

# The king will return—ready or not?

He's coming: what will be the signs?

Matthew 24:15–28

**Introduction:** Why this passage feels irrelevant to us

## 1. When you see the “abomination of desolation”; run! v15–22

cf Dan 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, 12:11.

It happened in 167BC: Josephus, *Antiquities*. 12.253. 1 Macc 1:54.

And again in 70AD. It was the worst of days; cf Josephus, *War*. 5.424–38, 6.193–213.

But it's *still* NOT the end...

## 2. The final end will be obvious. v23–28

**Application:** Don't be distracted

### Questions for discussion and reflection:

- What difference does it make to you that the temple was destroyed in AD 70?
- Why is it so easy to be distracted before the end?
- How can we encourage each other not to be distracted?
- What difference does it make to us that the final end will be obvious?