

as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

The Great Commission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” – Matt.28:19-20

“That will be the final and total evangelization of the whole world, miraculously proclaimed from heaven. After that proclamation, man’s day will be finished, his rebellion will be over, and his opportunity for salvation will be over, because then the end shall come.” – John MacArthur

The Effects of the End of the World on My World

1. I have no excuse not to actively and boldly ⁽¹¹⁾ _____ for Jesus Christ.

“Preach the Word, and be ready in season and out of season...” II Timothy 4:2

2. I need to study my ⁽¹²⁾ _____ in such a way that I am not swayed by false christs or false prophets.

Psa.119:5 – “Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

3. Even though these times can be fearful, I do not need to be ⁽¹³⁾ _____ by fear if I am a Christian.

John 16:33 – “These things I have spoken unto you that in Me you might have peace. In the world you *will* have tribulation, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.”

“This I recall to mind; therefore, I have hope. The Lord’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness.” – Lamentations 3:21-23

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.” – Isa.26:3

“God is not a god of confusion, but a God of peace.” – I Cor. 14:33

“And the peace which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” – Phil. 4:7



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**Pastor Jerry Johnston’s Sermonar
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
“The Indisputable Signs of
Christ’s Second Coming”
Bible Text: Matthew 24:1-14**

- Fact: This particular passage of Scripture, Matthew chapters 24-25, is also known as “⁽¹⁾_____”.

Jesus Prophesies the Destruction of the Temple

¹ Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

“The Prophecy was prompted by the disciples pride in the temple. Herod the Great was a villain, but he was a villain with a flare for architecture... (and he) set out to make it and its surroundings magnificent. Work on it was still going forward in Christ’s day and in fact, the finishing touches were not added until A.D. 64. The Lord was not impressed.” – John Phillips

² And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age

³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”

“Jesus will make clear that the destruction of the temple and the end of the age are two separate events, but probably the disciples do not yet recognize this, scarcely imagining that one could occur without the other. Hence, for them, the two questions are one and the same.” – Craig Blomberg

1. ⁽²⁾ _____ (v.4-5)

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.

“The way in which Jesus begins shows His heart is full of concern for the disciples.” – Lenski

⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

2. ⁽³⁾ _____ and Rumors of Wars (v.6-7)

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

“Up until World War I, wars were between armies, but now wars are between nations. In the past, wars were often persistent and savage, but with the twentieth century came ‘total war’. All the resources of whole nations are committed to the conflict.” – John Phillips

⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

3. ⁽⁴⁾ _____ (v.7)

4. ⁽⁵⁾ _____ (v.7)

5. ⁽⁶⁾ _____ (v.7)

“In addition to false christs and warring dissension among the nations, there will be famines and earthquakes, natural disasters of staggering proportions that will ensue as the cursed earth begins to disintegrate.” – John MacArthur

“The world of nature is affected by sin in the same way as the world of man and thus these disturbing manifestations are a sign of the end.” – Lenski

6. many ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (v.8-10)

⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows (birth pangs).

“Birth pangs were in fact a common Jewish metaphor to refer to an indeterminate period of stress leading up to the end of this age.” – Craig Blomberg

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

“There will be severe persecution of believers by an evil, ungodly world. More than ever before in history, the holy people of God will be treated in an unholy way, and in that sense they will be desecrated. These will be people who are saved after the rapture of the church, having been converted to Christ during the Tribulation.” – John MacArthur

¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

There are three reasons for this traitor behavior:

- The price will be too high
- The deception will be too convincing
- Sin will be too attractive

7. false ⁽⁸⁾ _____ (v.11)

¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

8. increase in ⁽⁹⁾ _____ with love growing cold (v.12)

¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

“There are those whose love will grow cold, due to the increasing lawlessness of the world. The true Christian is the man who holds to his belief, when belief is at its most difficult; and who, in the most discouraging circumstances, refuses to believe that God’s arm is shortened or His power grown less.” – William Barclay

9. ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ preaching of the Gospel of the kingdom (v.13-14)

¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

“It is not that a person’s endurance will produce salvation but that his endurance will be a Spirit-powered product and proof of the reality that he is saved. Neither the high cost of discipleship nor the deception of false prophets nor the enticement of sin will cause true believers to renounce Christ, because He Himself will protect them from defection. Endurance is always a mark of salvation.” – John MacArthur

“To endure means to bear whatever a true confession of Christ brings upon us. Jesus Himself says that in the case of some, this will mean death.” – Lenski

¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world