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# WEEKLY MESSAGE



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THE GREAT  
*Apostasy*  
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APOSTASY

## TODAY'S PASSAGE **MATTHEW 24:3-14**

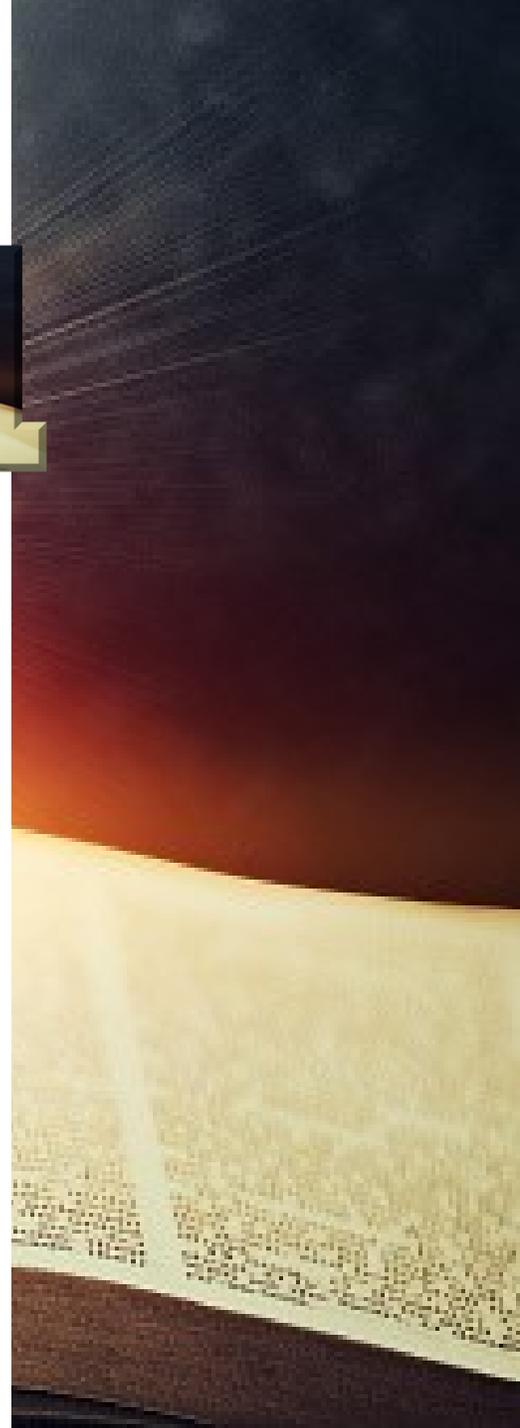
*As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. "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.*



# THE WORD IS NOT LIBERAL

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***Most conservative Christians are annoyed by other “Christians” who are liberal in their thinking--not believing the Word to be literal. In the end-times, many so called Christians will view the Word of God to be primarily “cultural”--not literal and absolute. Christ warned us of these times. By the way, we are in those times right now. This period of Christianity is called the Apostasy--there will, first, come a falling away. We may not be in the middle of the Great Apostasy, but we certainly are entering the warm-up phase.***



# THE BIRTH PANGS OF APOSTASY

*This Apostasy will not only be within civil government, but STRAYING from sound spiritual (Christ) matters, from sound doctrines, instituted worship, Church government, and a holy Life, which is living by His absolutes. In this we will find our greatest attack. The apostle (Paul) speaks of a great apostasy of some converted Jews or Gentiles and Christians in general, though gradually fading into the culture. The purpose of the Apostasy is to reveal the rise of the Antichrist, Satan.*



# SCRIPTURES

## TO REMEMBER

- Do Not Be Frightened About The End: **Matt. 24:6**
- Don't Exchange Truth for Fear: **Matt. 24:7**
- These Things Are The Beginning of the End: **Matt. 24:8**
- The Bride Delivered to Persecution: **Matt. 24:9**
- Many Bridal Members Will Fall Away: **Matt. 24:10**
- Many Bridal Members Will Grow Cold: **Matt. 24:11-12**
- Members that Endure Shall Be Saved: **Matt. 24:13**
- After The Tribulation | Signs From The Sky: **Matt. 24:29-30**
- Then He Will Gather The 144,000: **Matt. 24:31**
- Learn From The Fig Tree: **Matt. 24:32-36**
- Be On Alert: **Matt. 24:42-44**

*"But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory."  
(Mat 24:29-30)*

