

***The Future of Israel Matthew 23:34-24:2***

*Though the people of God sin greatly,  
there is hope for those who call to Him in repentance and faith*

**I. Introduction:** The Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot): looking back and looking forward

Is God a faithful God? (Psalm 77:7-9) How can you know?

Lessons we can learn from God's elect, "first-chosen" people

**II. To whom much is given much is required (Mt 23:34-36, 38, 24:1-3)**

Israel sinned from a place of privilege (Rom 3:1-2, Amos 3:1-2, Prov 3:12)

The nature of Israel's sin: rejection of God

The persecution and murder of the apostles and prophets at the hands of their brethren

The judgment that was coming to *this generation*

*Your house shall be left to you desolate* – fulfilled in 70 A.D.

**III. Where sin abounds, grace that much more abounds (Mt 23:37, 39)**

A loving plea

Resistance to His call

The judgment on those who reject God's plea

A promise made to those who call on His name

**IV. Hope for hopeless people**

The perseverance of a people who will have their eyes opened by God's sovereign grace