

THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING, PART 3:  
DETAILS OF "THE BIRTH PAINS"  
(Matthew 24:4-14)

- I. DECEPTION by False Christs (Matt. 24:4-5)
  - A. The CHURCH will have been REMOVED
  - B. The NUMBER of frauds will MULTIPLY
  - C. Their ABILITY to deceive will INTENSIFY
  
- II. WARFARE Among the Nations (Matt. 24:6-7a)
  - A. There will be CONSTANT NEWS of WARFARE
  - B. Wars will RAGE between NATIONS and between ETHNIC GROUPS
  - C. BELIEVERS of that era must not be TERRIFIED
    - 1. These things MUST take place
    - 2. They are not YET the END
  
- III. DEVASTATION Throughout the World (Matt. 24:7b-8)
  - A. There will be FAMINES in VARIOUS places
  - B. There will be EARTHQUAKES in VARIOUS places
  - C. These are just the "BEGINNING of BIRTH PANGS"

IV. PERSECUTION of the Believers (Matt. 24:9)

- A. Believers will be “DELIVERED” to “TRIBULATION”
- B. They will be KILLED for their FAITH
- C. They will be UNIVERSALLY HATED because of their association with JESUS’ NAME

V. APOSTASY of False Believers (Matt. 24:10-13)

- A. UNWILLING to bear the COST (24:10)
- B. UNABLE to discern the LIES (24:11)
- C. UNCOMMITTED to following CHRIST (24:12-13)
  - 1. LAWLESSNESS will increase
  - 2. Their LOVE will grow COLD
  - 3. “The one who ENDURES to the END will be SAVED”

VI. GOSPEL PROCLAMATION to the Whole World (Matt. 24:14)

- A. It will be “a TESTIMONY to ALL the NATIONS”
  - 1. BEGINS through the TWO witnesses in Jerusalem (Rev. 11:3)
  - 2. EXPANDS through the 144,000 sealed witnesses (Rev. 7:1-8)
  - 3. CLIMAXES with the ANGELIC witness (Rev. 14:6-7)
- B. It is THEN that “the END SHALL COME”