

45. Jesus' Words (and others) About the End Times

- Some of the most detailed and descriptive prophecies of end-time events were spoken by Jesus. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, He described to His disciples the signs of His coming and of the end of the age (Matthew 24:3). Jesus said, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many" (Matthew 24:4-5). "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars... but that is not yet the end... for nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you... This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:6-14). Jesus also spoke about the abomination of desolation, the Great Tribulation and His glorious second coming to earth (Matthew 24:1-51, 25:1-46; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 17:20-37, 21:5-36). Timothy and Peter also had many things to say about the last days and the coming day of the Lord (2 Timothy 3:1-9; 2 Peter 3:1-18).