

The End Times Sign of False Teachers

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Vic: Today, Nathan and I, we'll be talking about deception and false Christ's spoken of in Matthew chapter 24. Nathan, first, I wanted to thank you for that very informative article you sent out regarding the Great Tribulation.

Nathan: Sure, Vic. I wanted to send it out to give people more information regarding our previous discussion of the Great Tribulation. A lot of people have been asking me if we are living in the Tribulation today because of all the evil going on in the world right now. So I wanted to make it clear that we are not living in the Tribulation right now as you and I had discussed and that's what I say in the newsletter that I sent out. And folks can go to our website at lambtion.com and sign up for this e-newsletter free of charge.

Vic: Thank you, Nathan for clarifying that for us because it's important to understand as we continue on in our study. Nathan, would you read Matthew 24:1-3 and give a short recap of what we talked about in the previous program?

Nathan: Certainly. The setting starts out with Jesus and His apostles at the Temple. Matthew 24:1, "Then Jesus went out and departed from the Temple and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the Temple. And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly I say to you not one stone shall be left here upon another that shall not be thrown down." Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives," which is across from the Temple Mount, "the disciples came to Him privately saying, "Tell us, when will we see these things? And what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Vic: Nathan, what an amazing passage and last week you pointed out that this Temple was one of the wonders of the world at the time, right? And you also pointed out that the apostles were asking three separate questions here. Would you explain that again for those who may have missed our last program?

Nathan: Sure. The Temple in Jesus's time was an amazing building, it was beyond belief. It would compare to the Taj Mahal or Congress or a pro football stadium. The Temple was the center of worship for Israel and it was where God dwelled. So here's the apostles sitting there just gapping in awe at the place and Jesus, just out of the blue says, "You know what? None of this will be here much longer. It will all be torn down, every stone taken down and thrown away." I mean, you can just imagine the shock of the apostles. They couldn't believe it! This place is God's home, why would God abandon His home? And it wasn't till later that day that they finally built up enough courage to ask Jesus why He said this. When they arrived at the Mount of Olives which overlooks the Temple Mount the apostles asked Jesus three questions. "When will the Temple fall?" "What will be the sign of the end of the age?" And, "What will be the sign of Jesus' coming?" Those three questions actually refer to three different time periods.

Vic: That's right.

Nathan: Their first question, when will the Temple fall? This was near history for them because we know the Temple fell in 70 AD when the Romans completely destroyed it. Then they asked, what will be the sign of the end of the age? And that is the end of the Church Age which we are living in today. And the third was: What will be the sign of Jesus's coming? Which are the events that come just shortly before Jesus's Second Coming. Jesus then answered their questions by giving the Apostle ten different sets of signs that they could watch for that would indicate when each of these events would come to pass.

And as we go through time, starting with the Temple falling in 70 AD and the end of the Church Age which is now, and then the end of the Tribulation which is Jesus' Second Coming all those signs that Jesus gave happen more frequently and more intensely the closer they are to each of these events. The signs started out gradually with the fulfillments of the signs in 70 AD but it will be a lot stronger and there will be a lot more of them at the end of the Church Age and then they will be all over the place at the end of the Tribulation just before Jesus' arrives. So that is the setting and the background for those three questions.

Vic: Just watching the news today we can clearly see the development of all these signs. The stage is being set and the players are in their positions. Nathan, could you continue reading for us from Matthew 24:4-5?

Nathan: Certainly. "And Jesus answered and said to them, 'Take heed that no one deceives you for many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.'" We can read the parallel passage of this in Luke 21:8, "He replied, 'Watch out that you are not deceived for many will come in my name claiming I am He and the time is near', do not follow them."

Vic: Here we see the beginnings of this terrible deception. People are claiming to be the Christ.

Nathan: This is actually the most prolific end time sign that Jesus gives. Not only in Matthew 24:5 does He give it, but then again in verse 11 He says, "And many false prophets will arise and mislead many." And then again in verse 24 He says, "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible even the elect." Three times in this passage Jesus said that false prophets, false Christs would come claiming to be Jesus and they would mislead many people into false doctrines. And that was the number one end time sign He gave to point to His soon return.

Vic: Deception comes in many forms and people need to be on guard. We have so many televangelists and radio hosts teaching false doctrines today. And many new religions popping up even in our own country with individuals claiming to be the Christ or claiming to be the deliverer. And so many people believe and follow them. And like you said Nathan, this is a great sign we are seeing today.

