

## The End is Near

**The Bible is the Word of God and is accepted by the Church as the inerrant Truth from God for over 1700 years (382 AD).**

### **Unbelief in the Gospel Blocks the Way, Not the Bible**

Canon of Scripture (List of Holy Spirit Inspired Books)

Council of Hippo (AD 393) (Determined the List of Inspired Books)

Councils of Carthage (AD 397 and 419) (Determined the Divinely Inspired Books)

About a 1,000 years later the first Bible was printed

### **Unbelief in the Gospel Message existed before the Bible was accepted by the Church**

[Heb 3:19 KJV] 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

[Heb 4:6 KJV] 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

### **Jesus Disciples Had an Understanding**

[Luk 8:10 KJV] 10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

[Luk 24:45 KJV] 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

### **Jesus and Unbelieving Believers**

[Jhn 8:31-33 NLT] 31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 "But we are descendants of Abraham," they said. "We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, 'You will be set free'?"

[Jhn 8:37, 43 NLT] 37 Yes, I realize that you are descendants of Abraham. And yet some of you are trying to kill me because there's no room in your hearts for my message. ... 43 Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me!

### **Text:**

[Mat 24:1-3 KJV] 1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to [him] for to shew him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

[Mat 24:1-3 NLT] 1 As Jesus was leaving the Temple grounds, his disciples pointed out to him the various Temple buildings. 2 But he responded, "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" 3 Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, **"Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"**

## **Introduction**

Focus on the Word of the Lord rather than the words of men.

Main reason to Seek Jesus (He has the Answers)

Human Wisdom Contradicts God's Wisdom

Human Wisdom Has a limited scope

## **Focus on the Word of the Lord rather than the words of men.**

**Many of us want to know the signs of the times. We are curious when this world will end. Who are we asking? We have the same resource as the Apostles.**

## **Human Wisdom Contradicts God's Ways**

It is September 19<sup>th</sup> and look at the heat. (Tulsa: 98) This proves Climate Change is a major Issue.

**Truth:** In 1954 it was 100 degrees on this date. In 1971 the temp was 58 degrees.

**God Says:** [Gen 8:22 NKJV] 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

## **The Ground is cursed because of Sin**

[Gen 3:17 KJV] 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;

## **The Curses of Rebellion are Real and From God**

[Deu 28:24, 63 KJV] 24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. ... 63 And it shall come to pass, [that] as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

## **The Lord's Word and Steward Responsibilities**

[Mat 24:35 KJV] 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Rebellion happens also when we choose **not** to be good stewards of our time, talent, our bodies, our finances, and our testimony

So Let's Focus on the Word of the Lord and Look to God for Answers.

## **Wrong Motives**

[Jhn 6:26 KJV] 26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Reading the Bible with the Wrong Motives Produces No True Answers

The World does not Use Godly Motives

## **Right Way**

[Jer 29:13 KJV] 13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

This is the Motive of the Disciples when they Came to Ask Jesus

## **Main reason to Seek Jesus (He has the Answers)**

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## **Take Heed and Endure**

[Mat 24:4, 13 KJV] 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ... 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

## **False Communication can be very Crafty**

[2Ti 3:13 KJV] 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

## **We Can Deceive Our Own Selves**

[Jas 1:22 KJV] 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

## **Many will come in His Name**

[Mat 24:5-6 KJV] 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

[Mat 24:11 KJV] 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

## **Human Wisdom Has a limited scope**

[Isa 55:9 KJV] 9 For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **Wars, Famines, and Earthquakes**

Mat 24:7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, **with more to come.**

## **The Disciple's Future: Christians have true power and will inherit the Kingdom of God but ...**

[Mat 24:9-11 NLT] 9 "Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. 10 And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. 11 And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people.

## **We will all suffer Persecution**

[2Ti 3:12 NLT] 12 Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

[Rom 8:18 KJV] 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

## **Things will Appear Things are Totally Out of Control But The Good News will Spread**

Mat 24:12 Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

The Key to Overcoming, Communion with God (Prayer)

[Jas 1:5 KJV] 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Satan Won't Try to Stop God from Answering Because He Can't Stop God

So, Satan will try to stop us from Asking

[Jas 4:2 KJV] 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.