

Questions About How Matthew 24:14 Fits Into Prophecy

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Pastor Ed, can you teach us how Matthew 24 verse 14 fits into all you have been preaching? Does this teaching continue through the seven last plagues or is it finished before the plagues?

Answer:

Absolutely—this is one of the most important verses in all of Bible prophecy and directly connects to the mission we are living out right now. Let's take a deep dive:

Matthew 24:14 (KJV)

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

How This Verse Fits into the Big Picture of Revelation & the End Times

1. This Is the Timeline Anchor of All End-Time Preaching

Jesus is speaking directly about the **sequence of final events**:

- Before the Second Coming,
- Before the close of human probation,
- **The gospel must go to the whole world.**

This verse connects directly with **Revelation 14:6–7**, where the **first angel** carries the "everlasting gospel" to "every nation, tribe, language, and people."

It is *not* the mark of the beast that triggers the end.

It is *not* the plagues.

It is the gospel, faithfully proclaimed as a witness to all.

2. This Work Happens Before the Seven Last Plagues

Once the gospel is finished being preached and every soul has made their final decision, **probation closes** (Revelation 22:11). Then:

- The **seven last plagues** are poured out (Revelation 15–16).
- No further invitations for salvation are made during the plagues.
- **The preaching is complete before the plagues fall.**

The plagues are not a time of evangelism.

They are the outpouring of God's final judgments on a world that has rejected His truth.

3. Three Angel's Messages Are the Final Gospel Call

Revelation 14:6–12 gives us:

- The **final gospel warning** to fear God and give Him glory.
- A call to come out of Babylon.
- A warning about the mark of the beast.

Matthew 24:14 is **fulfilled by these three messages** going out in power—this is why we as a church exist today.

4. Connection to Current Events

We are watching the world being positioned for:

- Global control of commerce (buying/selling restrictions – Rev. 13:17),
- Environmental movements being used to push religious laws,
- Spiritual confusion and political polarization.

These show us that the time is **now** to fulfill Matthew 24:14 before the door closes.

So What Does This Mean for Us?

The greatest threat is not persecution. The greatest threat is **delay** or silence in sharing the gospel.

The greatest urgency is not survival. The greatest urgency is **mission**—finishing the gospel work.

The plagues are not a surprise attack. They are the **final result** after every person has been given light and made a decision.

Final Thought

We are not waiting for the plagues.
God is **waiting for us** to finish the work.

“The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity she will have to do in a terrible crisis...” — *Ellen White, 5T 463.2*

Matthew 24:14 is not a suggestion—it is the **final sign** before the end.