



Signs of the Times

Matthew 24:3-14

Jesus answered: "Watch out that **no one deceives you**.⁵ For many will come in my name, **claiming, 'I am the Messiah,'** and will deceive many.⁶ You will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be **famines and earthquakes** in various places.⁸ All these are the beginning **of birth pains**.

⁹ "**Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death**, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.¹⁰ At that time, many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, **the love of most will grow cold**,¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.¹⁴ And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come**.

1. Signs, Signs, _____ There's Signs...

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| 1) Spirit of Deception ⁱ (4) | 5) Persecution of Christ Followers (9) |
| 2) Spirit of the AntiChrist ⁱⁱ (5) | 6) Apostasy, betrayal, Deception (10) |
| 3) Wars and Rumors of Wars ⁱⁱⁱ (6-7a) | 7) Increase of wickedness (12) |
| 4) Famines ^{iv} and Earthquakes ^v (7B-8) | 8) Decrease of Christian Love (12) |
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2. We serve the "God of _____."

- 1) "...fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him..." (Romans 15:13)
 - 2) "The one who stands firm (perseveres) to the end will be saved (rescued, delivered)." (13)
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3. Last Things (Eschology)

- 1) The last to _____. (14, Mark 13:10) (Unreached, Unengaged Peoples)
 - 2) The last terrestrial **BIRTH** pain. (Great Tribulation) (15-22)
 - 3) The last False **PROPHET's** Signs and Wonders (23-24)
 - 4) The last **HEAVENLY** sign. (29-30)
 - 5) The last _____ (Revelation 6:9)
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4. This Should Compell Us To Live...

- 1) ... for the _____ of God. (Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:7-9)
- 2) ... on _____. (Matthew 24:14, 2 Peter 2:5)

Reflect and Discuss

1. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you in today's message?
2. Take a moment and prayerfully write out your response.

Helene Relief Opportunities

Western NC Hurricane Relief

1. **Pray** for **THOSE** impacted by the storm. (FL, GA, SC, NC, VA)
 2. **Financial Contributions:**
 - **Check memo:** Disaster Relief
 - **Online giving:** Disaster Relief
 3. **Sign up** if you can assist with on-site clean-up/repairs (Dates TBD)
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Next Week

Last Things or “What Just Happened?”

Pastor Tom Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY
17

Kids Christmas Program rehearsals begin
Sandwich Sunday

DECEMBER

FRI
6

SERVE TEAM
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER

SUNDAY
1

GROWTH TRACK BEGINS
COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY
22

ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM
WITH KIDS
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY
29

ONE SERVICE AT 10 AM

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References

- ⁱ *The Spirit explicitly says that in later times, some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.* (1 Timothy 4:1 NASB)
- ⁱⁱ <https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/12416-pseudo-messiahs>
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