Nathan: You're not kidding. Now there were three different fulfillments of this before the Temple fell in 70 AD. And as soon as the Church got off the ground immediately, false teaching started coming in. One was the Judaizers. They're the ones who said that to be a Christian you also had to live under the Law.

Vic: Yes.

Nathan: But Paul told them they ought to go off and emasculate themselves. He had really strong words for them because he was very angry that they were trying to put the people back under the Law. There were the Gnostic's who were Greeks who believed they had superior knowledge about God, that it was the Bible plus their knowledge. They also believed that Jesus couldn't possibly have been in human form because they thought that materialism was evil and the spirit is good. Therefore, Jesus was a spirit who inhabited a body and then at the crucifixion left that body and so He wasn't really crucified. So false teachings have been around a long time and Satan is always trying to water down the message of God as soon as it hits the ground.

Vic: Even the Apostle John began to warn the believers of his time, regarding this attack that would come upon the Church and also how we were to guard ourselves. And I believe his message still applies today. 1 John 4:1 says, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirit whether they are of God because many false prophets have gone out into the world." So Nathan, we see clearly that this deception is just going to continue to get worse, right?

Nathan: Correct. You can go all the way back to the time of Moses. You know the people must have been unsure about if Moses was actually speaking for the Lord. And how do we know that these prophets that God will rise up one day, speak for the Lord? Here is our answer, Deuteronomy 18:21-22 says, "You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?" If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed." So we know then that when a prophet speaks they're prophecy must come true, else they are false prophet. So that is our gage for prophecy because God fulfills His prophecy 100% of the time.

Did you know there were 300 prophecies in the Old Testament? 109 distinct ones talk about the First Coming of Jesus. And Jesus fulfilled all 109 distinct prophecies about being the Messiah at the First Coming. One hundred percent! So we know that Jesus is the Messiah. And we know that we can put our faith and trust in Him. Also, 500 verses in the Old Testament and 1 in every 25 in the New Testament talk about Jesus Second Coming.

So, Pastor Vic since we know that Jesus' fulfilled 100% of His prophecies in the First Coming, how sure can we be then that He is going to fulfill all 100% of His Second Coming?

Vic: Absolutely. We can be 100% sure because the Word of God is true and it never fails. The Bible is so trust worthy, and it is the only thing that will not mislead a person. And Nathan, I believe 100% of it will come to fruition. In fact, some of it we are seeing happen right before our eyes, like Israel becoming a nation again.

Nathan: That's right. What's so amazing is that even before Israel became a nation God had told Moses that Israel, one day, would abandon God and be exiled. But we also read throughout the prophets how Israel would be regathered again.

The Northern Kingdom of Israel fell in 722 BC, then Judah and Jerusalem in 586 BC. The Jews had abandoned God and as punishment He hauled them off into exile. But He returned them

and regathered them from Babylon and brought them back to Israel and rebuilt their nation again. But again, they abandoned God and rejected His Messiah and in 70 AD, just as Jesus prophesied here in Matthew 24, He sent the Romans in and the Romans obliterated them. And they cast the Jews to the four corners of the world. And for the last 1,900 years the Jews have been wanderers of the planet and yet, God said they would be regathered a second time. And so now we are seeing the Jews being regathered back into Israel again and that is where God will then begin to work on the Jewish people's heart to try to bring them back to Him. To rid them of their Humanism and bring them back to a worship of God, and accepting Jesus as their Savior. All that is coming, but it's a the tenth prophecy that is one of the signs of the end times that Jesus talks about in Matthew 24. Anyway, there are just so many prophecies going on today that point to the answers that Jesus gave us, showing that we are indeed at the end of this age.

Vic: Yes. And all the deception of false christs and false doctrines are leading towards the ultimate deceiver of all times who is spoken of in 2 Thessalonian's, right?

Nathan: Yes, that is the ultimate fulfillment and is actually the answer to the end of the third question about the signs before Jesus' Second Coming. There have always been false prophets and false teachers. You can go back to Acts 5:37 and read about a man named Josephus, who was a historian at that time who wrote in his book about the wars and he talked about this guy named Judah the Galilean. This was about 10 years before the birth of Jesus. Judah the Galilean told all the Jews that it was shameful of them to be consenting to pay tribute to the Romans and tolerating mortal masters after having God for their Lord. Judah even had this false priest named Zadock and this priest went around telling people that he was the Elijah that was proceeding the coming of the Messiah. So Judah and Zadock founded a group which you will probably recognize, called the Zealots. And which famous apostle was a former zealot?

