

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **SIGNS OF THE END TIMES**

RLJ-909

JOHN S. TORELL

JANUARY 25, 2004

### **PART 1: DECEPTION**

It is good from time to time to review what the Bible says about the end times and compare it with current events in the world. We are going to examine the teaching of Jesus and the early apostles and look at some examples recorded in the Bible.

#### **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM**

In the year 26 A.D., Jesus predicted that the temple which existed at that time, would be destroyed and all the buildings be demolished: **Matthew 24:1-2; Luke 21:5-6**

In His teaching that day, Jesus gave some more details concerning the destruction of the temple. **Luke 21:20-24**

The reason that Jesus gave detailed revelation was so that the people living in the day of the destruction could take defensive action and escape. Forty-four years later when the temple was destroyed by the Roman Army in 70 A.D., all Jewish Christians had fled and were spared the terrible death which came upon the Jewish population which was still in Jerusalem when the Roman soldiers breached the walls and started a slaughter of men, women and children.

The apostles wanted to know more and Jesus began to lay out the end times for them. Let's look at the different signs given by Jesus. **Matthew 24:3**

#### **THE FIRST SIGN – DECEPTION**

I believe it is significant that the first thing Jesus told his apostles was to beware of deception! **Matthew 24:4-5; Mark 13:5-6; Luke 21:8**

Deception is the only weapon available to the Devil; with it he took one third of the angels and millions of people over the ages that believed him and ended up in hell.

This warning is repeated by the apostles Paul and Peter. **1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Peter 2:1-3**

Jesus revealed to the apostle John how the False Prophet will have the power of deception. **Revelation 13:11-15**

We are bombarded on a daily basis with deception through radio, television, other media outlets, including advertising from soap to used cars.

When a human being rejects **the love of the truth**, he is turned over for judgment by God and will literally cling to the deception and “swear” it is straight from God. **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**



This is what happened to King Ahab. **1 Kings 22:5-38**

Discontentment leads to rebellion, and rebellion leads to deception. **Numbers 16:1-50**

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**