

**AT THE MASTER'S FEET:**  
**A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew**  
**AMEN Bible Study 2012-2013**

**THE MASTER'S TRIUMPH: THE EXPECTANT LIFE**

**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**

**Matthew 24:1-14**

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**24:1-2 I. Fruitless religion will be destroyed.**

*"Jesus left the temple and was going away when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.'" cf. II Peter 3:3, 4, 9, 10*

**:3-8 II. Fruitless speculation will be frustrated.**

**:3 A. Our curiosity is misguided.**

*"As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?'"*

**:4, 5 B. Our charlatans are misleading.**

*"And Jesus answered them, 'See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.'"*

*cf. Deuteronomy 13:1-3; I Timothy 4:1-3; II Peter 2:1-3; I John 2:18-27; 4:1-6*

**:6, 7 C. Our crises are misinterpreted.**

*"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains."*

*cf. Isaiah 13:8; 21:3; 26:17; 42:14; 66:7-11; Jeremiah 22:23; 30:5-7; Micah 4:9, 10; Hosea 13:13; Romans 8:22, 23*

**:9-14 III. Faithful disciples will be tested.**

**:9-12 A. Our tests are severe. cf. Acts 14:22; II Timothy 3:1-12**

**:9 1. In the world**

**a. physical threats**

*"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death..." cf. Romans 8:36*

**b. social scorns**

*"...and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."*

*cf. John 15:19; James 4:4; I John 2:15*

**:10-12 2. In the Church**

**:10 a. schism**

*"And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another."*

**:11 b. heresy**

*"And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray." cf. Jer 23:13, 32; 29:8f*

**:12 c. apathy**

*"And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold."*

*cf. Revelation 2:4; 3:15, 16; Romans 12:11*

**:13-14 B. Our success is secure.**

**:13 1. We shall overcome.**

*"But the one who endures to the end will be saved."*

*cf. Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21 (see chart, p. 2468 ESV Study Bible)*

*Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6*

**:14 2. The Kingdom will prevail.**

*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." cf. Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8*