

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD PASTOR JEREMY MCGARITY

MATTHEW 24

• GOD DIDN'T SPEAK ABOUT THE END TIMES TO SCARE US,

HE DID IT TO <u>PREPARE</u> US.

I. HOW OFTEN THE BIBLE SPEAKS ABOUT THE END

- 1 OUT OF EVERY <u>30</u> VERSES IN THE BIBLE MENTIONS THE SUBJECT OF **THE END**.
- THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT **THE END** OVER <u>329</u> TIMES.
- <u>23</u> OF THE 27 NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS MENTION **THE END**.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS' FIRST COMING = 100% ACCURACY

- 1 PERSON FULFILLING 8 PROPHECIES: 1 IN 100,000,000,000,000,000.
- 1 PERSON FULFILLING 48 PROPHECIES: 1 CHANCE IN 10 TO THE 157TH POWER.
- 1 PERSON FULFILLING 300+ PROPHECIES: ONLY JESUS!

THERE ARE 8X MORE PROPHECIES CONCERNING HIS SECOND COMING!

II. THREE THINGS TO WATCH FOR

"Tell us, when is this going to happen? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age." MATTHEW 24:3 | NIV

> "Watch out that no one deceives you." MATTHEW 24:4 | NIV

1. WATCH FOR <u>DECEIVERS</u>

"Many are going to come in my name claiming 'I am the Christ.' They're going to deceive many." MATTHEW 24:5 | NIV

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." MATTHEW 7:15 | NIV

2. WATCH FOR AN INCREASE IN WARS AND NATURAL

DISASTERS .

"And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, <u>but don't panic</u>. Yes, these things must take place, but **the end won't follow immediately**. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famine and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is **only the first of the birth pains**, with more to come." MATTHEW 24:6-8 | NIV

3. WATCH FOR AN INCREASE IN ANGER TOWARD

CHRISTIANS.

"Then you'll be handed over and persecuted and put to death. You'll be hated by the nations on account of Me. **Many will turn away from the faith**. They'll betray each other and many <u>false</u> <u>prophets</u> will appear and deceive many people. And because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. **But he who stands firm to the end will be saved**." MATTHEW 24:9-13 | NIV

III. WHEN WILL THE END REALLY COME?

ONE THING WE KNOW IS THAT WE DON'T KNOW

"<u>No one knows about the day or the hour</u> ... only the Father." MATTHEW 24:36 | NIV

IV. HOW WILL THE END COME?

• IT WILL BE TOTALLY <u>UNEXPECTED</u>.

"When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes." MATTHEW 24:37-39 | NIV

"So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming." MATTHEW 24:42 | NIV

JESUS: "Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into." MATTHEW 24:43 | NIV

V. WHY DOES THIS MATTER TO YOU TODAY?

• THE PARABLE OF THE FAITHFUL & WISE SERVANT | MATTHEW 24:44-50 (NIV).

Q: AM I DOING WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO DO?

• THE PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS MATTHEW 25:1-13 (NIV).

Q: AM I READY?

- 1. HOW AM I INVESTING MY TIME ?
- 2. HOW AM I INVESTING MY TALENT ?
- THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS.
- THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS.
- 3. HOW AM I INVESTING IN MY <u>OIKOS</u>

RELATIONSHIPS?

VI. WHY AREN'T WE THERE YET?

"The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." 2 PETER 3:9 | NLT

THERE IS ONE REASON WE AREN'T THERE YET. AND THAT IS

BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN OIKOS THAT NEEDS TO KNOW OF

GOD'S LOVE AND PATIENCE.

"And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time to be saved ..." 2 PETER 3:15 | NIV

NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION.