

— Matthew 24.3-15 —

Kingdom Mini-Series 15

The Olivet Discourse:

**See that No One Leads You Astray,
and that You Do Not Panic**

Mat 24.3 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?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 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. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 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. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

* **As the** good shepherd, what is Jesus' motivation in answering the disciples? (vs 20)

* **Vs 36** "[O]f that day and hour no one knows ... but _____ only."

* **Why does** Jesus want them to know that a number of things must take place first?

* **Jesus tells** the D's that they must prepare their _____ and _____. He tells them they must see to it that no one _____ (vs 4), and that they are not _____ (vs 6).

* **False messiahs** (vs 5).

Acts 5.36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was

slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.

Acts 8.9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." 11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

* **"Wars and rumors** of wars ... famines, pestilences, and earthquakes" (vs 6-7).

– Tacitus

– Josephus

– Alexander Keith

– 69AD is know as the "year of the _____"

Acts 11.28 Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. (see also Rom 15.25-28; 1Cor 16.1-5).

– Tacitus

* **Jesus says** wars, famines, and earthquakes are the _____ (vs 8).

* **Persecution** (vs 9).

John 15.20 "A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

— Persecution in the NT books:

– Acts 4

– Acts 5

- Acts 7
- Acts 8
- Acts 9
- Acts 12
- Acts 14
- Acts 18
- 2Cor 11.24-26

— Through most of 30 – 70 AD, it was the

persecuting the Christians, with the

protecting them, but that would change in the mid-60's AD

under

_____.

* **Christians turning** their backs on Jesus & the church (vs 10-13).

– Tacitus

Gal 1.7 There are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

2Cor 11.13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

Acts 13.6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

2Tim 2.17 And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

Acts 20.29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

1Tim 4.1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2Tim 3.12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

1John 4.1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out

into the world.

2John 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

1John 2.18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us ...

— Lawlessness (vs 12).

* **“The gospel ... will be preached in all the world”** (vs 14).

— “World” (*oikoumene* or *kosmos*) was often used in that day

to mean

_____.

Luke 2.1 ... a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world [oikoumene] should be registered.

Rom 1.8 ... your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world [kosmos].

— Philip Doddridge: *“It appears, from the most credible records, that the gospel was preached in Idumea, Syria, and*

Mesopotamia, by _____; in Egypt, Mauritania, and ... Africa, by

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in Ethiopia, by

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in Pontus, Galatia, and ... Asia, by

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in territories of the seven Asiatic churches, by

_____;

in Parthia, by _____; in Scythia, by

_____;

in the N and W parts of Asia, by

_____;

in Persia, by _____; in

Media,

Carmania, and ... eastern parts, by

_____;

... from Jerusalem ... unto Illyricum, by _____,

as also in Italy, and probably in Spain, Gaul, and Britain; in most of which places Christian churches were planted, in less than 30 years after the death of Christ.”

* **Application**