Vic: That would be the Apostle Paul, Saul of course.

Nathan: Actually, the Zealot was Simon. Simon was part of this cult, but he was saved out of it. That would be like a Radical Islamic Jihadist getting saved today and becoming a Christian. So, there were these false prophets at that time period. Satan knew that he had to try and confuse people when Jesus came so he put in place all these false prophets and false teachers so people wouldn't recognize the Messiah when He came.

Also, Josephus wrote in his book Antiquities about a man named Fatis. This was about 12 years after Jesus' death and this man named Fatis came in told everyone to take up their possessions and follow him to the Jordan River. And when they got to the Jordan River they would know that he was the messiah because he would part the waters and the people would go through. Well they got to the Jordan River and obviously the waters did not part. Just as Deuteronomy 18 said, you can't believe these people because their prophecies are false. And a lot of Fatis's followers were killed.

Vic: That is so true. We have so many modern day false prophets. They wear this title saying they are prophets and they are supposed to be doing all these signs in the name of Jesus. But 90% of these things they do don't even come true, and yet people still continue to follow them.

Nathan: If you go to watchmen.org, that's James Walker's website he was a Mormon who got saved out of Mormonism and has dedicated his life to helping people escape the teachings of false teachers and false christs. And his website watchmen.org reports that there are 1,200 religious organizations in the world, and 500 cults just here in the USA alone.

Vic: Wow!

Nathan: Five-hundred cults. Satan is working so hard now as the end times draw closer. He is trying everything he can to water down the Gospel.

Vic: And Nathan, people don't understand that these religions like the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons who supposedly talk about Jesus, they are not talking about the real Jesus, right?

Nathan: That's right. Take Joseph Smith for instance back in 1830 he founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, also known as the Mormons. It's the world's largest cult and there are about 5 million of them today. And he went around teaching that Jesus is the brother of Satan and that someday we'll all become gods one day. We will all have our own planets. Our wives will populate, get this our wives will populate an entire planet, pregnant for eternity. Tell your wife that. And that is what they are looking forward too.

Can you believe they have grown to five million today? Joseph Smith was a known conman at the time period and yet today people still follow his teachings. One of the signs of false teachers, false Christ's is they usually say that God revealed something to them and them alone. Joseph Smith said that the angel Moroni came to him and gave him these golden tablet type things which held a message, but there is nobody to verify it. It was the same with Muhammad back in 600 AD. He said that Gabriel came and visited him with a message from God that only Allah is to be worshipped out of the 360 gods of Mecca. Muhammad's family god was Allah, which was the moon god, so he went and no one believed him until he had an army behind him. Then they are like, yeah we'll believe you. These guys just come out of nowhere, and say that God has talked to them, but I'm sure that a demon was really talking to them. Then they go around pretending to be either a prophet of god like Muhammad or they claim to be Jesus Christ himself. As a matter of fact there is one guy who is popular in recent history and his name is Jim Jones. Are you familiar with him?

Vic: Yes.

Nathan: He created People's Temple Christian Church and he claimed to be God, Buddha, and Lennon all rolled up into one. Back in 1978 he took his followers down to Jonestown, Ghana. There were over 914 of them there and they decided to commit mass suicide. They took the Kool-Aid and poisoned it and they feed it all their people and they drank it and the entire group of people including Jim Jones were killed. A false teacher who lead 914 people to their deaths.

Vic: Many people may be wondering if these false prophets are really real. But you just shared with us a true story that anyone could google and find out for themselves the truth.

Nathan: Oh, yeah and he's not the only one. As I said before there are 500 cults out there. The most recent José De Luis De Jesús of Growing in Grace International, claims to be Jesus. He goes around saying that he is Jesus Christ. And he said that back before June 30, 2012 he

would usher in his government of the 666. All his followers have 666 tattooed on them. Now obviously when the government of the 666 didn't get ushered in June 30, 2012 his followers started to dwindle and he kind of disappeared from the scene after that. But just like Deuteronomy 18 said when a false Christ or false prophet gives a prophecy that doesn't come true then you know they are false and you should have nothing to do with them.

