

ENDTIME TIMETABLE (Matthew 16:1-12)

What attitude should genuine believers have regarding these last days? What does Jesus expect His people to act like when we feel the end is near for the church age and the coming of the Lord? The bible is pretty clear that He expects us to be able to see the writing on the wall (the bible) and for us to get ready personally and to be able to intelligently warn others why we know the end time is now.

CONSIDER KEY PROPHECIES

Joel 3:1; Amos 9:14-15 God promised to bring His people out of exile for the last time and restore them to the Promise Land for the last time, never again to be taken out of their land.

Matthew 24:2 The Lord prophecies the destruction of the Temple. The disciples were confused for they thought that when the Temple was to be destroyed the nation would be destroyed also. They knew from O.T. prophecy this meant the End Times were approaching. They asked Him for the one sign that would prove the End Times were near.

Matthew 24:15 Jesus gave them many signs and then He proclaimed the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 regarding the Antichrist going into the Temple to commit the “abomination of desolation.” Now they were more confused for He just told them the Temple would be destroyed. Between verse 2 and 15 two great events had to take place for this prophecy to take place.

Joel 3:2-14 As we know the fulfilling of the prophecy about the rebirth of Israel took place in 1948 and immediately the nations of the world were at war with Israel and continue to try and destroy her.

CONSIDER THE DECEPTION

Matthew 24:3 During the entire 20th century our political leaders have been deceiving the public and carrying out secret programs and goals unknown to the voting public.

Acts 20:28-31 Paul warns the church leaders to be watchful of false preachers and teachers that would follow him into the church house after he was gone to teach false doctrine and deceive many.

II Timothy 3:13; 4:2-3 Paul continued to warn of deceptive men who will be invited by church members to teach and preach a false gospel and a positive message that make people feel good.

II Timothy 3:1-7 Personal conduct within the church for two thousand years has grown worse and worse until it is common for even the leadership to be caught up in gross and immoral sin.

CONSIDER THE CHURCH OF AMERICA

Revelation 3:14-18 Undoubtedly for the most part, we are in the Laodicean church age. Mega churches and T. V. preachers and Evangelists are giving out false doctrine and deceiving millions while getting fat and wealthy from unlearned believers. Thinking they are rich and in need of nothing God will tell them in that day “I never knew you.”

Matthew 7:15-16; II Timothy 3:5 Jesus warned of ministers that look right, talk right and bring their bible and teach from God's word but it is a false teacher and more than likely a false bible.

II Thessalonians 2:2-3 Paul warned that at the end times just before the Rapture, there would be a great falling away from the truth. A great apostasy has started with the clarion call for a world wide ecumenical movement to unite under the guise of familiar doctrine and ignoring doctrinal differences.

Luke 18:8 As the End Times move forward the faith of millions is waning thin. The false teachers are preaching that a great revival is just around the corner but Jesus said that just opposite is the truth.