

Matthew 24:4-14 – False Christs, Wars, the Gospel Preached Worldwide

Orlando Bible Students Special Study

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General References: *Matthew 24:4-14; Mark 13:5-13; Luke 21:8-19; Volume 4, pp 566-568*

- 1) **Bro. Russell** notes in **Volume 4, pp. 566-567** that the verses of our lesson and their companion verses in Mark and Luke prophetically describe, in brief, much of the history of the Gospel Age. Why was it important for Jesus to do this before answering the questions the disciples asked in verse 3 concerning his return and the end of the age? [Note Jesus' use of the word "end" in vss. 6, 13, & 14 and "beginning of sorrows" in vs. 8] *Mark 13:7,8,13; Luke 21:9; Dan. 12:8-9; II Thess. 2:1-3*

Questions 2-4 deal with experiences related to three groups which have taken place during the Gospel Age.

- 2) **Group 1, the World:** What did Jesus indicate would be the prevailing conditions in the world during the Gospel Age? *Matt. 24:6,7; Mark 13:7,8; Luke 21:9-11*

- 3) **Group 2, the Consecrated:** What kinds of experiences did Jesus prophesy would come upon the consecrated during this same period of time, and how were they to react to these? *Matt. 24:4,9,10,13; Mark 13:5,9,11-13; Luke 21:12-19; Matt. 10:17-22; John 15:18-20; II Tim. 3:12*

- 4) **Group 3, Nominal Spiritual Israel:** Do any of the verses of our lesson provide an implication of a future evil system which would "deceive many?" Explain. *Matt. 24:5,11,12; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8; Matt. 24:24; II Cor. 11:13-15; II Thess. 2:3-12; II Pet. 2:1; I John 4:1-3*

- 5) Has the preaching of the "gospel of the kingdom" in all the world been for the purpose of converting the world at the present time? Explain. *Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10; Luke 21:13 (note CEV, ESV, Phillips, NASB translations); Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46,47; John 15:26,27; Acts 1:8*