Vic: I remember that. He actually has a congregation here in the area of Doral which is maybe a half-hour from where we are and that was one of the things they were doing is having they're congregation tattoo themselves with 666.

Nathan: Oh, really. Are they still functioning?

Vic: Actually, I need to double check, but I know he was moving back and forth from the ministry here to another ministry he had. it was a big deal here and it was amazing how people's eyes were so blind. You would think that it would be so obvious that if someone says to you, "Put 666 on your body," that you would know somethings wrong with that, right?

Nathan: Exactly, you see all these teenage girls proudly showing off their wrists with 666 on them, as if that was a good thing.

Vic: When we talk about deception we want people to understand that it's very real and it comes in many forms. Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life, and no man comes to the Father but through me." But these deceivers want people to think that there are other ways to salvation.

Nathan: Yeah, it's either because they are demon possessed, or they are egomaniacs. They want the world to worship them. And isn't that exactly what Satan promised to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden that if they ate of the fruit they would be like God, they would become gods themselves. And that has always had an appeal with humanity. People love power and it goes to their heads. We want to be worshiped as gods, it's in our nature, our sin natures. But we have to give that up because there is only one true God and that is God the Father, Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ His Son, three in one. That is the God of the Bible, Jehovah God and He is the one true God.

Vic: Excellent point, Nathan. What great information and insights you have given to us regarding these false religions and these false Christ's. Thank you so much for enlightening us on Matthew 24:5.

Nathan: Thank you Pastor Vic, it's a great blessing to be on your show.

Vic: Nathan, could you read Matthew 24:3-5 for us and then maybe we can give a little recap?

Nathan: Certainly, this is the beginning of Jesus listing ten different signs of the end times. The ten different signs answer the three questions the Apostles had for Him. They wanted to know: (1) When will the Temple fall? And we know that happened in history in 70 AD. (2) What will be the signs of the end of the age? That is the end of the Church age, the church age is what we live in right now. (3) What will be the sign of Jesus' coming? In other words the things that

happen during the Tribulation just before Jesus comes at the end of the seven years of tribulation.

Jesus starts with the first sign we read in Matthew 24:4, "And Jesus said to them, 'Take heed that no one deceives you, for many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.'" Then in verse 11 He says the same thing, "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." Verse 24, "For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive if possible even the elect."

Pastor Vic, this is one of the most prolific signs that Jesus gives us. That as we get closer to the last days before Jesus' returns to Rapture His Church we will see more false prophets and more teachers. They will come more frequently and more intensely too as Satan tries to drown out the Word of God and confuse people, even believers so that they aren't following the true Jesus Christ of the Bible.

Vic: Excellent point. That's exactly the focus here as we see one of the signs in verse 4 it says, "And Jesus answered and said to them, 'Take heed to no one deceives you for many will come in my name saying 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.'" Nathan, you shared with us that throughout history we have had these groups rise up with leaders calling themselves the Christ. I need to get back to you because about the quiz. Man, I was thinking of Paul the Apostle because he was zealous for his religion, but that's not what you had in mind when you talked to us about this false group called the Zealots. Can you talk to us a little bit about them?

Nathan: Sure, I didn't mean to put you on the spot there brother.

Vic: That's OK, you woke me up.

Nathan: Paul was definitely zealous. Paul was a Jew thoroughly, an Orthodox Jew, he was a follower of the five books of Moses to the law and he was a terribly persecutor of the Church. He stood there watching Stephen being stoned to death. Stephen was one of the first persons to come to Christ after Jesus' ascended up to Heaven. Paul was very zealous for the Lord. And of course as he was going on the road to Damascus to punish and throw Christians into prison up there in Damascus and Syria the Lord stepped before him and asked, "Why are you persecuting me?" And that's when Saul gave his life to Jesus and realized that he had been persecuting the Jesus of the Bible, the fulfillment of all those prophecies of the Messiah. His eyes were opened, literally, because he was blinded by Jesus and had to have these scales fall off his eyes to see.

There was also one of Jesus' other apostles called Simon the Zealot. The Zealots were actually followers of a man named Judah of Galilee. And you can read this in Josephus book Of the Wars, and in Acts 5:37, he was about 10 years before Jesus was born. Judah the Galilean told the people that it was shameful for them to consent to pay anymore tribute to the Romans and tolerate their mortal masters because God was their God alone. He had a false prophet, a Elijah named Zadok and the two of them both Judah and Zadok founded this cult called the Zealots. And that's where we find Simon the Zealot, but Simon was saved out of that cult.

