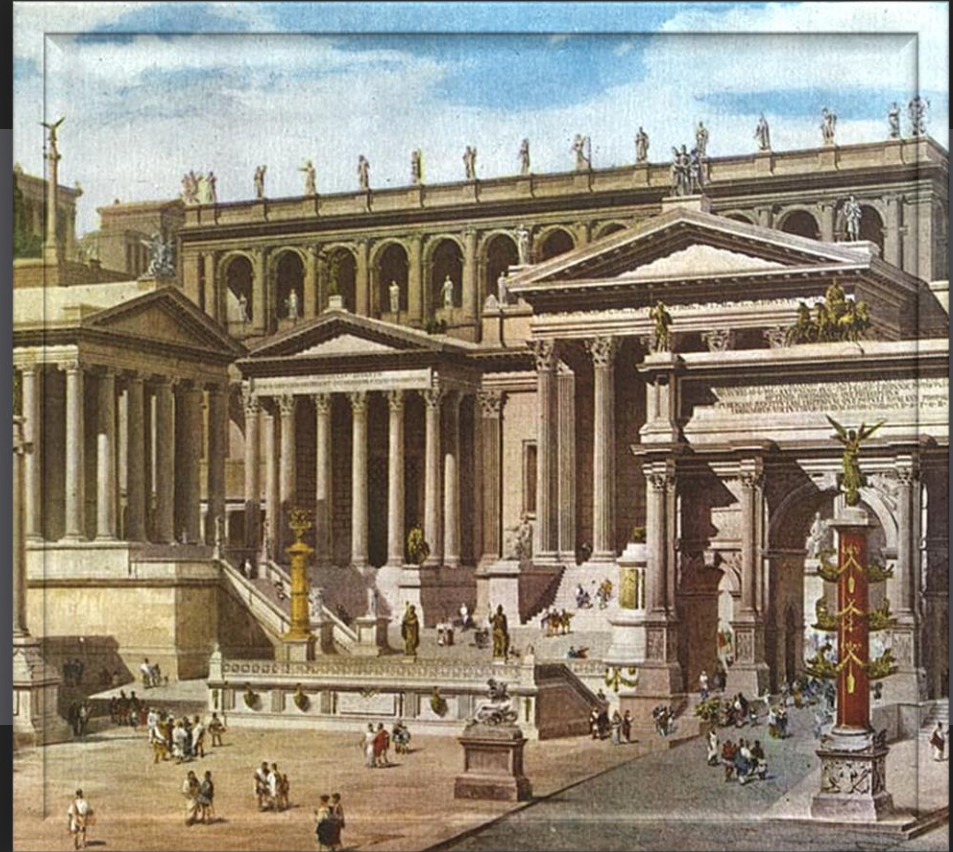


**Matthew 24:1-14**  
**Messiah On A Mission**  
**(Part 48)**

**“Signs Of The End  
Of The World”**



# The Introduction to the Prophecy (24:4-51)

**The prophetic discourse in Matthew 24 was a topical sermon, and in it, the Lord dealt with end-time events under three headings: the Gentile nations, the Jews, and the church.**

1. First, Jesus delved into the end-time events that would impact the Gentile nations, (Matthew 24:4-1).
2. Following that, His attention shifted to the end-time occurrences that would affect the Jewish people, (Matthew 24:15-31). This particular emphasis on the Jewish perspective stemmed from the fact that the great tribulation is primarily linked to "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7).
3. Finally, Jesus addressed the end-time events pertaining to the church, (Matthew 24:32-51). While the term "church" is not explicitly used, it is implied. It's essential to note that, (according to my interpretation) the church will experience the rapture before the unfolding of events concerning the Gentile nations and Israel at the culmination of time.

# Three Issues for the Nations of the World (24:4-14)

## 1.) End-Time Problems (24:4-8)

### National Disasters (24:4-7a)

#### (a) Deceptive Creeds (24:4-5)

The Lord began the prophecy with a warning:

"Take heed that no man deceives you" (24:4).

#### (b) Dreadful Conflicts (24:6-7a)

"Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars," Jesus said, "but the end is not yet" (24:6).

The word translated "end" here is telos, which means "the very end."

### Natural Disasters (24:7b-8)

"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes," the Lord warned (24:7), and these have become so common and widespread as to be almost taken for granted.

