

by the **Romans** is **70AD**. Nevertheless, **all three** accounts **contain** prophecies that were **fulfilled** in **70AD**. Matthew gives a much more complete account of all that Jesus has said **just before** the **Olivet Discourse**. Consider how so far Jesus had **cursed** the **Temple worship** in the **Fig Tree illustration**, and also explained that God's **judgment** would come down upon this **generation of Jews** in the **Parable of the Tenants** (Mark 12:1-12, Isaiah 5:1-7). Just before giving this discourse in Matthew, **Jesus** pronounced a similar **prophecy of God's judgment** upon this **generation** of Jews.

**Matthew 23:29-39** - 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, ' If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets. ' 31 "Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 "Fill up then the measure of the guilt of your fathers. **33 "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell? 34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35 that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.** 37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. **38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, ' Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"** NASB

See here Jesus saying, **“35 that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth,”** and **“36 "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation.”** It is in this **context** that Jesus gives the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24-25 and also in Mark 13 and Luke 21. We must see the importance and **relevance** to the **Destruction of the Temple** and the **city** and the **people**. Jesus had just said that the Temple would be torn down, **“2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down.”** But he had also said that the guilt of killing the prophets, would come upon the **religious leaders** and **people** of the city (Matt 23:35-36, Luke 19:43-44). So what the disciples ask in the following verse is very **relevant** to **Jesus answer**, and the **previous context** of judgment against the Jews. But it also brings into view things that are **not limited** to events of the **First Century**,