

I. The Matter Of Discussion (1-3)

- A. The illusion of strength (1) - “Jesus left the temple and was going away, when His disciples came to point out to Him the buildings of the temple.”
- B. The insertion of truth (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.”
- C. The ignorance of man (3) - “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?”

II. The Messages Of Deception (4-5, 11)

- A. Jesus gives a warning (4) - “And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.”
- B. Jesus describes a wickedness (5a, 11a) - “For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ’...And many false prophets will arise...”
- C. Jesus predicts a waywardness (5b, 11b) - “...and they will lead many astray....and lead many astray.”

III. The Military Destruction (6-7a)

- A. The news of war (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.”
- B. The nations of war (7a) - “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”

Nations mentioned in end time prophecy: Israel, Iran, Russia, Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Turkey

IV. The Massive Devastation (7b-8)

“And there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.”

V. The Martyrdom & Departure (9-14)

- A. A brutal deliverance (9a) - “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.”
- B. A betraying denial (10) - “And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.”
- C. (12-13) - “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.”
- D. (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.”

False Messiahs

Marshall Applewhite (Heaven's Gate) - Believed and taught that he and his followers would be carried to Heaven in 1997 on the tail end of the passing Hale Bopp comet. He called himself an ambassador from an "evolutionary Kingdom level above human". He and 39 of his followers committed suicide in California as they hoped their disembodied spirits would attach to the passing comet and arrive in Paradise.

Jim Jones - Jonestown Guyana; leader of the People's Temple. Sought to create a Utopian society in jungle of Guyana. Mind control, sexual crimes, rejection of Scripture, and demanding total allegiance. Set himself up to be obeyed and worshiped. Enforced a mass suicide in 1978 by drinking poisoned Kool Aid. 913 people perished, 287 of them were children.

Adolf Hitler - Likened himself to Jesus Christ. Ordained the extermination of over 6 million Jews. Chief spokesman Joseph Goebbels said of Hitler "Germany has been transformed into a great house of the Lord where the Fuhrer, as our mediator, stands before the throne of God." Also committed suicide.

New Age guru, Maitreya the Christ - Believes himself to be the reincarnation of Buddha. "I am the Creator...the Father and Mother of the universe. Everything came from me. Everything shall return to me."

Claude Vorilhon & the Raelians - Claims to have been visited by a 4 foot tall alien with a goatee from the planet Elohim who taught him that scientists from another planet created the human race and that monotheism should be replaced with Science. He is the sent messenger of truth. This cult proclaims to have 55,000 members worldwide.

Jose Luis de Jesus Miranda - The Messiah is living 660 miles from Atlanta in Miami. 60 year old former convict and heroin addict from Puerto Rico who claims to be the final manifestation of God on Earth. He believes that he is the Christ, the Second Coming of Jesus. There is no sin, Satan does not exist. Live as you please because we are all of perfect Spirits. He has a tattoo of 666 on his arm and is called Dad by his followers. He has declared that all Christian pastors are ministers of Satan.

1998 - I am the Apostle Paul reincarnated

1999 - I am the forerunner to Christ's Second Coming

2004- I am Jesus Christ and the sole interpreter of the Gospel.