# Three Issues for the Nations of the World (24:4-14) cont.

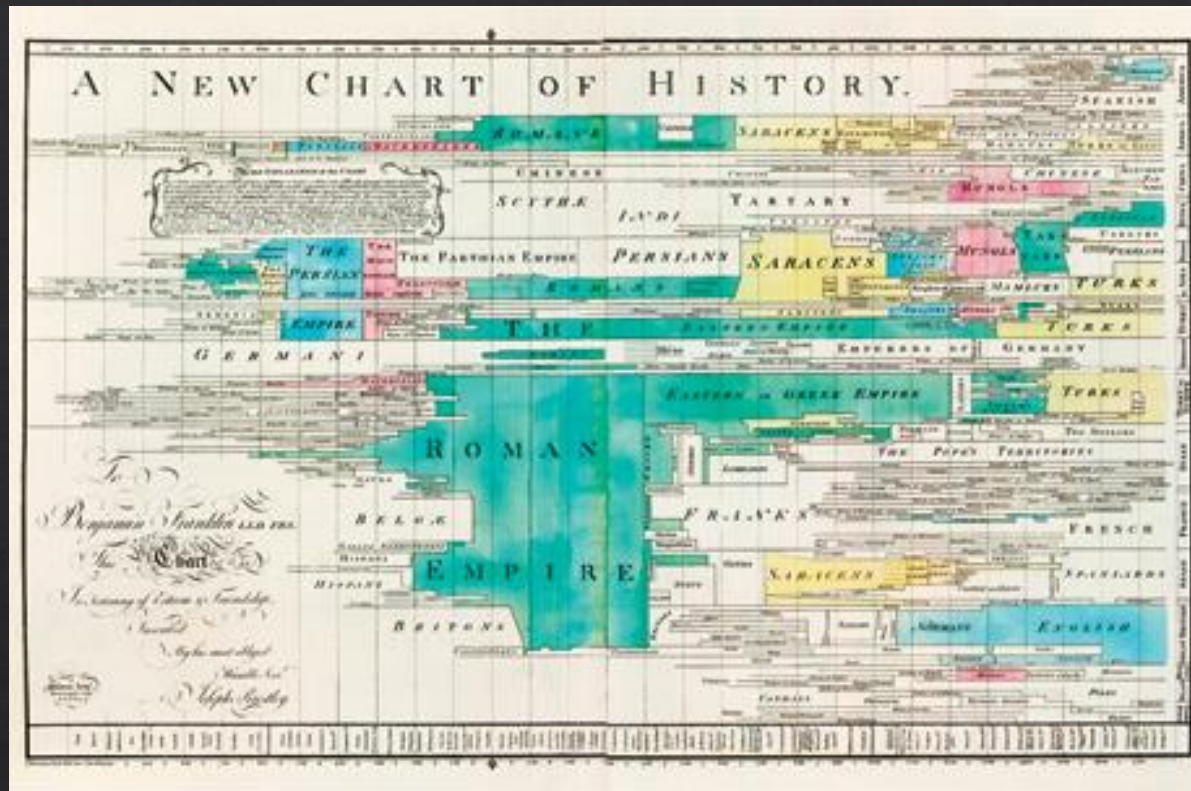
## 2.) End-Time Persecutions (24:9-10)

### (a) Marked by Terror (24:9)

Along with end-time problems will come persecution. The twentieth century has witnessed a resurgence of savage persecution on a scale never known. Whole races have been marked for liquidation.

### (b) Marked by Treachery (24:10)

Jesus emphasized the fact that end-time persecutions will be marked by betrayals.



## Three Issues for the Nations of the World (24:4-14) cont.

### 3.) End-Time Prophets (24:11-14)

The Lord drew attention to both the false and the true prophets of the end time. "Many false prophets shall rise" (24:11).

There will also be legitimate prophets who will convert believers in every stage of this unfolding drama (Eph. 4:11; Rev. 11). They who are converted in every period of this saga will be faithful and endure. At the end of the age, the furious beast will attack those who refuse to accept its mark and worship its image, subjecting them to brutal torment and death. However, those who remain steadfast until the end, as mentioned in Matthew 24:13, will wash their robes in the blood of the lamb (Rev. 8:14). The saints will be saved in the sense of being rescued from the Wrath, like how it is described in 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9.