

PREPARE FOR THE END: Navigating Christian Compassion in a Divided World



Scripture

- **Matthew 24:1-12**

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when his disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And he said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another which will not be torn down."

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 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.

Other Scriptures

- Acts 17: 30-32
- Matthew 10:22; 19:4-5
- I Corinthians 7:2
- Leviticus 18:22
- I Timothy 1:8-11
- Luke 10:36
- John 7:7; 13:35
- I John 4:4

Main Points

- We have to resist the spirit of hatred.

Questions

1. Why can't the world tolerate the Biblical standard of living and Christians in general?
2. What are some lies that continue to be repeated and cause people to be deceived and programmed against God's ways? Rabbi mentioned one concerning Pastors that fall into sin. What are some others that you can think of?
3. Where are you most tempted to battle the emotion of hatred? How do you deal with this?
4. Lawlessness changes hearts. How so? What is this age characterized by?
5. In this age of division, how are Christians to act? What is our guidebook in this?