

THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING
TERRIFYING TIMES, YET ONLY THE BEGINNING OF HIS WRATH TO COME
Matthew 24:4-8

I. *Understand* THE TRIBULATION WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY FALSE MESSIAHS

DECEIVING MANY JEWS: In response His disciples second question concerning the sign of His coming and the end, Jesus warns Jewish tribulation disciples to not be misled by counterfeit messiahs (4-5)

A. Remember we need to understand the context to understand the passage:

1. The content of our Lord's Olivet discourse affirms it is direct response to the disciples second question not their first (24:1-3, Ch. 24-25)

2. The content of our Lord's Olivet discourse affirms it is primarily concerns Israel (4, 9, 15-16, 20, 32-34)

3. The content of our Lord's Olivet discourse affirms it is occurs during the tribulation (not 70 ad) (3, 9, 21-22, 29)

4. What is the tribulation? (A look at Daniel 9:23-27)

B. Jesus commands His Jewish tribulation disciples not to be deceived because many false Christ's will come, deceiving many (4-5)

II. *Understand* THE TRIBULATION WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASE IN ARMED WORLD CONFLICT AND NATURAL DISASTERS WHICH MUST COME, YET THIS IS NOT THE END, JUST THE BEGINNING (6-8)

A. Jesus commands His Jewish tribulation disciples not to be dismayed when they hear of increased armed conflicts in the world, because they must happen yet do not represent the end (6)

B. Jesus explains, predicting indeed world conflict and natural disasters, yet declares it is only the start of birth pains (7-8)