1Thess #36

Attempting to walk in the plan of God and the cosmic system leaves Believers confused.

Let me open with a couple announcements, first is I want to keep James & Lisa in prayer. Especially James’s parents. James and Lisa are faithfully followers of the WORD and I know from a recent email that his parents need our prayers.

Also keep my wife and I in prayer as there is some kind of flu going through this house.

My throat has been sore and I’ve had heavy congestion late at night and my wife has a really bad nagging cough.

Also, we are in a New Year so I will be doing a financial update as I do every year – I keep the ministry very transparent! It is important that you know how your support is used. Once I get my taxes in order and figure out last year we will do that, probably at the tail end of a future message.

Let us open today in Matthew chapter twenty-four.

Last lesson has led us to an important subject matter today. It may be a convicting message.

Yet it is designed to wake up the Bels who attempt to dance between real Christianity and being accepted in the devil’s world.

/Bels who attempt to maintain a popular posture in the cosmic system while also attempting to move forward in God’s plan eventually fall on their face. They become useless soldiers in spiritual warfare. More often than not, they have no discernment or correct theology therefore their spiritual, moral and intellectual compass is defective.\

That is a victory for Satan’s army.

Remember for the born-again Bel, all Satan can do is distract and frustrate the Bel – make them become useless in spiritual warfare.

For the Unbel it is Satan’s game plan to keep the gospel of Christ veiled.

After His disciples asked Jesus*, “What will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”* the very first thing He said was, *“See to it that no one misleads you”*

Jesus in HIS humanity begins to give descriptions about the build up to the Tribulation period and HE also touches on the Tribulation period as well.

There is no chapter break between 23 and chapter 24 in the original context so this is all part of one long dissertation.

/Mat 24:3 And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* **the sign of Your coming**, and of **the end of the age**?”\

Jesus had been weeping over the lost house of Israel.

Jesus had just called out the Pharisees and Scribes in chapter 23 under the 8 woes of legalism.

[Mat 24:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/4/s_953004) And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you.

This is written in the Greek present tense, because leading up to the Tribulation there will be many Christians led astray.

/[Mat 24:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/5/s_953005) “For many will come in My name, saying, **‘I am the Christ**,’ and they will **mislead many people**.

*Planaō,* means not just mislead, to be seduced to be redirected or led down the wrong path.\

PLAN-AH-O, it speaks of delusion because someone or something made you believe you were heading the right way.

Bels with weak Bible study habits and apathy toward God’s word are easily tricked and led astray.

[Mat 24:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/6/s_953006) “And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end.

This is why it is important to at least be alert as to what is happening between other countries whether it is peace agreements or threats of warfare.

I wrote in my book about new alliances popping up between different nations who may have never been friendly before.

[Mat 24:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/7/s_953007) “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

Jesus is speaking about difficulties toward the end of the CA dispensation.

/[Mat 24:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/8/s_953008) “But all these things are *merely* **the beginning of birth pains**.

Child birth in the ancient world was much more grueling than what we have today with modern facilities and medicines.\

Birth pains can carry on for days and hours at a time.

The CA dispensation will feel pain and confusion related to the build up of the coming Tribulation.

[Mat 24:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/9/s_953009) “Then they will hand you over to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

This is Jesus giving an answer to Jewish Apostles in relation to the 5th cycle of discipline, the church does not go into the Tribulation.

The Antisemitic attitudes will be at a fever pitch during the Tribulation.

Keep in mind these are the men who will finish writing the NT- Jesus is giving them a grand overview of all events unfolding leading up to and into the Tribulation.

/[Mat 24:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/10/s_953010) “And at that time **many will fall away**, and they will **betray one another** and **hate** one another.

Bels will be attacked along with Jews during the Tribulation. This will begin during the build up toward the Tribulation, yet it will explode into grand proportions inside the 7 years.\

[Mat 24:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/11/s_953011) “And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people.

Again, Jesus is highlighting false teachers, false doctrines and Bels being misled.

[Mat 24:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/12/s_953012) “And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will become cold.

[Mat 24:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/13/s_953013) “But the one who endures to the end is the one who will be saved.

Jesus is stating that those who become winner Bels under this pressure will be recognized.

They will not swiftly be put to death because of their emotional choices. Many Bels will fold under pressure and they will be slaughtered by Satan’s cosmic leaders and armies during the Tribulation.

/[Mat 24:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/24/14/s_953014) “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.

Much of these scriptures have dual meanings related to the build up and the Tribulation itself. The gospel will be spread across the world before and during the Tribulation.\

Jesus went on to warn them that the last days immediately prior to His return would be characterized by the greatest deception the world has ever seen. He indicated that this would be religiousdeception first.

/Religious deception is a driving factor Satan and his minions will use leading up to the Tribulation and the beginning stage of the 7 years. It will involve three specific symbols: 1) false prophets, 2) false messiahs, and 3) false miracles. These are designed as expert counterfeits to MISLEAD (deceive, bewitch and confuse or seduce) all people – Bels or Unbels.\

Wars and rumors of wars, famine or earthquakes are also noted in the description of the last days. Powerful nations rising against one another and people with cold hearts no longer caring for their fellow citizens.

I say, look around in the year of our LORD 2023!

/ *Religious deception*is the first major sign that Jesus gave to indicate that His second coming is near. It is also the most im­portant. Christ and His apostles emphasized it the most, and with good reason. The consequences of being deceived by false prophets and false messiahs are far worse than being victimized by famine, or war. One of the main tools of this deception will be the introduction to Inter-faith movements.\

The truth of faith alone in Christ alone stands in the pathway and that must be squashed for a one world religious mentality to take hold across the globe.

Here is how Jesus summarized His solemn warning:

*/For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you in advance* (Matthew 24:24-25) \

The Bel with one foot in the cosmic system and one foot in the plan of God will be a complete sucker for this attack.