# JESUS WARNS US

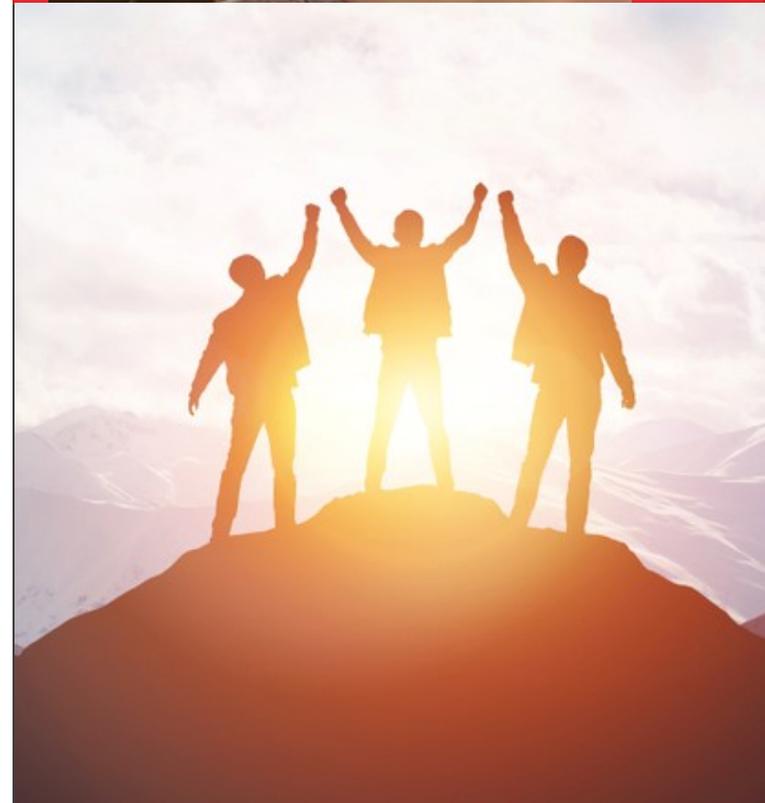
- Jesus Christ warns us (Matt. 24) about the future falling away, followed by the Apostasy. Members of the Church becoming more offended by biblical Truths than non-Christians. It is a contemporary example of the birth pangs of falling away.
- Satan may tempt us to despair. But with Christ IN us, we can walk in a constant state of joy, despite trials and afflictions. Remember, joy does not equal a pain-free life. As the Bride of Christ, we must stand firm on God's absolutes. We must pass the test of endurance by putting on the full armor of God (Eph. 6).



# HEBREW VICTORY

*God did not give us a spirit of fear; but one of power, love, and a sound and reasonable mind (2 Timothy 1:7).*

**Fearfulness is not of God. The Holy Spirit does not use fear to motivate; rather, He gives us the supernatural spiritual power of Christ, fills us with His love, and then gives us the mind of Christ.**



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# IN CONCLUSION

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Satan is the author of fear. He and his demons are masters of fear. Fear is the fuel he uses to pull us away from the power of God's love. Satan walks around on this Earth looking for opportunities to deceive and destroy. We are called to be sober and awake because our enemy is ready and willing to devour us at the first opportunity—using the ideology of believers submitting to fear. An older lion will get on one side of the prey and roar vociferously, producing fear in the prey and causing it to run toward the younger lions waiting in ambush to leap out and kill them.



Victory In  
Christ



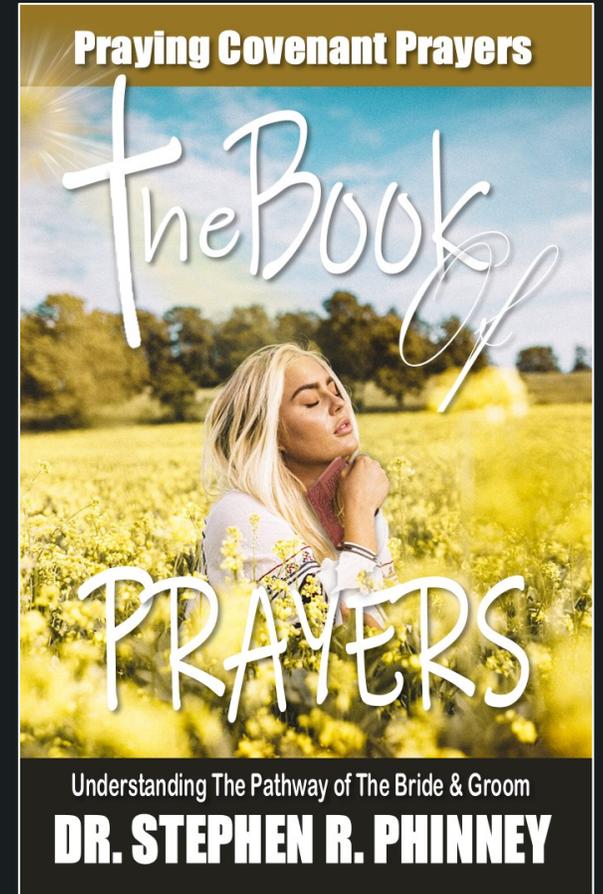
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***“Loving Heavenly Father, I take by faith the helmet of salvation. I recognize that my salvation is the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cover my mind with Him. I desire that He put His mind within me. Let my thoughts be His thoughts. I open my mind fully and only to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ. I replace my own selfish and sinful thoughts with His. I reject every projected thought of Satan and his demons and request instead the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that You grant me the wisdom to discern thoughts from the world, my FLESH, and Satan’s kingdom.***

***I believe that Jesus is Your Son, He died on the Cross for my sins, and that Jesus is God. I believe in the Trinity, You as the Father, Jesus as the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. I confess that I have been a sinner – totally separated from You. I choose to accept Your forgiveness for my sins through the power of the blood of Jesus that was shed for me on the Cross. I now ask that you send the Holy Spirit to live inside my mortal body. (Pause for a moment)***

***I praise You, heavenly Father, that I may know the mind of Christ as I hide Your Word within my heart and mind. Open my heart to love Your Word. Grant to me the ability and capacity to memorize large portions of it. May Your Word be ever over my mind like a helmet of strength, which Satan’s projected thoughts cannot penetrate. Cause me to allow the Holy Spirit (the Life of Christ) within me to fulfill the discipline of daily living to appropriate Your Salvation. These things I lay before You in the precious name of my new Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!***



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