**
 - Notice **vs. 34, 37**
 - The words of **vs. 37** makes clear that Jesus is referring to the destruction of Jerusalem

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- **Rapture:**
 - “ecstatic joy or delight”
 - Theological “the experience, anticipated by some fundamentalist Christians, of meeting Christ midway in the air upon His return to earth”
 - Archaic “the act of carrying off”
 - This occurs in **I Thess. 4!**

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**Strictly speaking, yes!
Just not the world’s idea of it...**