



## *On the Eve of Armageddon*

Armageddon = the very last events on Planet earth before Jesus sets up His eternal kingdom.

Many people believe this world will go on and on as the days go on and on. They believe the world will get better and better. But there will be a sudden end. Each day brings us closer to that end.

- I. Jesus Christ comments concerning the end of the world.
  - a. Disciples ask Christ for the signs of the end. Matthew 24:3
  - b. Christ predicted certain definite signs.
    - i. False Christ. Matthew 24:4,5
      1. Note Christ pointed out that a false would come dressed in deception. To discover a deception one needs a standard to examine it by. The standard is God's truth. John 17:17
      2. One sure test of any professed follower or teacher of God is the standard given in Isaiah 8:20. "To the Law and the Testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."
    - ii. Christ lists a number of signs before the end would finally come.
      1. Wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes are part of the list. Matthew 24:6-12
      2. Specifically Christ emphasized a time of great persecution. Matthew 24:9-12.
      3. The individual who endures persecution and hardship and stays connected to Jesus to the end will be saved. Matthew 24:13
  - c. Christ's signs are being fulfilled but not all of them yet.
    - i. Matthew 24:14 "When this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world, for a witness into all nations and then shall the end come."
    - ii. The world will not all be converted but the gospel is being proclaimed in the lives of men. When the gospel has been carried to the entire world then the end can come.

- II. When will the last day on earth take place?
- a. In a day when we think not. Matthew 24:36-42, I Thessalonians 5:2
  - b. When men and women continue planning to plan as if life will go on and on. Luke 17:18-30
  - c. Watch that the coming kingdom does not catch you unprepared. Luke 21:34-36.