

## End Time Events III By Greg Rangel

In Matthew 24 the disciples of Jesus asked Him “...*Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*” As we have previously seen, this is a question that has been asked by many, and at the same time, many are seeking answers to these questions. When will the end of the world be?

We can be sure that Jesus will come back as He foretold, and that the end of the world will take place as He said. But no one knows the day or the hour. But there are some signs that we must be looking for.

We have also previously seen that prior to the last seven years of world history, also known as the tribulation period, something must first take place, and that is the Rapture of the church. This is not the Second Coming of Jesus. The Second Coming of Jesus will take place at the end of the tribulation period as we will see in the coming articles.

The next event on God’s calendar is the Rapture of the church as described by Isaiah who wrote in Isaiah 26:19: “... *Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:....*”

But one of the signs of the last days is religious deception as described in Matthew 24. Paul wrote in 2Th 2:7-12 “*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness*” (see Revelation 13:11-15).

This type of deception is so common in our world today as it was in the biblical days, but at a much greater scale. People today are so gullible and are so quick to believe any little type of lie that the devil might send their way under the banner of religion.

Another sign of the last days will be wars and rumours of wars as Jesus said in Matthew 24:6-7. Hearing about wars and rumors of wars has become so common to us because of the times that we live in. Wars have always existed, but we are now living in very dangerous times in which the population of an entire nation can be so easily wiped out by a simple push of a button.

Another sign of the last days will be famines as Jesus said in verse 7 of Matthew 24. Unfortunately throughout history there has existed many famines in every century ever

since the 5<sup>th</sup> century. In 440 A.D. a great famine came upon Ancient Rome. Between 108 B.C. and 1911 A.D there were no fewer than 1828 major famines in China, or one nearly every year in one or another province. And the list continues up to today.

We are living in the last days. The things that Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24 have indeed come to pass and are continuing to come to pass right before our eyes. But regardless if one fails to believe in what Jesus said, the end of the world can be today for you and for me. It is definitely the end of the world for many who are dying today. For that reason we must receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior and walk with Him from this day forward because one someone dies it is too late. As Hebrews 9:27 says, "*for it is appointed unto man once to die, and then the judgment.*" Give your life to Jesus.

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