

THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING, PART 5:
PERILS TO COME
(Matthew 24:16-28)

- I. The RESPONSE to the Abomination of Desolation (Matt. 24:16-20)
 - A. The URGENT need to ESCAPE (24:16-18)
 - 1. Must FLEE without HESITATION
 - 2. Must FLEE without ENCUMBRANCE
 - B. The WOE for PREGNANT women and NURSING mothers (24:19)
 - 1. Will PREVENT great HASTE
 - 2. Will INCREASE their DANGER (Hos. 13:16)
 - C. Be PRAYING in ADVANCE (24:20)
 - 1. That it will not happen in WINTER
 - a. No FOOD in the FIELDS
 - b. No COVER from FOLIAGE
 - 2. That it will not happen on a SABBATH
 - a. Long-distance TRAVEL would be OBVIOUS
 - b. Jewish collaborators will REPORT their VIOLATION

- II. The PERILS Under the Abomination of Desolation (Matt. 24:21-28)
 - A. Unprecedented CALAMITY (24:21-22; cf. Rev. 6 - 16)
 - 1. Will greatly EXCEED the ROMAN destruction of JERUSALEM
 - 2. Will greatly EXCEED the GERMAN HOLOCAUST
 - 3. Without those days being “CUT SHORT,” NONE would survive
 - a. Possibly the TIME LIMIT prevents UTTER annihilation
 - b. Possibly increased DARKNESS provides more COVER (Rev. 6:12-14; 8:12; 16:10)
 - c. Done for “the sake of the ELECT”
 - B. Unprecedented CONFUSION (24:23-27)
 - 1. The rise of false CHRISTS and false PROPHETS
 - a. Promising RESCUE and RELIEF
 - b. Showing GREAT signs and wonders
 - 2. The SECURITY of the ELECT
 - a. True believers will NOT be MISLED
 - b. Christ is providing ADVANCE WARNING
 - c. His return will be SPECTACULAR and UNMISTAKABLE
 - C. Unprecedented CORRUPTION (24:28)