Vic: What an excellent point. And Nathan of course the idea there too that you were sharing with us was that just like this cult, there are many others that have risen up. Can you give us those numbers again in the United States alone?

Nathan: Sure, if you go to watchmen.org which is a cult watching website founded by a Christian man who was a former Mormon and he states that there are over 1,200 religious organizations in the world today.

Vic: Wow.

Nathan: Five hundred of those cults are in the United States alone. So we can see that we are getting close to Jesus return, to the Rapture. Because He says there will be more false teachers and more false prophets in that day. And Satan is doing everything he can to try and confuse people and keep them from the true God of the Bible and His salvation through Jesus Christ.

Vic: And Nathan, the Bible says in 1 John 3, "By this we know love because He laid down His life for us, and we also are to lay down our lives for our brethren." And 1 John 4:1 says, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirit whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." Nathan, you shared with us that these false, occult religions that are rising up today don't share the same Jesus that we share. And you also mentioned that the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses don't either. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but through me." And yet we see people like Jim Jones, and how people just seem to flock to them. Why is this the case?

Nathan: Take Joseph Smith for instance, the man who founded the Mormons, he went back as most of these cults do to the lie that Satan said in the Garden of Eden; that we will become gods. That's the fall of humanity and that sin nature still lives in us today. The desire that we are more than just humans that we are gods and we will become gods one day. And Joseph Smith passed Jesus off as the brother of Satan and said that one day we will be as evolved as Jesus and we will become gods of our own planets. And people loved it. They love the idea of becoming their own gods. We still fall for that old lie in the Garden of Eden that Satan gave Adam and Eve. And that's one of the reasons people tend to go for cults.

Another reason people get swept up into these cults is because they were disenfranchised from society. They are lonely people, outcasts looking for something to believe in. And cults seem very warm and welcoming to these people. They give them a purpose. As a matter of fact we were reading today about the first American who was killed in Iraq, fighting for ISIS. Fighting for the terrorist organization that is slaughtering Christians left and right. And you wonder, how can American's join such a blood thirsty Islamic group like ISIS? This man's step-brother said it's because he was lonely and disenfranchised and these people showed him attention and love and a sense of brotherhood and that's what some of these people go for.

Vic: Nathan, what an incredible point you made. That's exactly what these occults do they try to make you feel good. They lure you in. Even Oprah does that in a sense, right?

Nathan: Don't get me started on Oprah. She grew up in the Church. But she got to one point in her life where she heard the verse about Jesus being a jealous God, you know God is jealous of other people worshiping others and not Him, and she took it to mean that Jesus is jealous of her. And she was like, "Why would I want to follow a God that is jealous of me? I must be a god myself."

Vic: Right.

Nathan: And as long as Oprah was on the air she brought in every New Age teacher and astrologer and anyone who would teach that we are gods and we will become gods one day. Oprah is a huge, huge factor influencing primarily women across the world, teaching them that we are going to become gods one day. She is very much into the New Age scene. And that is what the New Age teaches. It has an occult background in Satanism of course, but they are looking for this Lord Maitreya, this false Christ to come and usher in this New Age this Age of Aquarius and where we will all transcend ourselves and become like gods one day. Matter of fact the New Agers are anxious for the rapture of the Church to happen, they want believers off this planet because they believe that we are holding the world back from finally evolving into the gods that they were meant to be.

Vic: That's right.

Nathan: Can you believe that?

Vic: And Nathan that is why when we talk about deception, people don't understand that we have these modern day false prophets, modern day false teachers, individuals that are just filling people's hearts and minds with these feel good lies and so many are swallowing it.

Nathan: I used to have a supervisor at another job and he was a Jehovah's Witness. And we talked about Jehovah's Witness theology a lot. Jehovah's Witness is another cultic group that was founded by Charles Taze Russell and it taught that Jesus was the Archangel Michael. They say that Jesus isn't the Son of God, He's just Michael the Archangel. They also deny that there is a trinity of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. And they have prophesied that the world would end multiple times. They said the world would end in 1914, and then again in 1918, 1925, 1975, and 1989, but nothing happened. Again and again and again the Jehovah's Witnesses have said that they world would end. Now all we have to do is go back to Deuteronomy 18:21-22 and God told the Jews, which they passed on to us, how we are to know if a message is from the Lord. God said when a prophet speaks the name of the Lord, if the things they say do not happen or come to pass than that is a thing that the Lord has not spoken. And if the prophet has spoken presumptuously you should not be afraid of him. So we know from all these failed prophecies that this is a false teaching the Jehovah's Witnesses are following a false teaching group, the Watch Tower Tract Society out of New York City. And they need to leave it because it is unbiblical, but they are pulled into that sense of community, that sense of family and this is another thing with the cults Pastor Vic, if you try to leave one you are not just giving up your faith in whatever they teach, you are giving up your family.

