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UNIVERSAL judgment on all, NOT on Jewish nation *alone*

- *Only to Jews* and who lived *previous to 70 A.D.*? **where in the text?**
- “All the nations” **v32** — Israel; Jews?

Examples of NT usage of “nations” (G1484) ...

Mt 24:14 “gospel...preached in the whole world ... all the nations”

Mt 28:19 “make disciples of all the nations”

Ac 2:5 “every nation under heaven” see **vv9-11**

Rom 16:26 gospel made known to “all the nations”

Gal 3:8 “All the nations” be blessed in Abraham - from **Gen 12:3**

Contrast **23:36-24:3,15-18**—Jerusalem...temple...Judea

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Judgment based on — not their Jewish history (**23:32-34... 37-38**)
— but attitude toward Christ' DISCIPLES

v40 “to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”

Jesus' reference to his “brothers”/“brethren” — six times. The other five times: **Mt 12:49; 28:10; Mk 3:34; Lk 8:21; Jn 20:17**.

Refers to his disciples, not “brothers” by biology or race.

v45 “to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me”

General benev. based on “neighbor” rela.—not rela. to Christ **Lk 10:25f**

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Finality

Parable of the virgins — vv10-12 “door is shut” & not be opened...

Could people enter the kingdom (v1) *after* AD70?

If so, Mt 25 NOT about AD70!

Parable of the talents — vv21,23 *faithful* slaves: “enter the joy of your Master; vv26,20 *lazy* slave: “place ...weeping & gnashing of t.”

Could people repent *after* AD70? **If so, Mt 25 NOT about AD70!**

Judgment scene v32 “separate them” — v34 “inherit the kingdom” / 41 “Depart...into the eternal fire”; v46 “eternal punishment...eternal life”

Could a change his destiny (by repentance) after AD70?

If so, Mt 25 NOT about AD70!