Down through history there have always been a few false prophets.

Jesus warned that in the last days there would be manyand that they would deceive many people.

For that to come true, there would have to be a worldwide interest and belief in predict­ing the future as well as having such high intellect that nothing is out of our reach.

25 years ago, that would have seemed an unlikely possibility for an age of science; yet this prophecy made by Christ nearly 2000 years ago is being fulfilled in today’s computer and space age, much of this is coming from the sector we know as AI (Artificial Intelligence).

I believe the marriage between AI and human beings will be a leap in the near future that will solidify Satan’s power in the Tribulation.

Computer chips are already used in animals and human beings and robots have increased in intellectual capacities by leaps and bounds in the past 15 years. The World Economic Forum and leaders at the U.N. have been pushing this for at least 10 years.

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Ridiculed as superstition by science not many years ago, prophecy is today being experimented with and verified in laboratory research, where it is now called *“precognition*.”

The CIA was dabbling in mind control as far back as 1955.

The very elite thinkers and scientist of our day are much more in tune to respecting human and computer power while denying the supernatural power of God.

/The computer and humanistic approach to intellect, prophecy and problem- solving denies biblical prophecy, which comes as a revelation from God. The door is now opened wide for demonic entities to deceive modern man. Since their very existence is denied nothing they do would be attributed to them. We are already in a position to be misled and confused this is why the accuracy of your Bible study is imperative! \

The Lord’s prophecy about manyfalse Christs appearing in the last days is also coming to pass. While there have always been some pretenders, today’s world is flooded with those who claim to be Christ. Every few years a new JimJones or Charles Manson pops up on the landscape.

The word Messiah will be thrown around, just remember *“The Christ”* is notJesus.

Jump over to Matthew chapter twenty- two RF.

Do you have enough BD in your soul to discern the lies and counterfeits?

The biblical test of the spirit of Antichrist is: *“Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist*…

/1Jhn 2:22 Who is **the liar** except the **one who denies that Jesus** is the Christ? **This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son**. 23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; **the one who confesses the Son has the Father also**.\

It always comes down to TLJC – the person and work of Jesus Christ can never be denied or minimized…remember that and you will spot the counterfeits.

Jesus had to challenge the wise Pharisees to hear what they claimed to believe;

/Matt 22:42 “**What do you think about the Christ**? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “*The son* of David.” 43 He said to them, “Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,\

The doctrine of the Hypostatic Union was laid out for the intellectual Pharisees in one simple question.

[Mat 22:44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/22/44/s_951044) ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT
YOUR ENEMIES UNDER YOUR FEET”’? (Psa 110)

[Mat 22:45](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/mat/22/45/s_951045) “Therefore, if David calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”

Jesus Christ is the unique God-man, you had better know your Messiah my friends!

Within the past 30 years, tens of millions of people in the West have been converted to a basic tenet of Eastern mysticism that most scholars believe will play a key role in the acceptance of the Antichrist.

/That concept is *reincarnation,*which is gradually superseding the once-dominant Western belief in resurrection. It is almost inevitable that anyone dabbling in occultism will eventually, like most celebrities and secular teachers give a nod to reincarnation. One cannot believe in both resurrection and reincarnation; the two are mutually contradictory. Jesus was resurrected, not reincarnated*,*and the difference between the two is both obvious and important.\

There is also a difference between resuscitation and resurrection.

Reincarnation is based upon a belief in the *“law of karma*,” which allegedly requires that a person’s life has to have value to be able to come back as something or someone else.

It is a glorified works program.

The Apostle Paul warned that the Antichrist’s is “*coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness...”*

/2Thes 2:9 *that is,* the one whose coming is in accord with the **activity of Satan**, with **all power and false signs and wonders**, 10 and with all **the deception of wickedness** for those who perish, because they did not accept **the love of the truth** so as to be saved.

They rejected the gospel and the word of GOD! \

This puts Christians who accept anything that seems to be miraculous as coming from God in a very confused position. Although miracles are an important part of Biblical history, we must beware of placing greater emphasis upon them than Scripture supports. The CA was given the completed canon of scripture which is what we rely upon.

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Jesus Himself said of his cousin, John the Baptist that there was no greater prophet born of women (Luke 7:28), and yet we are told that John *“performed no miracle*”.

/Jhn 10:41 Many came to Him and were saying, “While **John performed no sign**, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

Jesus did so many miracles, yet the Jews still did not believe on Him;

Jhn 12:37 But though **He had performed so many signs** in their sight, they *still* **were not believing in Him**.\

The Bible does not teach that the great need today is for a miracle ministry.

The CA has very little evidence of miracles, signs or wonders other than the early establishment of the church when the Apostles were given limited power.

Rather, we are warned that we need discernment to know the difference between what is of God and what is of Satan.

False miracles or signs and wonders are often the work of Satan’s demonic army not GOD in the CA.

/Having rejected biblical miracles, today’s science and churches are accepting the false miracles of Satan—not for what they are, but as alleged natural powers of the mind, which we call “*psychic phenomena* ” or A.I. enhanced by man’s intellect. It is through these new concepts of man’s limitless intellect and A.I. that our generation is being prepared for great, spiritual deception. We are seduced by science fiction, Hollywood, computers and human abilities so as to believe in superhuman powers.\

The goal is to create little gods who are independent of the one true GOD and to dissolve the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Bel who walks both in the cosmic system and attempts to walk in the plan of GOD will be the victim of these deceptions.

You can not live a life enthralled with the cosmic system and in service to the plan of God.

/Luk 16:13 “**No servant can serve two masters;** for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and wealth.”**

Wealth points to the cosmic system and all its promises. (Mat 6:24)\