Vic: That's right.

Nathan: If you leave them they will disown you.

Vic: Nathan, that's what a lot of people don't understand, the trap that they fall into. These cults come to us as very family oriented individuals. I was doing some thrift shopping with my wife the other day, because we cannot afford the malls. And when I went to the thrift store, I say the Watch Tower Magazine all over the place.

Nathan: Oh, no.

Vic: And on the front page of the Watch Tower Magazine they have this great picture of three young guys and then it shows those guys as older and how they are still friends forever, kind of thing. So as soon as you look at the cover of course you would want to open it and start reading it.

Nathan: Oh, yeah. I mean Satan is the angel of light. He doesn't come as some ugly bent up old forked tongued, paled, demon creature. He comes as himself the most beautiful being that God ever created. And Satan knows to use that, to use a family, beauty, all to attract people to the cults. But you know another trait that cults have is their leadership. They are almost always founded by very dynamic, charismatic, type people. They either consider themselves to be the Christ or at least the last prophet of God. And people are swept up into it. You know there was a cult called the Branch Davidian's back in the early 90's, only about 4 hours from here in Dallas down in Waco, Texas. They followed a man by the name of David Koresh.

Vic: Right.

Nathan: And David Koresh was a liked, dynamic and charismatic founder. He believed that he was Jesus and everybody believed he was too. But then people started wondering, especially when he started molesting the daughters of the members and they were like, we need to get out of here. But this cult would send out hit squads if anyone tried to leave and say, "You are not going to leave our group." So people find out like you said, "It starts out good, but pretty soon you realize you are trapped in there and you lose everything." And people finally do leave a cult, they not only lose their friends, but all their possessions. They are basically shunned from society. So for Jesus they literally have to give it all up to follow the true Jesus of the Bible.

Vic: Excellent point, Nathan. 1 John 4:3 says, "And by this you the spirit of God, Jesus Christ has come in the flesh and is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God and this is the spirit of Antichrist which you have heard is coming and is now already in the world." And that is what you are telling us, right?

Nathan: Yes, you know that's actually what we're working towards. Again the three questions that were asked were: When will the Temple would fall? 70 AD. Then it was when is the end of the age? The end of the Church Age, which ends in the Rapture. And then the end of the Tribulation, the sign of Jesus coming. Now we know then that we read about different false prophets, and false Christs before the Temple fell in 70 AD. We also talked about the many that are here today. But what is ultimately being worked up to is the final false Christ and false prophet, and that is the false Christ called the Antichrist which will be the one world leader during the Tribulation.

The Tribulation is a seven year time period coming on the world after the Church is raptured out of here. It will be the worst time in human history. The Bible says there is no time that is as bad as that time period will be. And this guy, this false Christ will be the only one claiming to be Christ. He will crush all the other religions, and form a one world religion that worships him and he will be possessed by Satan so it's really Satan they are worshiping And he will have a false prophet, a false teacher who will be the PR man for him. He will be out there telling people that they need to worship and follow the false Christ. He'll set up an image, no one is sure what this image is, but it is considered a living image. Maybe it's a video recording, a hologram, a robot,

something kind of like Nebuchadnezzar made, the statue that he had everybody worship, but as you remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said no. Well the antichrist, his false prophet is going to set up another image that everybody can worship. And so the whole world then will be enslaved to this Intichrist and his false prophet that we read about in Revelation 13.

Vic: Nathan, that is a great point. 2 Thessalonian's 2:3 talks about it, "Let no one deceive you by any means." Talking there about this deception that is coming, this lawless man that is coming. We need to be careful today with what we watch on TV and listen to on the radio because there are so many false occult religions that are popping up and modern day televangelists, and we must be especially careful with what our children hear because these false teachers, and false Christs are also going after our kids, right, Nathan?

