

**EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**  
**20/20 Vision in 2020**  
**LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel***  
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**“THINGS ARE GOING TO GET BETTER.” THEY SAY**

**The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out**

**SCRIPTURE: MATT. 24:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.<sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.<sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.

What signs did Jesus give us in the political and religious world?

1. Matt. 24:4: “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.”

**Political**

2. Ps. 118:8-9: “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. <sup>9</sup>It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.”
3. Jer. 9:3-5: “And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.<sup>4</sup> Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.<sup>5</sup> And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.”
4. 1 Thes. 5:2-3: “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup> For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

**Religious**

5. Matt. 24:5,11,23-27: “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. <sup>11</sup>And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>23</sup>Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. <sup>24</sup>For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. <sup>25</sup>Behold, I have told you before. <sup>26</sup>Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. <sup>27</sup>For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”
6. 2 Cor. 11:13-15: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup>And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.”

Are there tests to determine whether these pastors are telling the truth or not?

7. Isa. 8:20: “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”
8. Matt. 7:21-23: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many

wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Satan, dEvil would rather deceive you than persecute you. If deception doesn't work, then he will start persecuting. He is especially upset with God's Remnant. Why?

9. 2 Tim. 3:12,13: “Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus** shall suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.”

10. Rev. 12:17: “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

“What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day. My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation.... The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over.” EW 58.

11. Rev. 14:12: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

Satan does not want you and I to know or be reminded. We overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the words of our testimony.

12. Rev. 12:9,11: “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

A Time of Trouble is coming, but His chosen will stand faithfully.

13. Dan 12:1: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.”

14. Rev. 13:4,8-9: “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? <sup>8</sup> And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. <sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear.”

15. Rev. 15:1,2: “And saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. <sup>2</sup> And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.”

16. Rev. 22:11-12: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. <sup>12</sup> And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

Jesus is coming soon, how will it affect the righteous?

17. 1 Cor. 15:51-55: “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. <sup>55</sup> O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

18. Phil. 3:20,21: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:<sup>21</sup> Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

19. 1 John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

What is the future for those who reject Jesus?

20. Rev. 6:14-16: "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.<sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; <sup>16</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:"

What will be the response of God 's Saints, when Jesus appears in the clouds of heaven?

21. Isa. 25:9: "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Jesus in, Satan out. Praise God, free at last, thank God Almighty free at last.