

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

TRIALS ARE UNAVOIDABLE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY HAVE TO BE UNPROFITABLE.



Signs of the Times: WHAT ARE WE SEEING?

Matthew 24:1-14 CSB

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3 THINGS BELIEVERS ARE COMMANDED TO PAY ATTENTION TO IN THIS WORLD:

1. THE INTIMATION (SIGNS)

a. **Deception - Matthew 24:4-5 CSB**

- **Deceived** — *“planao” = lead astray; to stray from the truth.*

b. **Destruction - Matthew 24:6 CSB**

- **Alarmed** — *“throeo” = also means troubled or worried or frightened.*
- **Speaking of Wars and Rumors of Wars.**

There are presently 114 armed conflicts in the world today:

- In Africa there are more the 35 armed conflicts.
- In Asia 21 armed conflicts.
- In Europe there are 7 armed conflicts.
- In Latin America there 6 armed conflicts.
- In the Middle East and North Africa there are 45 armed conflicts.

c. **Discrimination - Matthew 24:7a CSB**

⁷ *For nation will rise up against nation, ...*

- **Nation** — *“ethnos” = ethic; race, nationality; peoples.*

d. **Division - Matthew 24:7b CSB**

⁷ *... and kingdom against kingdom ...*

There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

- **Kingdom** — *“basileia” = reign, rule, authority.*
- **Division**
Socially, politically, economically; relationally; educationally and spiritually.

e. **Devastation - Matthew 24:7c CSB**

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- **Current Famines**

Today, nearly 45 million people in 37 countries are at risk of starvation.

- **Current Earthquakes** — (Refer to Earthquake display on screen).

Not forgetting about the 4.2 earthquake we recently experience in Lytle Creek a week ago.

***** Take note of Matthew 24:8 CSB**

2. THE PREDICTION

Jesus is very accurate in his predictions as well.

Jesus predicted that in these last days we will experience...

a. **Persecution - Matthew 24:9 CSB**

b. **Betrayal - Matthew 24:10 CSB**

- **Betray** = means to expose (one's country, a group, or a person) to danger by treacherously giving information to an enemy: to be disloyal.

c. **False Prophets - Matthew 24:11 CSB**

- **Deceive** means to lead astray; to stray from the truth.

d. **Lawlessness/Hatred - Matthew 24:12 CSB**

- **Current Mash N Grab** craze is a sign of the lawlessness that is predicted...
- **Current practice to video and post on social media**, violence perpetrated on another person without offering any help, is an example of how the love of many has grown cold.

3. THE FUNCTION (RESPONSIBILITY)

a. **Persistence - Matthew 24:13 CSB**

- **Matthew 10:21-22 NKJV** warns us!
- **Galatians 6:9 NKJV**

b. **Proclamation - Matthew 24:14 CSB**

- When it comes to Proclamation, remember Matthew 10:27 NLT
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