

## **The Last Days (Part 2: The Signs of His Coming)** **Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21**

In the beginning process of the tribulation unfolding, we see great victory in Jesus! This morning, I hope your heart becomes stirred up and that you become challenged today to be willing live for Christ!!! Are you proclaiming the gospel, wanting it to reach every nation?

### **3. The Preaching of the GOSPEL to ALL NATIONS** (v Mark 13: 14)

This sign has not yet been fulfilled.

- **ALL People** by country- 16,315 PG – 7,275,084,000
- **UNREACHED PG** country – 6,564 PG – 3,066,369,000
- **UNREACHED PG** [10-40]- 5,495 – 2.97 Billion

Despite all the tribulations that would come—the false teachers, the wars, persecutions, natural disasters, defections from Christ, and all the obstacles to the spread of the gospel—the message ultimately penetrates every part of the globe. Paul speaks in Colossians about the worldwide spread of the gospel.

*“For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God’s people, <sup>5</sup> which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. <sup>6</sup> This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace.”* **Colossians 1:4-6**

This proclamation will go forth to the whole world pertaining to all people groups—nations. <sup>13</sup> All who are saved will be secured until Christ’s return. Our perseverance does not secure our salvation.

- o **God secures our PERSEVERANCE through His saving grace and work of Christ.**

### **4. The CONTINUING of Great TRIBULATION.** (v Mark 13:6-10, 23-28)

Jewish War A.D. 66-70; 1<sup>st</sup> Century; The first and second generation of Jesus’ disciples will witness the war in Judea. Daniel 12:9-10 says “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.” When this event occurred, there was no time for the refugees to retrieve precious possessions but only the clothes on their back and they will face unprecedented suffering. Modern day examples would be: ISIS; Socialism, Communist China; the fight against abortion, homosexuality, and issues of carnal Christianity, American Gospel, & all kinds of social injustices. We talked

about there has been a period of suffering upon the earth *when we, brothers and sisters, are persecuted for our faith let us "endure to the end" ... for we are saved by Christ!* (v 13)

**21** This chapter teaches us that God is glorified when we endure these issues as followers of Jesus. But also, Jesus looks beyond our tribulation now and teaches us that even more desolation is to come that has yet been experienced after the time when Christ returns for His Church. During the 7 years, the gentile nations of the world will be judged for the continual denial of Christ as Lord and Savior

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God will use terrors to prepare the world and Israel for Christ's millennial reign as King. *Key factors of the tribulation* that will come at the fullness of this 7 year tribulation over the earth is:

**i. Spiritual DECEPTION (v 5) [false teaching]**

*The church must never tolerate EVIL and ERROR.*

**ii. Social DEVASTATION (v 7-8; 10-12) [wars]**

It will be almost impossible to trust anyone. We see the building blocks appearing in Syria today and among others.

**iii. DESPERATION (v 7a) [people are starving]**

Wars, famines, and earthquakes; The price of food is out of hand, families in poverty, people will die of hunger much like the days of Joseph in Egypt.

*"When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, "Come!" I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, "A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine." **Revelation 6:5-6***

**iv. DISEASES (v 7b) pestilences [people dying]**

Many people will die because of sickness and diseases.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the world is 1.5 Billion will pass away because of this great sign of the end times.

*"So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth." **Revelation 6:8***

v. **DISASTERS** (v 7c) earthquakes

As the world begins to tremble and shake the closer we get to the end. We ought to realize the frightening days that are ahead.

*"Let the reader understand"* There was a time period of silence, read in **Daniel 12:9-10** says,

*"Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand."*

Unbelievers will not understand but Christians can see what is truly going on in our world today and know how to respond to these specific signs. We must always remember that when God brings tribulation upon this earth and at the same time present the gospel of Christ Himself, He does it in a very organized and correct manner.

Why wait until the day of tribulation, desperation, or sadness to say the eternal YES? The Bible says today is the day of salvation and to not wait any longer. Give your life to Jesus today and begin to live for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Our world may never change and America may never return to what it once was... but that doesn't affect the church speaking truth into the heart of people because the Church is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness... *"I dare not trust the sweetest frame but only trust in Jesus name. ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND; ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND."*