

# The Last Days - Stay Focused

Mat 24:1-14 ESV Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." 3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, (a) when will these things be, and (b) what will be the sign of your coming and of (c) the close of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "**See that no one leads you astray.** 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **they will lead many astray.** 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not alarmed**, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pangs. 9 "Then they will **deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.** 10 **And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.** 11 And many false prophets will arise and **lead many astray.** 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, **the love of many will grow cold.** 13 **But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, **and then the end will come.**

- (1) Deception (Word) - (2) Fear (Power, love, a sound mind) (3) Love - because of the increase of lawlessness (4) Endure - means to stay (5) Gospel of the Kingdom - sign of end - clash of kingdoms

## Some Will Depart From The Faith

- 1Ti 4:1 ESV Now the Spirit expressly says that **in later times some will depart from the faith** by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons

## The Last Days Means Times of Difficulty

- 2Ti 3:1-4 ESV But understand this, that **in the last days there will come times of difficulty.** 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God

## The Last Days - God will pour out His Spirit on all people - power to witness

- Act 2:17-21 ESV "**And in the last days it shall be**, God declares, that **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh**, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy..... 21 **And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"
  - 54,000 people per day are being filled with the Holy Spirit...(1 billion by 2025) 1906 Azusa

## Why is he waiting? A Great Harvest in the Latter Rain

- 2Pe 3:3-4 knowing this first of all, that **scoffers will come in the last days** with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming?" For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."..... 2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**
- Jas 5:7-8 ESV Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. **See how the farmer waits** for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives **the early and the late rains.** You also, be patient. **Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**
  - Zec 10:1 KJV **Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain;** so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
  - The struggle is for the eternal destiny of all mankind Matt 25:46 (eternal life or destruction)