Nathan: Yes, especially the kids because they are most vulnerable. It's like cigarette ads, you know they are aimed at kids. And alcohol is aimed at teens today even though it is illegal for them. They know that they have to catch them young and when they are confused. What's interesting though is that the Intichrist and the False Prophet, their teaching is meant to bring Satan glory and through works based salvation. And this is another trait of these false teachers. You can identify what a false teacher is teaching if they say that you have to do any kind of works to accept God's grace.

Vic: Right, yes.

Nathan: Now that is certainly not true. God's grace, Ephesians 2:8-9 says that it is not by works it is by God's grace His sacrifice through His Son Jesus Christ. He did all the work on the cross we can't do any work at all. And when a cult starts telling you that you need to pray this many times, or you need to read this, or you need to go out and do this or that, or you won't be saved. Than you know that is a false teaching because the Bible says it is by grace alone that we are saved, and then it was grace because the word was done by Jesus Christ.

Vic: Excellent point, Nathan. Jesus Christ died and rose again. All His prophecies have been fulfilled and all the prophecies that the Bible talks about happening in the future will be fulfilled. The Rapture of the Church will happen and Jesus Christ will come to judge this world. And people need to repent and turn to Jesus now before it is too late.

Nathan: Exactly. We don't know the day or the hour of Jesus' return, but He said it's going to be like a thief in the night. You can't know when a thief is going to break in just like you can't know when Jesus will return. But like we've been reading in Matthew 24, He gives us signs that point to His soon return. And one of these signs is the proliferation of false teachers, and false Christs that we are seeing today. They are all over the place, they are all claiming to be gods, and telling us to follow them. And that is one of the most prolific signs that Jesus gave telling us that He's coming back.

So the question is, are you ready? Have you given your heart to Jesus Christ? Have you asked Him to be your Savior to forgive you of your sins and to give you a new life in you? He did all the work on the cross. Only Jesus provides us a way to the Father. So when we accept Jesus as our Savior our sins are forgiven, we have a new life a new promise and He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us discern the false teachers.

Vic: Nathan, we just hope that people will grab hold of this great opportunity to accept salvation. It is available for all who call on the name of the Lord. Nathan, would share with that person who might not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ how they can get started, maybe a prayer that they can pray to start that relationship?

Nathan: Jesus Christ died for your sins. God wanted to restore fellowship with humanity again just like it was in the Garden of Eden where man and God walked and talked and had fellowship together. But man decided they wanted to be their own gods and they rebelled against God. And ever since then we have been separated from God. We can't see Him one on one, we can't talk to Him one on one, we can't have that fellowship, but God wants that fellowship restored. Now to fulfill God's sense of justice a death sentence was placed on us for our rebellion, but Jesus died on the Cross, the perfect man and God combined, died on the cross for us so when we believe in Him in faith, our sins are forgiven, we no longer stand guilty before God. And one day we can stand before God and the fellowship is restored. We can talk to God face to face once more, we can see Him we can live with Him in His love forever. And all we have to do in our heart pray, "Dear Jesus, please forgive me of my sins and be my Savior." And Jesus promised He will do that and He will give you a new life in Him.

Vic: What wonderful encouragement for anyone to receive the love of Jesus. In closing Nathan, would you share a word of encouragement? Maybe there is someone who has fallen into the trap of deception of these cultic religions. And they don't know how to get out, or maybe their stuck in the Jehovah witnesses or Mormonism. What would you say to them?

Nathan: I would say to them if you're listening to this now then God is calling you out of the false teachings you're under. It's hard to admit that we've been deceived. We've all been deceived at one point. That's why we need to go to the Bible and read what the Bible has to say. And if you're being taught that you have to work your way to heaven or you're going to be good enough if you work and do certain things, that's a false teaching. Now I know to give all that up means your likely going to have to give up your family, your friends, your acquaintances, but how much better that Jesus has saved your soul and you know that you're going to be with him in heaven forever. It's hard to give all that up, but it's so much more to know that you'll have eternal life with him.

Vic: Nathan, thank you so much. What a wonderful word of encouragement. You know when Jesus called us to follow him it wasn't going to be easy. There was going to be a lot of persecution and we're seeing that today. Nathan, thank you so much for being part of our program and thank you so much for sharing with us in the second segment regarding this section. It's always a pleasure to have you on the program.

Nathan: Thanks for having me on, Pastor Vic.

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