

“The Truth About the End”  
**Matthew 24:9-14**

**I. Those who follow Christ will suffer extensive persecution (v. 9).**

- A. Many believers will be killed for their faith in Christ.
- B. Christians will be hated by all nations because of the name of Jesus Christ.

(2 Timothy 3:12)

**II. There will be a great falling away from the true faith (v. 10).**

- A. There will be a great apostasy.
- B. Those who leave the faith will turn on those who remain.

(2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

**III. There will be rampant false teaching (v. 11).**

(2 Peter 2:1-3)

**IV. The love that people possess will grow cold (v. 12).**

(2 Timothy 3:1-5)

**V. God’s plan of salvation will be accomplished (vs. 13-14).**

- A. God will protect those who belong to Him.
- B. The Gospel will be completely spread to all nations.

## Scripture References and Notes

2 Timothy 3:12

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

### will fall away

- σκανδαλίζω (skandalizó)
- I cause to stumble, cause to sin, cause to become indignant, shock, offend.
- properly, *set a snare* ("*stumbling-block*"); (figuratively) "to hinder right conduct or thought; *to cause to stumble*" – literally, "to fall into a trap" (*Abbott-Smith*).

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, <sup>2</sup> that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. <sup>3</sup> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? <sup>6</sup> And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; <sup>9</sup> *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. <sup>11</sup> For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

### will betray

- παραδίδωμι (paradidómi)
- I hand over, pledge, hand down, deliver, commit, commend, betray, abandon.
- (from *pará*, "*from* close-beside" and *dídōmi*, "give") – properly, to give (turn) over; "hand over from," i.e. to deliver over with a sense of close (personal) involvement.

2 Peter 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned...

2 Timothy 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup> But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

Luke 21:14-19

<sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. <sup>16</sup> But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death, <sup>17</sup> and you will be hated by all because of My name. <sup>18</sup> Yet not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.